

## REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP – AREA B

### Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 25, 2010

The Regional Water Planning Group – Area B met together on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Red River Authority of Texas, 3000 Hammon Road, Wichita Falls, Texas, with the following members and guests present:

- RWPG Members:**
- Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Dean Myers, Secretary, Bowie Industries, Inc., Bowie
  - Mr. Jimmy Banks, Wichita County Water Improvement District # 2, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. J. K. (Rooter) Brite, Agribusiness, Bowie
  - Mr. Ed Garnett, Vernon
  - Mr. John Hirschi, Sierra Club, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Dale Hughes, W.T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon
  - Judge Kenneth Liggett, Henrietta
  - Mr. Mike McGuire, Rolling Plains Ground Water Conservation District, Munday
  - Mr. John Moorehouse, Seymour
  - Mr. Russell Schreiber, City of Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Jeff Watts, IESI, Pleasant Valley
- Advisory:**
- Mr. Mark Howell, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Cliff Moore, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Abilene
  - Ms. Virginia Sabia, Texas Water Development Board, Austin.
- Registered Guest:**
- Mr. Jack Campsey, Gateway Groundwater Conservation District, Quanah
  - Mr. C. C. (Buster) Chandler, United States Department of Agriculture, Decatur
  - Mr. Tommy Cornelius, AEP, Vernon
  - Ms. Jennelle Crane, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Abilene
  - Ms. Stacey Green, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Glen Hite, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
  - Ms. Simone Kiel, Freese and Nichols, Inc., Fort Worth
  - Ms. Nan Gilbert-Mathis, City Council, Seymour
  - Mr. Kerry Maroney, Biggs & Matthews, Inc., Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Tracy Mesler, Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Nocona
  - Mr. Kyle Miller, Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Bob Patterson, Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Springtown
  - Ms. Rhonda Poirot, Senator Craig Estes' Office, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Keith Snider, United States Geological Survey, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. J. Todd Thomas, W. T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon

**Item One: Call to Order, Roll Call and Introduction of Members and Guests**

Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman of the Regional Water Planning Group-Area B, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed guests and members and asked Mr. Jimmy Banks to give the invocation. Following roll call and establishment of a quorum, Mr. Campbell noted the following absences: Judge Charlie Bell and his alternate Judge Greg Tyra, Mr. Tom Stephens and his alternate Ms. Tamela Armstrong, Mr. Robert Kincaid, Mr. Kenneth Patton and his alternate Mr. Monte McMahon, Mr. Jerry Payne, Mr. Wilson Scaling and Dr. Pamela B. Stephens, Ph.D. Introductions followed.

**Item Two: Consider Approval of the Minutes of the February 24, 2010 Meeting of the Region – B Regional Water Planning Group**

Mr. Campbell called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2010 Meeting, which had been mailed to the members for review, prior to today's meeting. Judge Kenneth Liggett motioned to approve them as written and Mr. J. K. (Rooter) Brite seconded the motion. With no discussion the motion passed by a vote of **12 For** and **0 Against**.

**Item Three: Consider Approval of the Minutes of the April 13, 2010 Public Hearing on the Region – B Initially Prepared Plan**

The minutes of the April 13, 2010 Public Hearing, which was held at the Midwestern State University Campus, were also received by the Board for review prior to today's meeting. Mr. Campbell solicited the group for comments, and with none presented, Mr. Mike McGuire motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Jimmy Banks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **12 For** and **0 Against**.

**Item Four: Consider the Resignation of Mr. Kenneth Patton who Represented Electric Generating Utilities and his Recommendation for Mr. Monte McMahon, Plant Manager of Oklaunion Power Station, to Complete His Term**

Mr. Campbell referred to the letter of resignation received from Mr. Kenneth Patton due to his retirement from American Electric Power (AEP). He conveyed to the Board that Mr. Patton had suggested Mr. Monte McMahon would be a good candidate to complete his term through August 31, 2011. Mr. Campbell asked the members for their recommendations on this matter and Mr. Ed Garnett motioned to accept the resignation and allow Mr. McMahon to fill the position through its term. Mr. J. K. (Rooter) Brite seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **12 For** and **0 Against**.

**Item Five: Discuss and Consider Approval of the Socioeconomic Impacts of Unmet Water Needs as Prepared by the Texas Water Development Board**

Mr. Campbell announced that the Socioeconomic Impacts of Unmet Water Needs Study, which was conducted by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) at the Region – B Members' request, has been received and incorporated into the Final 2010 *Region B Regional Water Plan*. Mr. Kerry Maroney elected to give a brief overview of the document. He explained that the document summarizes the methodology used to generate the results, as well as the economic impacts to the

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water use categories (i.e., irrigation, livestock, mining, steam-electric, municipal and manufacturing) with identified shortages in the Region – B Area, should the Plan not be implemented. Ms. Virginia Sabia added that the study is a requirement per Senate Bill 1 as the Legislature requires the water plans to reflect the economic impacts if the strategies in the plans are not implemented. She continued by saying questions that the report answered still need to be addressed by the Region Water Planning Group Area – B (RWPG-B) in the Plan.

Following the overview, Mr. Campbell opened the floor to questions. Mr. Ed Garnett inquired how the water needs in the Region – B Area would be affected if the Texas population doubles, as projected, in the next thirty years. Ms. Sabia stated, “that is the purpose of the Regional Water Plan, to allow the regions to establish how they will meet their area’s needs.” Mr. Maroney reiterated that the Lake Ringgold Project has been included in the Plan as a remedy to some of the area shortages. Ms. Sabia, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Maroney all agreed that changes need to be constantly monitored and the new census data will aid in updating statistics in the next Regional Water Plan.

With no further discussion Mr. Mike McGuire motioned to approve the Socioeconomic Impacts of Unmet Water Needs Study, and Mr. J. K. (Rooter) Brite seconded the motion. The motion passed with vote of **12 For and 0 Against**.

**Item Six: Discuss and Consider Approval of the Responses to the Public Comments Received Regarding the Region – B Initially Prepared Plan**

Mr. Campbell reminded the group that upon approval of the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) at the February 24, 2010 RWPG-B meeting and following the Public Hearing held on April 13, 2010, public notices for comments were placed on the Red River Authority of Texas website and mailed to regional county courthouses and libraries. He noted that the only comments on record to date were from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and TWDB. Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Maroney to review the consultants’ responses to the comments received.

Mr. Maroney referenced Appendix D of the Final 2010 *Region B Regional Water Plan* for copies of the comments received and the consultants’ response letter. He indicated that the TPWD had submitted seven comments, and TWDB submitted eleven level one comments, which must be addressed, and five level two comments which are optional for response. Mr. Maroney stated that some of the comments were outside the scope of work, therefore detailed responses were not available. Mr. Maroney and Ms. Kiel continued with a brief summary of the TWDB comments and responses. Ms. Sabia questioned if the Plan had been updated to address comment number eleven concerning un-met water needs identified in Attachment C. Ms. Kiel confirmed that the text would be modified on page 4-43 and on the Biggs and Mathews response letter to clarify the issue. Upon completion of the TWDB comment review, Mr. Maroney opened the floor to questions.

Mr. John Hirshi inquired as to what factors could cause the reduction in the gallons per capita daily (gpcd) figures from 2010 to 2060. Mr. Maroney responded by explaining that various conservation tactics affected the gpcd average. Ms. Sabia mentioned that reductions are expected in the gpcd due

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to new plumbing codes being implemented and Ms. Kiel referred to page ES-14 which references four management practices for conservation. Mr. Maroney described how these tactics were incorporated into the data, but no goals or average figures were calculated for the gpcd in the Final 2010 *Region B Regional Water Plan*. Mr. Russell Schreiber added that water reduction strategies are generally addressed in the Drought Contingency Plan.

Mr. Maroney resumed the discussion with the TPWD comments. As the review progressed Mr. Mark Howell questioned the referencing between the Red River Chloride Control Project (RRCCP) and the Wichita Basin Chloride Control Project (WBCCP). Mr. Campbell stated that the project had been split back in the early 1990's. With that information, Mr. Howell asked that his reference to the RRCCP in his comment # 4 be changed to reference the WBCCP. Mr. Maroney agreed that was a needed change and added he would clarify the split on page ES-21. There was some discussion concerning unique stream segments, and it was agreed there needed to be more clarification from the Legislature on the determining requirements.

Mr. Campbell asked if there were any other comments or changes, and with none presented Mr. Mike McGuire motioned to approve the responses with the noted changes. Mr. Jimmy Banks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **12 For** and **0 Against**.

**Item Seven:                Discuss and Consider Adoption of the Final Region – B Regional Water Plan**

Mr. Campbell requested any comments or questions concerning the Final 2010 *Region B Regional Water Plan* be presented at this time. Judge Liggett asked that it be noted on record, "I strongly disagree with the population projections". With no further comments, Judge Kenneth Liggett motioned to adopt the Plan and Mr. Mike McGuire seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **12 For** and **0 Against**.

**Item Eight:                Discuss and Consider Authorizing the Administrator to Submit the Final Region – B Regional Water Plan to the Texas Water Development Board by the September 1, 2010 Deadline**

Upon the adoption of the Final 2010 *Region B Regional Water Plan*, Mr. Campbell called for a motion to authorize the Administrator to submit the Plan to the TWDB by September 1, 2010. Judge Kenneth Liggett motioned to authorize submittal, and Mr. Jimmy Banks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **12 For** and **0 Against**.

**Item Nine:                Update from the Texas Water Development Board Project Manager**

Ms. Sabia took a moment to update the members on upcoming events at the TWDB. She noted that fourteen of the sixteen regions should have their Plans submitted by September 1, 2010 as only two regions requested extensions. The TWDB will then present the Plans to their board from October through December, and then start preparing the State Water Plan in January 2011. She announced that the TWDB is expecting appropriations in 2011, and planned to start executing new

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contracts in the Fall of 2011. Ms. Sabia informed the group that the TWDB was going to require a request for qualifications (RFQ) procurement process for consultants on the upcoming contract. Mr. Campbell questioned the reasoning for the procurement process and Ms. Sabia could offer no details for the TWDB's decision other than three rounds of planning had past and more information would be forthcoming. Ms. Simone Kiel added that the next round would be a completely new planning process, not just an update of the previous plan. With no further questions or comments the meeting progressed to the next Agenda Item.

**Item Ten: Update on the Water Conservation Advisory Council**

Mr. Campbell informed the group he had planned for Mr. Wilson Scaling, who sits on the Board of the Water Conservation Advisory Council (WCAC), to give an update on the council, but he was unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Campbell mentioned that he, along with the other region chairs, had received phone calls from the WCAC soliciting the various regions' involvement with monitoring individual entities' water conservation plans and the effectiveness of those plans. Mr. Campbell expressed that the regional water planning groups do not have regulatory authority and should not be responsible for this task. Ms. Sabia said several of the region chairs had the same opinions. They both agreed that no changes would incur unless presented to the Legislature.

**Item Eleven: Update from the Groundwater Management Area Representatives**

Mr. Mike McGuire, the Manager for the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District, gave a brief update on Groundwater Management Area #6 (GMA 6). He said GMA 6 had adopted Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) of the groundwater resources on July 22, 2010, which includes twenty-six counties in GMA 6. He included that shortly after the DFCs were submitted to the TWDB, the new groundwater availability modeling (GAM) numbers for Baylor and Knox counties were released, which may necessitate changes to the DFCs. He is still awaiting the managed available groundwater (MAG) numbers from the TWDB at this time.

**Item Twelve: Updates from the Liaisons from other Regional Water Planning Groups**

In view of the fact that not all the Liaisons were present at today's meeting, Mr. Campbell invited the group to share any updated information on Regions A, C, G and O that they may have. Ms. Kiel, Ms. Sabia and Mr. McGuire informed the members that all regions were submitting their Regional Water Plans by the deadline of September 1, 2010 with the exception of Region C, which had an extension date of October 1, 2010.

**Item Thirteen: Discussion on Need and Possible Date for the Next Meeting**

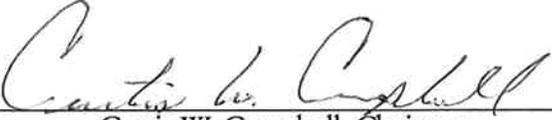
Mr. Campbell reminded the group that the current contract with the TWDB would be finalized as of January 31, 2011. He recommended that a meeting be held in January to review the final financials and elect new officers. Mr. Campbell publicized that a copy of the Final 2010 *Region B Regional Water Plan* with updates will be available on the Authority's website next week and the corrected pages will be mailed to the members.

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Prior to the meeting adjourning, Judge Liggett mentioned to the group that the Public Utility Commission (PUC) had met the first week of August and approved an Oncor Electric Crez Project for the Riley-Krum West transmission line. He wanted to make sure the members were aware that the transmission line route crossed through the Ringgold Reservoir site. Mr. Schreiber confirmed that he was aware of this, and the matter had been addressed and the route changed.

**Item Fourteen: Adjourn**

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

  
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Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman

  
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Dean Myers, Secretary