

# REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP – AREA B

## Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 13, 2013

The Regional Water Planning Group – Area B met in an open public meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of Red River Authority of Texas, 3000 Hammon Road, Wichita Falls, Texas, with the following members and guests present:

- RWPG Members:**
- Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chair, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Wilson Scaling, Vice Chair, Henrietta
  - Mr. Dean Myers, Secretary, Bowie Industries, Inc., Bowie
  - Ms. Tamela Armstrong, Alliance Power Company, Wichita Falls
  - J. K. (Rooter) Brite, Agribusiness, Bowie
  - Mr. Jack Campsey, Gateway Groundwater Conservation District, Quanah
  - Judge Mark Christopher, Foard County, Crowell
  - Mr. N. E. Deweber, Baylor Water Supply Corporation, Seymour
  - Mr. Mitch Grant, City of Vernon
  - Mr. Bobbie Kidd, Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority, Clarendon
  - Judge Kenneth Liggett, Clay County, Henrietta
  - Mr. Mike McGuire, Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District, Munday
  - Mr. Monte McMahon, AEP Oklaunion Power Plant, Vernon
  - Mr. Tracy Mesler, Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Nocona
  - Mr. Jerry Payne, Henrietta
  - Mr. Russell Schreiber, City of Wichita Falls
- Consultants and Staff:**
- Mr. Kerry D. Maroney, Biggs and Mathews, Inc., Wichita Falls
  - Ms. Simone Kiel, Freese and Nichols, Inc., Fort Worth
  - Mr. Robert Adams, Alan Plummer Associates, Inc., Austin
  - Ms. Stacey Green, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Glen Hite, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
  - Ms. Danna Prichard, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
- Discretionary:**
- Mr. Robert Mauk, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Doug Shaw, Texas Water Development Board, Austin
- Registered Guest:**
- Mr. Gary Burke, United States Geological Survey, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Sam Bownds, City of Lakeside City
  - Mayor Jim Henson, City of Lakeside City
  - Mayor Micheal Kumor, Byers
  - Mr. James Jones, Fort Belknap Water Supply Corporation
  - Mr. Kyle Miller, Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Bob Patterson, Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Springtown
  - Ms. Hanh Thai, Intern-Alan Plummer Associates, Inc., Austin

**Item One: Public Meeting Call to Order, Invocation, Roll Call and Introductions**

Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chair of the Regional Water Planning Group - Area B (RWPG – B), called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Judge Kenneth Liggett gave the invocation. Following roll call and establishment of a quorum, Mr. Campbell noted the following absences: Mr. Dale Hughes and his alternate Mr. Todd Thomas, Mr. Tom Stephens, Mayor Gayle Simpson and Mr. John Hirschi. Introductions followed and the meeting progressed to Agenda Item Two.

**Item Two: Election of Officers for Regional Water Planning Group – Area B Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Bylaws and Consider Various Appointments to Committees**

- A. Chair
- B. Vice Chair
- C. Secretary

Currently Serving: Chair ~ Curtis W. Campbell  
 Vice Chair ~ Wilson Scaling  
 Secretary ~ Dean Myers

In accordance with the RWPG-B Bylaws, Mr. Campbell opened the floor to nominations for the officers’ positions. Mr. Rooter Brite entered a motion to retain the current officers for the 2013 calendar year. Mr. Tracy Messler seconded the motion. The motion to re-elect the officers by acclamation passed with a vote of **16 For** and **0 Against**.

**D. Committee Appointments**

**1. Executive Committee (Officers and Two Members-at-Large)**

Currently Serving: Chair ~ Curtis W. Campbell  
 Vice Chair ~ Wilson Scaling  
 Secretary ~ Dean Myers  
 At-large ~ Dale Hughes  
 At-large ~ Kenneth Liggett

Mr. Campbell then opened the floor to nominations for the Executive Committee. Mr. Mike McGuire motioned to reinstate the current Executive Committee members for the 2013 calendar year. Mr. Wilson Scaling seconded the motion. The motion to re-elect the current Executive Committee by acclamation passed with a vote of **16 For** and **0 Against**.

**2. Technical Advisory Committee (Chair and Five Members-at-Large)**

Currently Serving: Chair ~ Curtis W. Campbell  
 Vice Chair ~ Wilson Scaling  
 At Large ~ J. K. (Rooter) Brite  
 At Large ~ Mike McGuire  
 At Large ~ Russell Schreiber  
 At-Large ~ Monte McMahon

**Item Two: Election of Officers for Regional Water Planning Group – Area B Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Bylaws and Consider Various Appointments to Committees (continued)**

Mr. Campbell reviewed the members currently serving on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and opened the floor to nominations. Mr. Scaling moved to maintain the current TAC members. Mr. McGuire seconded the motion. The members agreed to serve another term and the motion to re-elect the Technical Advisory Committee passed with a vote of **16 For** and **0 Against**.

3. Appointment of Regional Liaisons (Regions A, C, D, G, O)

Currently Serving:      Region A ~ Curtis W. Campbell  
                                 Region C ~ Curtis W. Campbell  
                                 Region D ~ Curtis W. Campbell  
                                 Region G ~ Mike McGuire  
                                 Region O ~ Mike McGuire

The appointment of Regional Liaisons by Mr. Campbell finalized the election process for 2013. Mr. Campbell announced that Mr. Bobby Kidd had agreed to serve as Liaison for Region A and Mr. Jack Campsey would acquire Region O from Mr. McGuire. With no further appointment changes or comments, the meeting progressed to the next agenda item.

**Item Three: Review and Approval of Minutes of the August 22, 2012 RWPG – Area B Meeting**

Mr. Campbell notified the group of a change made on page four, second paragraph of the minutes, correcting the steam electric demands for Hardeman and Wilbarger Counties following a conversation with Mr. Robert Adams. With no further discussion, Mr. Deweber motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Schreiber seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **16 For** and **0 Against**

**Item Four: Presentation on Changes to the Regional Water Plan Due to Recent Rule Revisions by the Texas Water Development Board**

Mr. Doug Shaw, with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), gave a presentation regarding new regional water planning requirements as a result of rule revisions passed in 2012. He said the rule changes would require RWPGs to collect, analyze, and report additional information, as well as offer recommendations to improve the content of the plan. He reviewed the chapters with revised requirements and noted the addition of the two new chapters in the Regional Water Plan, Chapters 7 and 11. Mr. Campbell expressed his concerns pertaining to Chapter 7 requiring the RWPGs to evaluate and make recommendations on regional drought contingency plans. Mr. Shaw acknowledged the group’s concerns and offered to give a more extensive presentation on Chapter 7 at the next scheduled Region B Public Meeting. Judge Liggett questioned the cost of including the additional information in the plan. Mr. Shaw explained the process of the consultants inputting the data is already figured into the budget. The TWDB will then compile the reports to be incorporated into the 2016 Regional Water Plans to help offset costs.

**Item Five:                    Discuss and Consider Approval of the Non-Municipal (Mining and Livestock) Water Demand Projections for Submittal to the Texas Water Development Board by March 29, 2013**

Mr. Campbell reminded the group that the mining and livestock demands were not approved during the August 2012 RWPG-B meeting, due to some concerns about the projections. He asked Mr. Robert Adams to present his updated overview of the livestock and mining demands to the group.

Mr. Adams told the group that after reviewing data from Texas AgriLife and the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, he concluded that the calculation of 15 gallons/day/head was a little conservative. He presented a proposed livestock demand of 10,761 acre-feet/year for the 2020-2070 cycle, which he noted is slightly higher than the TWDB proposed demand of 9,319 acre-feet/year. There was some discussion about game ranches and Mr. Adams went on to discuss the mining projections.

Mr. Adams confirmed that the updated study performed by the Bureau of Economic Geology, which focused primarily on oil and gas demands, had been completed. The proposed mining demands reflected an increase in Region B, primarily in Montague County, due to the increased oil and gas activity. The mining activity is projected to decrease over the fifty year period covered in the plan, based on depletion of resources. Several of the members felt the projections for Foard, Cottle, Hardeman and Wilbarger Counties were too low, due to signs of future mining activities in those counties. Mr. Adams stated that those counties could be re-evaluated in the next round of planning. Mr. Adams did suggest that Young County be adjusted to about 10% of the current proposed demand or possibly zero, since Region B encompasses such a small portion of that county. He agreed to confirm the location of active oil and gas operations in Young County to make the adjustment.

Following some general conversation, Mr. Campbell called for a motion to approve the non-municipal mining and livestock water demand projections for submittal to the TWDB. Mr. McGuire motioned to approve the mining demands with the decrease in Young County and the livestock demands as presented. Judge Christopher seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a vote of **16 For and 0 Against**.

**Item Six:                    Discuss Initial Population Projections as Provided by the Texas Water Development Board**

Mr. Kerry Maroney distributed a handout with the draft population and municipal water demand projections from the TWDB. He told the group the 2010 Census count was slightly less than the total projected population for 2010, which was used in the 2012 State Water Plan. This is reflected as a reduction of 5½ to 6 percent in the draft population projections for the early years of the *2016 Regional Water Plan*. He added that the percentage decreases each decade and by 2060 the proposed population projections meet the numbers used in the last plan. Mr. Maroney informed the members that population decreases and increases can be made between counties with the proper criteria, but no increases in regional population totals will be considered by the TWDB. He asked the members to review the population data and present any concerns to him at the next scheduled meeting. He said the consultant group would work to format the population information into tables for easier reviewing. Mr. Campbell added he would post the information to the website when available.

**Item Seven: Discuss Initial Municipal Water Demands as Provided by the Texas Water Development Board**

Mr. Maroney went on to discuss the draft municipal water demands provided in the handout from the TWDB. He informed the group that the TWDB did not include any water user groups (WUGs) with a population under 500 in the projections, but noted the group can request that be modified by providing reference for the basis of the requested changes. Mr. Campbell expressed his concern in not including the smaller WUGs in the demand projections, as Region B has several rural areas with smaller populations that need to be considered in the Region B municipal water demand projections. Mr. Maroney also mentioned that the gallons per capita daily (GPCD) was figured using 2011 as a base year, which is considered a record drought year in the state's history. Ms. Kiel and Mr. Maroney both agreed they need to research the high and low GPCDs, as they may need to be adjusted. Mr. Maroney told the group that the WUGs would be formatted into the population tables for reviewing and all questions and adjustments need be submitted to the TWDB by August 16, 2013.

**Item Eight: Discuss Procedures for Replacing Voting Members Whose Terms Will Expire on August 31, 2013**

Mr. Campbell gave a brief overview of the upcoming nomination process for vacancies and terms expiring on August 31, 2013. He informed the members that solicitation for nominations would be advertized as a legal public notice in newspapers in the Region B area, along with a mail out to all voting and non-voting members, as well as the general interest group, ninety days prior to August 31, 2013. The Executive Committee will then review the nominations and present their recommendations to the group during the August RWPG-B Public Meeting. Mr. Campbell added that nominations will also be taken from the floor during the public meeting.

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

Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Shaw to update the group on current events within the TWDB. Mr. Shaw said the staff had been busy working with Legislation and he had seen no new bills that would affect regional water planning. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Shaw discussed HB4 relating to the administration of the TWDB and the funding of water projects by the board and other entities and SB4, which could restructure the TWDB six member board to a three member commission. Mr. Campbell encouraged the members to contact their local representatives with their comments concerning these pending bills.

**Item Ten: Consider Acceptance of the RWPG-B Financial Statements**

The current Statement of Income and Expense was distributed to the members for review. Mr. Campbell noted a negative ending balance of \$2,016.35, which is retainage held, following a payment of \$16,921.02 received on January 29, 2013. He confirmed a copy of the statement for the period of April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012 had been faxed to Mr. Dennis Wilde with Nortex Regional Planning Commission and no comments had been received to date. With no further discussion, Mr. Campbell called for a motion. Mr. McGuire motioned to approve the current financial statement and Mr. Brite seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of **16 For** and **0 Against**.

**Item Eleven: Public Input and Comments to the Planning Group**

Mr. Campbell opened the floor to comments and questions, and there were no remarks.

**Item Twelve: Consider Date and Agenda Items for the Next Meeting**

Mr. Campbell suggested meeting the second week of June, and Mr. Maroney agreed that would provided a sufficient time frame for comments on the proposed population and municipal water demand projections prior to the August submittal deadline. The meeting was tentatively set for June 12, 2013, and Mr. Campbell confirmed two agenda items, a comprehensive review of Chapter 7 in the Regional Water Plan, and a presentation of the formatted population and municipal water demand projections. Ms. Kiel added she would also like to review updates on water supplies during the meeting. Mr. Campbell advised the members to contact him with any further agenda recommendations.

**Item Thirteen: Adjourn**

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

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Curtis W. Campbell, Chair

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Dean Myers, Secretary