

Study Commission on Region C Water Supply

MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

July 29, 2008

The Study Commission on Region C Water Supply (Study Commission) met in an open public meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2008, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Texarkana College's Levi Hall Room in the Computer Technology Building located at 2500 North Robison Road, Texarkana, Texas. Notice of the meeting was legally posted.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stephen Frost called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 P.M.

II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Representative Frost introduced each member of the Study Commission. The following members were in attendance:

The Honorable Florence Shapiro
The Honorable Stephen Frost
Mr. Jim Parks

Mr. Thomas Duckert
Mr. Richard LeTourneau

The Honorable Jodie Laubenberg was not in attendance due to a death in the family.

Also in attendance were Carmen Cernosek from Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst's office, Travis Ransom from Senator Kevin Eltife's office. Additionally, Kevin Ward, David Meesey, and Angela Masloff of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) were also in attendance. The registration lists signed by guests in attendance are attached.

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2008 MEETING

On a motion by Senator Florence Shapiro and a second by Thomas Duckert, the Study Commission unanimously adopted the minutes from the February 13, 2008 meeting.

IV. DISCUSSION OF AND ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

Kevin Ward of the TWDB suggested that the Bylaws be amended to clarify the role of the administrative officer in regards to applying for a grant from the TWDB.

On a motion by Senator Shapiro and a second by Richard LeTourneau, the Study Commission unanimously adopted the Bylaws with the proposed amendments.

At this time, David Nabors, a member of the public, expressed his concern regarding the title of the Commission, and the Secretary's duties to assume the duties of the Co-Presiding Officer until another Co-Presiding Officer can be elected. Representative Frost indicated that the Study Commission may consider amending the Bylaws in the future and may consider this suggestion regarding the Secretarial duties at that time.

V. PRESENTATION FROM TWDB ON OVERVIEW OF REGION C WATER PLAN

Representative Frost suggested that the meeting deviate from the posted agenda in order to hear TWDB's presentations prior to the Commission's consideration of the Scope of Work.

Mr. Ward of the TWDB gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Region C water planning process.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF SCOPE OF WORK

Mr. Duckert and Mr. Parks discussed the process they used to construct the Scope of Work. Mr. Ward gave a presentation of the proposed Scope of Work and the breakdown of tasks included in that document.

On a motion by Jim Parks and a second by Tom Duckert, the Study Commission unanimously adopted the proposed Scope of Work.

VII. DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZATION OF REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

On a motion by Senator Shapiro and a second by Richard LeTourneau, the Study Commission unanimously authorized preparation of the requests for proposals. It was the consensus of the Study Commission members for the Administrative Officer to complete the Request for Proposal with the help of TWDB staff.

VIII. OPEN FLOOR FOR MEMBER DISCUSSION OF OTHER TOPICS

Senator Shapiro expressed her concern over the Study Commission's timeline and suggested that the Commission meet more frequently. She also suggested that these meetings take place in the areas affected by the proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir.

IX. DISCUSSION/SELECTION OF DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

It was the consensus of the Study Commission members to schedule the next meeting in the latter part of August.

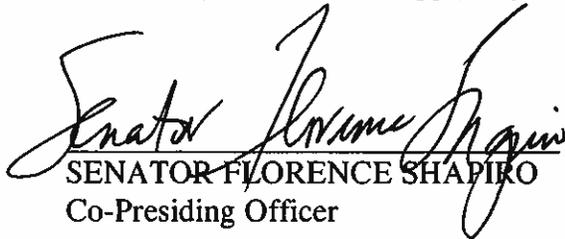
X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received from the following individuals:

- a. David Nabors
- b. Mayor Jerry Boatner
- c. Max Shumake
- d. George Frost
- e. John McConnell
- f. Nancy Clements
- g. Dr. Jane Morris
- h. Charleen Granberry
- i. Gary Cheatwood
- j. Mildred Harris
- k. Molly Clements Berridge

XI. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting of the Study Commission on Region C Water Supply adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.


SENATOR FLORENCE SHAPIRO
Co-Presiding Officer


REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN FROST
Co-Presiding Officer