

**Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
May 10, 2011 – 1:00 P.M.
Mount Pleasant Civic Center
1800 N. Jefferson
Mount Pleasant, Texas**

The North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (NETRWPG) – Region D met in an open meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 N. Jefferson, in Mount Pleasant, Texas. Notice of the meeting was legally posted.

Chairman Bret McCoy called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Twenty of twenty-four voting members were present in person or by an authorized alternate. Invocation was given by Bret McCoy.

The following voting members were present:

Michael K. Brown	Don Hightower
Greg Carter	Robert Holt
Nancy Clements	Bret McCoy
Darwin Douthit	Linda Price
Jeremy DuMond	Shirley Shumake
Jim Eidson	Bob Staton
Charles Gillis	Doug Wadley
Darrell Grubbs	

The following alternates were present:

John Bradley for Adam Bradley
David Nabors for Sam Long
John McConnell for Sharron Nabors
Billy Emerson for Don Patterson
Richard LeTourneau for Ken Shaw

The following non-voting members were present:

Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Temple McKinnon, TWDB
Wayne Harris, representing Luminant
Worth Whitehead, representing Region I
Mike Rickman, representing Region C

The following non-voting members were absent:

Curtis Campbell	Thomas Taylor
Jerry Clark	Bobby Praytor
David Inman	Larry LeBeau
Robert McCarthy	David Meesey

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The following voting members were absent:

Adam Bradley
Mike Dunn
Sam Long
Jim Nickerson
Don Patterson

Kevin Spence
Troy Henry
Sharron Nabors
Ken Shaw

David Nabors made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting for March 23, 2011. Jim Eidson seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Don Hightower made a motion to approve the Public Notice to accept nominations for eight positions for voting membership to the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (NETRWPG) for terms starting in September 2011. Shirley Shumake seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

On motion by David Nabors and a second by Shirley Shumake, authorization was given for the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District (NETMWD) to execute a contract with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for the 4th round of planning activities. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Greg Carter made a motion to authorize the NETMWD to negotiate and execute a contract with Espey Consultants on behalf of the NETRWPG for the 4th round of planning. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Marcia Hackett with the US Army Corp of Engineers gave a presentation on the comprehensive study of the Sulphur River basin. Ms. Hackett told the group that there were 3 phases involved with the study: Phase I, involving evaluating existing conditions, Phase II, involving plan formulation and Phase III, involving a feasibility report and impact statement. She also told the group that the Corps partnered with the Sulphur River Basin Authority for a 50/50 cost share, but due to lack of federal funds, the study was slow to progress. Ms. Hackett outlined the problems of the study as well as the benefits. She also noted the Corp was working to modify the feasibility agreement to allow non federal funds to be used and the resumption of the study after modifying the agreement was expected to be late summer or early fall.

David Nabors provided a liaison report for Region C regional water planning group and Groundwater Management Area # 8. Temple McKinnon with the TWDB reminded the planning group of the timetable for the grant applications for the 4th round of planning and execution of the contracts. She also stated that there is a draft report of mining water use demands on the TWDB website. TWDB is taking public comment through May 31, 2011. Further liaison reports were given by Greg Carter for environmental flows and Worth Whitehead for Region I.

There was no financial report given.

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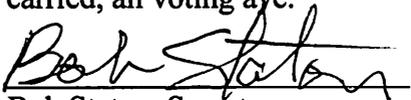
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The next meeting of the regional water planning group was tentatively set for June 21, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Public comments, during the public hearing portion of the meeting, for consideration in the 4th round of planning were given by the following:

- Charles Riley, concerning current Mississippi River flooding and the removal of oxbows which increases the velocity of channelization and therefore, makes the water dirty,
- M.C. Jackson from Upshur County, concerning our water resources and the idea of bartering water to other regions. Mr. Jackson encouraged everyone to contact their representatives about water issues,
- Gary Cheatwood from Red River County gave several examples of bottled water being bottled and sold from Region C, but being consumed in areas outside of Region C,
- Jane Morris from New Boston spoke concerning increased emphasis on the designation of unique stream segments in the 4th round of planning,
- Bill Cork from Red River Redevelopment, concerning a 52 square mile area located in the Sulphur River Basin whose land use may be different in the future,
- David Nabors from Paris, spoke concerning additional designations of unique stream segments and preservation of our water in hopes that the resource would bring industry and jobs to our area,
- Robert Guinn, Red River County, spoke regarding water quality concerns from waste water treatment plants and that those wastewater volumes should be considered in the plan,
- Jim Eidson with the Nature Conservancy asked for consideration for Pine Creek to be identified as a unique stream segment because presence of rare mussels and other considerations,
- John McConnell of Red River County spoke concerning raising the level of Wright Patman and appreciation to the NETRWPG for their work during the 3rd round of planning.

Motion to adjourn was made by David Nabors. Robert Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.


Bob Staton, Secretary

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ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.
Lou Richards
Judy Barton
Patricia Wommack
Mary M Vaughan
Bob Bowman
Eileen Collins
Jerry Collins
Gene Putman
Delores Cheatwood
Greg Dillon
Patricia McKelvey
Joe Max McKelvey
Bessie N. Heath
Charleen Granberry
Dewayne Martin
John Mitchell
William Brown
Wendell Davis
Carol Acker
Mindy Hicks
Brandy Chewning
Evan Lewis
Richard & Virginia Eatherly
David Neely
Brian Smith
Paul Prange
Sheri New
John Jarvis
Lou Antonelli
Troy Sellers
Julia Trigg Crawford
Mark Israelson
Joe Harrison
Nina Holt
Stan Hayes
Rex Swent
W. C. Ketchum
Sally Garza
Richard Garza

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