

Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
August 15, 2012 – 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 Wednesday, August 15, 2012, 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.

Vice-Chairman Jim Eidson 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 Bob Staton. It was noted that Bobby Praytor, a former member of the regional water planning group had recently passed away. Vice-Chair Eidson expressed gratitude for his service in the field of water.

The following voting members were present:

Johnny Mack Bradley	Troy Henry
Mike Brown	Sam V. Long
Robert Speight, Jr.	Sharron Nabors
Darwin Douthit	Tim Nicholson
Jeremy DuMond	Linda Price
Mike Dunn	Shirley Shumake
Jim Eidson	Tommy Slater
Charles Gillis	Bob Staton
Darrell Grubbs	Doug Wadley

The following alternates were present:

Richard LeTourneau for Nancy Clements
Gary Cheatwood for Robert Holt

The following non-voting members were present:

Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Temple McKinnon, representing TWDB
Wayne Harris, representing Luminant

The following non-voting members were absent:

Curtis Campbell	Jerry Clark
David Inman	Worth Whitehead
Marcia Hackett	Larry LeBeau

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The following voting members were absent:

Jerry Gaskill
Nancy Clements
Don Patterson
Bret McCoy

Kevin Spence
Robert Holt

Bob Staton made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2012 meeting. Sharron Nabors seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Recommendations were heard from NETRWPG Executive Committee about eight positions on the Region D Water Planning Group. The group was provided a spreadsheet that showed all of the nominations that had been made for the positions. Executive Committee recommended that each of the eligible incumbents be selected for a voting position. Executive Committee also recommended that Mark Crews, David Nabors, and Danny Evans be selected for a voting position. It was noted that Mr. Crews, Mr. Nabors, and Mr. Evans had been nominated by an outgoing term-limited member. By name, the recommendation of the Executive Committee was Shirley Shumake, Doug Wadley, Nancy Clements, Jim Eidson, Darwin Douthit, Mark Crews, David Nabors, and Danny Evans. Motion was made by Charles Gillis and seconded by Gary Cheatwood, that the full group accept the nominees recommended by the Executive Committee and that Shirley Shumake, Doug Wadley, Nancy Clements, Jim Eidson, Darwin Douthit, Mark Crews, David Nabors, and Danny Evans be selected. Motion carried, all voting aye. Vice-Chair Eidson expressed appreciation for the service of Bob Staton, Sharron Nabors, and Don Patterson in regional water planning.

The Consultants' report was provided to the group. Dr. David Harkins with RPS/Espey Consultants led the presentation. David Harkins, Tony Smith, and Dave O'Rourke provided information to the group as part of the consultants' report. A PowerPoint presentation was provided. Dr. Harkins noted that the population projections were lagging and that the work schedule would have to be revised consistent with the release of this information. Dr. Harkins noted that the expectation was that it would be about three months after the state demographer released the population projections to the TWDB before the Region D consultants would have the information to build demand analysis. Tony Smith informed the group that surveys had been sent to systems within Region D as part of the work in gathering information on both supply and demand. Mr. Smith offered to assist any system in completing the survey if the system needed help to complete the survey. Dave O'Rourke with LBG-Guyton presented information on groundwater. Mr. O'Rourke described the aquifers that are in Region D in general terms and provided a basic overview of how the oversight of the groundwater is conducted. He noted that Region D has aquifers under the oversight of both Groundwater Management Area #8 and Groundwater Management Area #11. He pointed out that the availability of groundwater in Round 4 for a recommended future strategy is now controlled by the groundwater management area process. He shared, in general terms, the results of recent groundwater availability modeling that will be used in Round 4 to estimate the amount of water in terms of supply.

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He noted that the amount needed for demand is a distinct analysis that is separate from the supply. He indicated that until the projected demand is compared to supply, it would not be possible to assess the effects of the difference in supply in Round 4 compared to Round 3. He noted that the analysis in Round 4 has resulted in a difference in supply in groundwater compared to Round 3. He noted that eight of the nineteen counties in Region D have been estimated to have a lower supply in Round 4 than in Round 3. He attributed the change in supply to the difference in the methodology in the two rounds.

Dr. Harkins presented information on a non-municipal demand in Titus County. Dr. Harkins noted that the information that he was presenting was about 320 acre feet different than prior information. Dr. Harkins requested that the group authorize the submission of a revised non-municipal demand to the TWDB. Dr. Harkins informed the group that the revisions would be more accurate due to additional input having been provided since the approval of the prior numbers. Dr. Harkins noted that the revision was being sought to improve accuracy in the projections and was not based on an expanded forecast for the additional needs. Richard LeTourneau moved that the group authorize the revisions to the non-municipal projections for Titus County as suggested by Dr. Harkins and that those revisions be sent to the TWDB. Shirley Shumake seconded the motion. Following discussion, motion carried unanimously.

The group discussed the funding anticipated for the remaining work in Round 4. It was noted that the TWDB needed the regional water planning groups to submit a grant application for funding of the remainder of the Round 4 activities. It was noted that the application to the TWDB needs to be provided to TWDB prior to October 4, 2012 for it to be considered by the TWDB in October of 2012. On a motion by Doug Wadley and a second by Darwin Douthit, it was moved that NETMWD be authorized to provide public notice and to submit a grant application to TWDB on behalf of Region D for funding to complete the fourth round of regional water planning and to negotiate and execute the amendment to the contract with TWDB. Motion carried unanimously.

Liaisons reports were given by:

- 1) Bob Staton, about a recent forum hosted by Texas Monthly about water topics involving Andy Sansom, Robert Puente, Nature Conservancy, and additional speakers.
- 2) Temple McKinnon, Texas Water Development Board, about recent rules revisions.
- 3) Jim Eidson, about a recent SRBA Board meeting.

Sharron Nabors made a motion to approve Invoices #9 and Invoice #10 from RPS/Espey Consultants. Doug Wadley seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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It was noted that the next meeting of the regional water planning group would likely be September 19, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the Mount Pleasant Civic Center.

Vice-Chair Eidson asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to address the voting membership. Jimmy Hair, Mayor Cary Hilliard, Dave O'Rourke, John Bradley addressed the planning group during this part of the meeting.

On a motion from Bob Staton and a second by Tim Nicholson, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried, all voting aye.


Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.	NETMWD
William W. Brown	NETMWD
Carol Leftwich	NETMWD
Lee Thomas	NETMWD
Judy Barton	Titus County Fresh Water District
Tony Smith	RPS/Espey Consultants
Stan Hayes	Hayes Engineering
Dr. David Harkins	RPS/Espey Consultants
Elizabeth Day	Myrtle Springs WSC
Wayne Dial	Clarksville
Delores Cheatwood	Bogata
Paul Prange	ATCOG
Pat Wommack	SRBA
Paige Alexander	Texarkana Gazette
Lou Antonelli	Mount Pleasant Tribune
Cary Hilliard	Canton
Glenn Evans	Longview News Journal
Mark Crews	Lindale
Dave O'Rourke	LBG-Guyton
David Nabors	Paris
Jo Ann Barber	Canton
Lawrence Greer	Canton
Sheri New	IP
Clyde Barber	Canton
Mickie Greer	Canton
Jimmy Hair	Canton
David Neeley	SRBA
Wendell Davis	RRCWC

