

**Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
December 4, 2013 – 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, December 4, 2013, 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 and welcomed everyone. David Nabors gave the invocation. Introductions were made and a quorum was present. Nineteen members of the planning group were present in person or represented by a designated alternate.

The following voting members were present:

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| Johnny Mack Bradley | Robert Holt |
| Michael K. Brown | Bill Kirby |
| Mark Crews | David Nabors |
| Robert Speight | Linda Price |
| Nancy Clements | Shirley Shumake |
| Darwin Douthit | Tommy Slater |
| Jim Eidson | Mark Williams |
| Danny Evans | |

The following alternates were present:

Don Hightower for Jerry Gaskill
Dwight Slayback for Jeremy DuMond
Sharron Nabors for Sam V. Long
Sheri New for Doug Wadley

The following non-voting members were present:

Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Temple McKinnon, representing TWDB
Bill Hoppe, representing Texas Department of Agriculture
Larry LeBeau, Texas Parks and Wildlife
Troy Sellers, representing Luminant

The following non-voting members were absent:

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| Curtis Campbell | Jerry Clark |
| David Inman | Worth Whitehead |
| Marcia Hackett | |

The following voting members were absent:

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| Jerry Gaskill | Jeremy DuMond |
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Darrell Grubbs
Bret McCoy
Kevin Spence
Mike Dunn

Sam V. Long
Tim Nicholson
Doug Wadley

Darwin Douthit made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2013 meeting. Linda Price seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Dr. David Harkins with RPS/Espey Consultants discussed the RWP Project Schedule and the budget. Dr. Harkins introduced Tony Smith with RPS/Espey. Mr. Smith provided details about groundwater and surface water and informed the planning group that they were required by TWDB to use the Modeled Available Groundwater (MAG) values for regional water planning. Mr. Smith said that in the previous round of planning, the decline in the aquifer was a 50 foot drawdown, but in the current round, the average drawdown was 17 feet and there are 12 instances where the existing supply exceeds the MAG. Mr. Smith also said that regional water planning groups cannot plan on existing supplies for future Water Management Strategies (WMSs) in excess of the approved MAGs for each region, county and/or aquifer. Mr. Smith further noted that the planning group must compare the MAG values to the existing groundwater supplies to determine the amount of groundwater available for recommended and/or WMSs to be included in the 2016 Region D Water Plan. Mr. Smith reviewed the following questions and options for consideration:

1. How to address existing groundwater use in excess of the MAG when determining existing supplies?

Options: a) Reduce existing groundwater use proportionately among water supply entities so that the total firm supply equals the MAG, or b) Reduce the representation of existing groundwater use giving preferential treatment to a specific use type or types (e.g. municipal, agricultural, irrigation, livestock, mining) so that the total firm supply equals the MAG.

2. How to plan for potentially feasible WMSs where existing groundwater supply exceeds the MAG?

Options: a) Plan for no such potentially feasible WMSs or b) Plan for one or more potentially feasible WMSs showing firm supply of zero in the plan, but explaining that groundwater for the WMSs may be obtained through a strategy whereby transfers from one county/basin/aquifer to another could be implemented.

3. How to plan for potentially feasible WMSs where existing groundwater supply is less than the MAG, but existing groundwater supply plus WMSs exceeds the MAG?

Options: a) Limit firm supplies for potentially feasible WMSs to the difference between existing groundwater supply and the MAG or b) Plan for one or more potentially feasible WMSs showing firm supplies of no more than the difference between existing groundwater supply and the MAG in the plan, but explaining that supplemental groundwater for the WMSs may be obtained through potential county/basin/aquifer transfers.

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4. How to present the technical evaluations of potentially feasible WMSs with firm supplies proportionately reduced or shown as zero for MAG compliance?

Options: a) Evaluate facilities and cost for WMSs at both the reduced firm supply value associated with MAG compliance without transfers and at the firm supply that the sponsor seeks to develop or b) Evaluate facilities and costs only at the reduced firm supply associated with MAG compliance without transfers.

Based on the information provided by the consultants and their recommendations, David Nabors made a motion to approve the following:

1. When existing groundwater supply exceeds the MAG in any decade, it is recommended that the existing groundwater supplies are reduced proportionately among all water users so that the total firm supply equals the MAG and 2) Where potentially feasible WMSs are contemplated and allocated groundwater exceeds the MAG, plan for one or more potentially feasible WMSs showing a firm supply of zero in the plan, and 3) Where potentially feasible WMSs are contemplated and existing groundwater supply is less than the MAG, plan for one or more potentially feasible WMSs showing firm supplies showing no more than the difference between the allocated groundwater and the MAG in the plan, and 4) For potentially feasible WMSs with firm supplies proportionately reduced or shown as zero for MAG compliance, evaluate facilities and costs for WMSs at both the reduced firm supply value associated with MAG compliance without transfers and at the firm supply that the sponsor seeks to develop.

Robert Speight seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Temple McKinnon with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) informed the planning group that the 16 stakeholders from the 16 water planning regions in Texas had met several times and were charged with the task of establishing uniform standards to be used by the regional water planning groups in prioritizing projects. It was noted that the 5 standards were: (1) the decade in which the project was needed, (2) the feasibility of the project, (3) the viability of the project (4) the sustainability of the project and (5) the cost-effectiveness of the project. Ms. McKinnon said that the projects would be scored and that the project score sheet would be available on the TWDB website for viewing. A motion was made by David Nabors and seconded by Robert Speight to allow the consultants, RPS/Espey, to analyze the projects and make a first draft of prioritizing the projects. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Walt Sears informed the planning group that a meeting for conflict resolution between Region C and D was scheduled for December 16, 2013 in Tyler, Texas. Mr. Sears also said that once the conflict was resolved, the TWDB would inform the regions how to modify their plans to be consistent with the resolution of the conflict.

Sharron Nabors gave a liaison report from Region C.

David Nabors made a motion to approve RPS/Espey invoices for payment. Linda Price seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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The next meeting of the regional water planning group was set for February 19, 2014 on a motion by David Nabors and a second by Robert Speight. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The following people addressed the planning group in the public comment section:

Jimmy Hair
Ann Rushing
M.C. Jackson

The meeting was adjourned by consensus. Motion carried, all voting aye.


Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

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| Walt Sears, Jr. | NETMWD |
| Lou Richards | NETMWD |
| Jenny McKinney | NETMWD |
| Saundra Duke | NETMWD |
| Patricia Wommack | SRBA |
| Carl Steffey | TSSWCB |
| Fred Winters | MCSWCD |
| Nina Holt | Bogata |
| Dickie Dalby | Dekalb |
| Mark Olinger | Mt. Vernon |
| Gary Cheatwood | Bogata |
| Ann Rushing | City of Clarksville |
| Leroy Biggers | TCEQ |
| Stan Hayes | Hayes Engineering |
| Chris Brown | Hopkins County |
| Paul Prange | ATCOG |
| Wendell Davis | RRCWSC |
| Dolores Cheatwood | Bogata |
| Jack Holsonback | TCEQ |
| Melvin Reynolds | Gilmer |
| Wayne Dial | City of Clarksville |
| Greg Carter | AEP/SWEPCO |
| John Martin | CSSUD |
| Marcia Davis | Clarksville Times |
| Jim Davis | Bi County WSC |
| Kim Cox | Pittsburg |