

**Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
February 19, 2014 – 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, February 19, 2014, 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 and welcomed everyone. Walt Sears, Jr. gave the invocation. Introductions were made and a quorum was present. Twenty two members of the planning group were present in person or represented by a designated alternate.

The following voting members were present:

Johnny Mack Bradley	Bret McCoy
Michael K. Brown	David Nabors
Robert Speight	Tim Nicholson
Nancy Clements	Linda Price
Darwin Douthit	Shirley Shumake
Danny Evans	Tommy Slater
Darrell Grubbs	Kevin Spence
Robert Holt	Doug Wadley
Bill Kirby	Mark Williams

The following alternates were present:

Bob Staton for Mark Crews
Dwight Slayback for Jeremy DuMond
Sharron Nabors for Sam V. Long
Richard LeTourneau for Jim Eidson

The following non-voting members were present:

Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Temple McKinnon, representing TWDB
Troy Sellers, representing Luminant

The following non-voting members were absent:

Curtis Campbell	Jerry Clark
David Inman	Worth Whitehead
Marcia Hackett	

The following voting members were absent:

Jerry Gaskill	Jeremy DuMond
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Mark Crews
Jim Eidson

Mike Dunn
Sam V. Long

David Nabors made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2013 meeting. Doug Wadley seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

David Nabors made a motion to keep the same slate of officers and At-Large members for 2014. Bret McCoy reviewed the current officers: Bret McCoy - Chairman, Jim Eidson - Vice-Chair, Shirley Shumake - Secretary, and the two At-Large members: Darwin Douthit and Linda Price. 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 TWDB Guidelines for planning for environmental flow considerations: 1) State and regional water planning guidelines require use of TCEQ environmental flow standards of site-specific studies where available and 2) If such studies are not available, the 1997 Consensus Criteria for Environmental Flow Needs (CCEFNN) on all new surface water development Water Management Strategies (WMS's) requiring permit authorization shall be used. Mr. Smith said the CCEFNN would be used for the Red River basin, the Sulphur basin and the Cypress basin. He further noted that the Senate Bill 3 Standards would be used for the 5 locations of the Sabine basin and that per the rules, the WMS less than 10,000 ac-ft/yr would have not high flow pulse requirement. Mr. Smith said that all environmental flow requirements have to be met and standards incorporated all the way downstream. Mr. Smith added that Caddo Lake Institute and Trungale Engineering and Science would perform analyses and develop a comprehensive consideration for a balanced approach for the environmental needs. Additionally, Mr. Smith explained source vs. supply: source is how much water can be obtained during the drought of record and supply is based on current legal and physical capability to obtain a treated water supply. Mr. Smith showed a spreadsheet of an overall summary of available water in Region D by source, reservoir firm yields and the differences from previous rounds from 2020 to 2070. He also discussed the current available surface supplies by county and WWP's (Wholesale Water Providers). On a motion by David Nabors and a second by Danny Evans, authorization was given to approve the preliminary surface water sources and supply numbers to begin to evaluate the needs and facilitate discussion with WUG's (water user groups) and WWP's. Motion carried, all voting aye. Per the request from the planning group, Mr. Smith discussed the uniform standards and assumptions and the total scores and criteria for those scores for the prioritized Region D projects. Mr. Smith gave 2 options: (1) list of prioritized Region D Projects and (2) alternative prioritized Region D projects. David Nabors made a motion to approve option, which would show the "County Other" as serving multiple entities, rather than multiple WUG's which is a TWDB mandate noting the project would provide regionalization. Richard LeTourneau seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Chair Bret McCoy reported recent negotiation to resolve the conflict between the plans of Region C and D was not successful. Walt Sears reminded the planning group that the TWDB

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Board will resolve the conflict between the Region C and Region D plans and that decision would be final.

Temple McKinnon with the TWDB said the rules for the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) were on their website.

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

The next meeting of the regional water planning group was set for April 16, 2014 by consensus.

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

Jimmy Hair
Jim Davis

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


Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.	NETMWD
Lou Richards	NETMWD
Judy Barton	Titus County Fresh Water District
W.J. Salmon, Jr.	NETMWD
Pat Wommack	SRBA
Susan Sprague	Como
Jimmy Hair	Canton
James Belcher	City of Greenville
Sara Whitaker	
Elston Eckhardt	Corp of Engineers
Richard Zachary	CSSUD
Russell Ham	City of Sulphur Springs
Irwin Schwartz	City of Sulphur Springs
David Neeley	SRBA
Jack Holsonback	TCEQ
Marcia Davis	Clarksville Times
Ray Wilson	Rep. Paddie's office
Mark Haslett	KETR – Commerce
Clay Evers	Freese and Nichols
Sheri New	International Paper