

Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
April 16, 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, April 16, 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. Bob Staton 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:

Johnny Mack Bradley	Bret McCoy
Michael K. Brown	David Nabors
Robert Speight	Jerry Gaskill
Nancy Clements	Linda Price
Darwin Douthit	Shirley Shumake
Jim Eidson	Kevin Spence
Darrell Grubbs	
Robert Holt	
Bill Kirby	

The following alternates were present:

Bob Staton for Mark Crews
Greg Carter for Tommy Slater
Dwight Slayback for Jeremy DuMond
Gary Cheatwood for Sam Long

The following non-voting members were present:

Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Temple McKinnon, representing TWDB

The following non-voting members were absent:

Curtis Campbell	Jerry Clark
David Inman	Worth Whitehead
Marcia Hackett	Larry LeBeau
Wayne Harris	Mike Rickman

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The following voting members were absent:

Mike Dunn
Tim Nicholson
Mark Williams
Jeremy Dumond
Tommy Slater

Danny Evans
Doug Wadley
Mark Crews
Sam Long

David Nabors made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2014 meeting. Jim Eidson seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Tony Smith with RPS/Espey gave an update on the work that is being done thus far. He mentioned that everything was on schedule and that a lot of the upcoming work will be data entry which will need to be in the new DB17 database. May 30th is the deadline for submittal and is also the timeframe for when the Board should have the fully implemented database. The report, or technical memorandum, that comes from this database is due August 1st. Mr. Smith presented a power point presentation. Due the significant drought of 2011, the Board wants to make significant changes to the approach being taken by collecting, analyzing, and considering additional information to make additional recommendations that directly address water conservation, drought, and responses. Potentially feasible water management strategies include: expanded use of existing supplies, new supply, conservation and drought management measures, reuse, inter-basin transfers, emergency transfers, etc. Mr. Smith explained that 2011 Region D recommendations were basically used as a guideline, and not necessary appropriate for all entities. A 140 gpcd threshold is being considered as a possible goal for water conservation plans. There is a whole new chapter in the 2016 Region D planning that is dedicated to drought and drought responses. Therefore, a much more rigorous evaluation is needed. In addition, the presentation provided a map of systems with some form of restrictions by TCEQ, mentioned how groundwater systems are affected by drought, and provided a list of systems in Region D in some form of restrictions.

David Nabors made a motion to approve the Regional Water Planning contract between the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District (NETMWD), TWDB Contract No. 1148301315, Amendment No's 3 and 4. Greg Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jim Eidson made the motion to approve the Public Notice that NETRWPG is accepting nominations for eight voting members for terms starting September 1, 2014. Shirley Shumake seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

David Nabors made a motion to authorize the engineering consultant and NETRWPG Chair to work to address comments received and developed in the final prioritization process involving the NETRWPG, as well as the authorization to submit the prioritization list of projects within Region D of NETRWPG to the TWDB. Jerry Gaskill seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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Walt Sears gave an update and discussion of conflict resolution with Region C. He informed that a public hearing was to be held on April 29th at 2p.m. It was noted that May 2nd is the closing date for public comments. It was also indicated that May 19th is the date for release of final recommendations by the Executive Administration of the TWDB.

Darwin Douthit made a motion to authorize the submittal of a brief to TWDB concerning interregional conflict, authorizing Jim Thompson to submit a brief on behalf of Region D to the TWDB. David Nabors seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

David Nabors gave a recap on Region C. Temple McKinnon the TWDB project manager, gave updates on upcoming deadlines.

Shirley Shumake made a motion to approve the Financial report by the Administrator, including approval for payment of the RPS/Espey Consultant invoices. David Nabors second the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The next meeting of the regional water planning group was set for June 18, 2014 by consensus.

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

Jim Davis
Lindy Guest
Mary Catherine Grant
Eileen Collins
John Brooks
Keith Allsup
Charleen Granberry
Jimmy Hair

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


Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.
Osiris Brantley
Judy Barton
Wendell Davis
Ann Rushing

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Tony Smith	RPS/Espey
Aaron Gann	TRI SUD
Richard LeTourneau	Tex Cons. Alliance
Jack Holsomback	TCEQ
Paul Prange	ATCOG
Marlene Bohr	Steel County Bee
Frances Delk	Jones WSC
Cheri Stuart	International Paper
Leroy Biggers	TCEQ
Stan Hayes	Hayes Engineering
Rex Svent	Pritchett WSC
Paige Alexander	Texarkana Gazette
Larry Cox	TCFWSD #1
Wayne Dial	City of Clarksville
Scott Albert	Riverbend
Nancy Rose	SRBA
Cindy McMillan	Pritchett WSC
Kristi Hirsch	Fouke WSC
Matthew Barbour	IP Texarkana
Robert McCarthy	NTMWD
Marcia Davis	Clarksville Times
Noah Gillian	US State Rep George Lavender
Richard Zachary	CSSUD
Glenn Evans	Longview News
Sara Whitaker	
Troy Hardwick	
Rebeca Hardwick	
Brittanie Lowery	
Connie Brooks	
Bessie N. Heath	
Lee McNeely	
Dolores Cheatwood	
Lottie Tiffie	
Linda Guest	
Jim Thompson	
Fred Winters	
Jerry Collins	
Nina Holt	
Darlene Fuller	