

**Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
February 18, 2015 – 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 18, 2015, 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.

Chair Linda Price called the meeting to order at 1:00 and welcomed everyone. David Nabors gave the invocation. Introductions were made and a quorum was present. Seventeen members of the planning group were present in person or represented by a designated alternate.

The following voting members were present:

Kevin Spence	David Nabors
Michael K. Brown	Shirley Shumake
Robert Speight	Greg Carter
Nancy Clements	Bill Kirby
Darwin Douthit	Linda Price
Robert Holt	Johnny Bradley
Larry Calvin	Darrell Grubbs

The following alternates were present:

Richard LeTourneau for Jim Eidson
George Frost for Mike McCoy
Bob Staton for Mark Crews

The following non-voting members were present:

Temple McKinnon, representing TWDB
Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Darrell Dean, representing Texas Department of Agriculture

The following non-voting members were absent:

Curtis Campbell	Worth Whitehead
Marcia Hackett	David Montagne
Mike Rickman	Charles Koudelka
Larry LeBeau	

The following voting members were absent:

Drew Roberts	Jim Eidson
Jerry Gaskill	Mark Crews
Doug Wadley	Mike McCoy

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Tim Nickolson
Danny Evans

Mark Williams
Jeremy Dumond

David Nabors made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2015 meeting. Robert Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Kathleen Jackson, a TWDB Board Member, made a presentation to the group. She provided details about her background. She started in the private sector and moved to the public sector, working for Exxon Mobil for thirty-seven years. Mrs. Jackson said that there are many challenges around the state. She stated that Texas is a unique state in the country that “plans to build and not plans to plan.” Mrs. Jackson also addressed SWIFT explaining that SWIFT makes it possible to bring proposed projects that are in the state water plan and turn them into a reality. She stated that success can only come with the vision of communities putting processes in place, and said that the TWDB is here to help. She also informed that there are various resources at the TWDB for use by communities such as expertise in science and technology.

Tony Smith, the consultant from Espey, reported that April 15th is a key date for the submittal of the first draft of the Initially Prepared Plan to the TWDB. Mr. Smith discussed Chapter 5: Identification and Evaluation of Water Management Strategies, Chapter 6: Impacts and Consistency of the Plan, and Chapter 9: Infrastructure Financing Analysis. Mr. Smith requested guidance as to the language to be included in Chapter 6 with regards to the Marvin Nichols. Mr. Smith described upcoming work to complete the identification of water management strategies. It was noted that groundwater resources, conservation, and contract extensions would likely be significant strategies to consider in the Initially Prepared Plan. After discussion, Richard LeTourneau moved that language in the draft plan for Round 4 be modified so as to likely generate a finding of a conflict in relation to the Marvin Nichol Reservoir strategy. Greg Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote. Upon further discussion and deliberation, John Bradley made a motion to include language in the draft version of the round 4 Plan that shows information and opposition to Marvin Nichols but for the language to avoid triggering the finding of a conflict. Darrell Grubbs seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote, nine voting aye, eight voting nay. David Nabors made a motion for Linda Price to send a letter to Temple McKinnon advising of Region D’s response to the TWDB’s guidelines with regards to the language regarding the Marvin Nichols conflict. Robert Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

David Nabors informed that Region C met a couple of weeks ago and also informed that the GMA#8 has not met as far as he knows. Temple McKinnon informed that March 2nd is the next Region C meeting and March 11th is the next Region I meeting. She also stated that the TWDB was receiving applications for the 5th round and was waiting to receive revised plan revisions.

David Nabors made a motion to approve the Financial Report by the Administrator, including approval for payment of the RPS/Espey Consultant invoices. Larry Calvin seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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The next meeting of the regional water planning group was set for March 18, 2015 by consensus.

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

Charleen Grandberry
Jim Davis

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.



Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.	NETMWD
Osiris Brantley	NETMWD
Jack Salmon	NETMWD
Paul Prange	ATCOG
Tony Smith	RPS
Jennifer White	TWDB
R.A. Castilo	TWDB
Wendell Davis	Red River Co WSC
Stan Hayes	Hayes Engineering
Marcia Davis	MP Daily Tribune
Kirby Hollingsworth	SRBA
David Harkins	Carollo
Brittanie Lowery	Ward Timber
JoAnn Duman	FUSE
Chan Glidewell	The Nature Conservancy
Robert Hollis	City of Talco
Rita Bragg	
Charleen Granberry	
Dolores Cheatwood	
Gary Cheatwood	
Nicole Fuller	
Mary Grant	
Connie Brooks	
Pat Wommack	
Jim Thompson	
Garrett Redfearn	
John Brooks	
Bessie Heath	
Nina Holt	
Sharron Nabors	