

**MINUTES OF THE
EAST TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP “T”
WEDNESDAY, December 13, 2006
Nacogdoches Recreation Center
1112 North Street, Nacogdoches, TX**

1. Call to Order – Vice Chairman Melvin Swoboda called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Ernest Mosby opened the meeting with an invocation. Melvin Swoboda led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum (14 of 20)

Voting Members:

David Brock	Ernest Mosby
George Campbell	Hermon Reed
Jerry Clark	Melvin Swoboda
Josh David	Worth Whitehead
Carl R. Griffith, Jr.	
Michael Harbordt	
William Heugel	
Bill Kimbrough	
Duke Lyons	
Monty Shank	

Proxies:

David Alders designated George Campbell
Dr. J. Leon Young designated Mel Swoboda
Dale Peddy designated Jerry Clark
Kelly Holcomb designated Mike Harbordt

Other Guest Present:

Bill Tetley, Sierra Club
Terry D. Stelly, TFWD-CF
Jerry Lehman, Toledo Bend Bi-State Alliance
Mendy Rabicoff, Region D
Connie Standridge, Region C
Simone Kiel, FNI
Roy J. Rodgers, NTUGCD
David Alford, Pineywoods GCD
Scott Hall, LNVA

4. Approval of Minutes for the August 23, 2006 Meeting. Jerry Clark made and Mike Harbordt seconded a motion to approve the minutes as published. The motion carried.

5. Financial Report – Kelley Holcomb was absent due to a family emergency and Mr. Rusty Phillips with DETCOG distributed the financial report, and it is archived with the December Report.

6. Reports of Adjoining Committees

A. Region C - David Brock reported that Region C had met and elected new members and conducted other business such as updating bylaws and statement of work for 2007-8.

B. Region D – Mendy Rabicoff reported that Region D was waiting to see if funding will be available for urban centers. (Mable, I'm not sure what this means; is it possible to check your notes or recording?)

C. Region H – Temple McKinnon gave a report indicating that Region H had met in November to review the SOW, application and other business. They will meet in February, 2007.

7. Reports by Standing Committees

A. Executive Committee – no report

B. Finance Committee - no report

C. Bylaws Committee –Mel Swoboda reported that the committee had met and a discussion of possible bylaw revisions would be taken up under New Business.

D. Technical Committee. No meeting.

E. Nominations Committee – George Campbell reported that there were several vacancies to be filled and there would be an election of officers in the first meeting of the year. He asked other members to begin to think about candidates to serve and to submit recommendations accordingly.

8. Reports from other State agencies

A. Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife – Terry Stelly reported that the next water report on the Public Broadcast Service will be February 11, 2007. He will obtain copies for the board as soon as available. He also announced that the Environmental Flow Advisory Committee recommendations on Bays & Flows will be submitted for approval by December 31, 2006 and is currently being circulated for signatures prior to going to the legislature.

B. Texas Department of Agriculture – Position vacant

9. DETCOG Information – no report

10. Report from Texas Water Development Board Staff – Temple McKinnon of TWDB staff reported on the board actions of the November 12, 2006 Board meeting.

Authorization was given to negotiate contracts at recommended funding levels but staff will be returning to the Board in January to update members on negotiations and to seek approval to execute contracts. Ms. McKinnon responded to all questions related to same.

11. Invited presentation from TWDB personnel on groundwater issues – Temple McKinnon reported on the “Groundwater Management Area Joint Planning” process. Ms. McKinnon’s PowerPoint presentation is archived.

12. Report from consultant team/Technical Committee – Gary Graham of Schaumburg and Polk, Inc. reviewed Region I planning grant applications submitted to the TWDB for the third round of regional water planning for 2007. He reported that Task Items 4,5,6,7 and 9 were not recommended for funding. He also reported that \$452,000 was applied for but only \$235,840 was recommended for funding. Report archived.

13. Public Comment. None.

14. Unfinished Business –

15. New Business -

A. Discuss and possibly take action to approve a Scope of Services Agreement between the ETRWPG and DETCOG . Gary Graham outlined the process followed to develop a Scope of Work between the Water Board and the Deep East Texas Council of Governments. Due to illness and unexpected emergencies with board members, the SOS was not completed. Gary Graham also had added several items after the agenda packets were mailed which the Group had not reviewed previously. Melvin Swoboda recommended that the discussion be tabled until the next meeting to give everyone an opportunity to review it. Michael Harbordt seconded.

Ms. Cannings added that the DETCOG Board would also have to review the SOS prior to approval. The next scheduled meeting of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments board will be in January.

B. Discuss and possibly take action to amend the ETRWPG Bylaws pertaining to the terms of members. Mel Swoboda identified several areas of the Bylaws that needed to be addressed including board terms, alternates/proxies, absences, vacancies, and selections. He suggested that the Bylaws committee meet prior to the next meeting to clear up some of the language and to make revisions to submit it to the board for consideration.

16. Chairman's Report. Presiding Chairman Melvin Swoboda announced that he would be leaving DuPont in March but would work with the Golden Triangle Plant Managers group to recommend someone else to fill the industry position.

Judge Carl Griffith also announced that he would also be leaving his office. He recommended Eddie Arnold to take his place and said that he had the support of other judges as well. Mr. George Campbell reminded him that he continues to hold a position on the planning group until his replacement is approved. Mr. Campbell also asked Judge Griffith to submit a bio for Mr. Arnold.

17. General discussion. Proposed dates for future meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2007.

18. Adjourn. Jerry Clark made and Hermon Reed seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35a.m.

Motion to Approve Minutes: _____

Seconded by: _____

Certification: _____

David Alders, Chairman

David Brock, Secretary