

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
of the  
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP "I"  
**Wednesday, June 30, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.**  
Nacogdoches Recreation Center  
1112 North Street, Nacogdoches, Texas

1. Call to Order – Chair Kelley Holcomb called the regular meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – David Alders gave the invocation. Kelley Holcomb led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – The roll was called by Lila Fuller and a quorum was determined as follows:

**Voting Members Present (15 of 22)**

Kelley Holcomb  
David Alders  
George P. Campbell  
Josh David  
Scott Hall  
Mike Harbordt  
William Heugel  
Joseph Holcomb  
Glenda Kindle  
Dale R. Peddy  
Hermon Reed  
Monty Shank  
Darla Smith  
Worth Whitehead  
J. Leon Young

**Voting Members Absent (7)**

David Brock  
Jeff Branick  
Jerry Clark  
Chris Davis  
Bill Kimbrough  
Duke Lyons  
Ernest Mosby

**Proxies:**

Monty Shank for David Brock  
Kelley Holcomb for Jerry Clark  
Kelley Holcomb for Duke Lyons

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Adam Bradley, RWPG – Region D

**Governmental Reporting Agencies Present:**

Temple McKinnon, Texas Water Development Board  
 Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board  
 Terry D. Stelly, Texas Parks and Wildlife - CF

**Other Guests Present:**

Rex Hunt, Alan Plummer Associates, Project Consultant  
 Mark Dunn, Dunn Construction  
 Fred Manhart, Entergy  
 Robert Conyer, LA SRA Commissioner  
 Trey Daywood, Brookeland Fresh Water Supply District  
 Chuck Comte, City of Woodville  
 Billy D. Sims, KSA Engineers, Inc.  
 Brice Clements, City of Nacogdoches  
 Bruce Drury, Big Thicket  
 Clay Evers, Freese & Nichols (Tyler)

4. **Consideration and Approval of the Minutes for the February 17, 2010 meeting.** Chair Kelley Holcomb referenced the minutes in the packet.

Glenda Kindle moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Josh Davis and unanimously passed.

5. **Report from City of Nacogdoches** – Lila Fuller referenced the updated Membership Directory that had been provided to each member. She also stated the June newsletter was mailed to all of the water supply corporations and interested parties in the region.

6. **Reports from adjoining regions activity:**

- A. **Region C** – Mike Harbordt stated Region C was about a month behind us on their regional water plan. He stated they met on March 15 and approved their IPP. They also requested the TWDB to perform the socioeconomic analysis for their region. He stated the next meeting was scheduled for August 9 at 1:00 p.m. in Grand Prairie.
- B. **Region D** – Worth Whitehead reported that Region D met June 23 in Mt. Pleasant and approved changes to their plan based on comments received, one of the issues being environmental flows from Caddo Lake.
- C. **Region H** – David Alders reported that Region H held the public hearing on the IPP April 7 in Conroe. He stated the consulting team summarized comments received to date at the previously held public hearings and discussed some of the comments received on Millican Reservoir, with possible changes to the plan expected.

7. **Reports from Standing Committees:**

- A. **Executive Committee** – No report.
- B. **Finance Committee** – No report.
- C. **Bylaws Committee** – No report.

- D. **Technical Committee** – Mike Harbordt commented he had been attending the desired future conditions for GMA-11 meetings and if anyone wanted any details he would be happy to speak with them.
- E. **Nominations Committee** – George Campbell the RWPG needed to accept the resignation of Ernest Mosby.

George Campbell moved to accept the resignation of Ernest Mosby as RWPG voting member representing small business. The motion was seconded by Glenda Kindle and unanimously passed.

David Alders stated Mr. Mosby was an original member of the RWPG and was a very dedicated member over the years, commending him for his faithful service. As suggested, George Campbell agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Mosby.

F. **Reports from other state agencies:**

- A. **Texas Parks & Wildlife Department** – Terry Stelly talking briefly about the status of the dead zone, which he stated, had been growing since April. He explained the low oxygen levels in the Gulf and the nutrient problems are coming from the Mississippi River currents. Terry stated no oil from the Gulf oil spill was reported in Texas at this time. He presented those in attendance with the newest edition of the Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine dedicated to "*Why Water Matters*".

- B. **Texas Department of Agriculture** – No report given.

9. **Report from Texas Water Development Board Staff** – Lann Bookout stated TWDB staff was getting prepared for all of the regional water plans to come in. He reported that TWDB had requested comments from each Region on boundary issues, with none being received from Region I.

Chair Holcomb stated that counties in Region I were split as well as River Basins, and felt boundary changes would require extensive re-organization.

Temple McKinnon stated TWDB staff would keep groups updated of board action on this issue.

10. **Report from Consultant Team:**

A. **Report on comments received during public comment period.**

Rex Hunt with Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. reviewed the timetable for the comment period. He reported that comments had been received from the Texas Water Development Board on two levels: Level 1 – required revisions because of statutory, agency rule and/or contract requirements; and Level 2 – suggested revisions.

Mr. Hunt briefly reviewed comments received by the general public on the IPP as follows:

- Two individuals commented at the Beaumont public hearing expressing general objections to new reservoirs in East Texas.
- Entergy Texas, Inc. objected to the legislative recommendation encouraging all areas to create or join an existing Groundwater Conservation District

- City of Woodville commented that the municipal water demands in the IPP do not account for demands from two prisons and that the proposed bio-mass power plant in Tyler County was not included in the IPP
- City of Nacogdoches requested a change in their alternate water management strategy
- City of Dallas suggested Region I take a similar approach to Lake Fastrill as was included in the Region C Plan to remove Lake Fastrill as a recommended water management strategy and add Lake Fastrill Replacement project as an alternative WMS. They also provided updated information regarding Lake Murvaul

Mr. Hunt stated the only State agency that submitted comments was Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as follows:

- Suggested additional species of concern
- Noted fish consumption advisories (mercury)
- Recognized the value of Lake Columbia in meeting future water needs
- Wondered whether Lake Fastrill should remain as a recommended WMS
- Off-channel reservoirs can minimize wildlife impacts if inundation of habitat and impacts to environmental flows are minimized.

Mr. Hunt reported that comments were received from a total of 8 entities and each comment would be considered and addressed by the Technical Committee in the 2011 Regional Water Plan.

Mr. Hunt requested input from the group for comments received from the City of Dallas, City of Nacogdoches and Entergy, Inc., noting that all changes to the 2011 Plan would be considered in August for final adoption.

There was discussion on groundwater conservation districts (GCDs) and that counties not in GCDs would not be represented. Some concern that without GCDs, outside entities would come in and take an abundance of water and the need for public education. Several members expressed concern about changing the comment because, in their experience, the GCDs had done a good job of protecting groundwater resources. RWPG member Dale Peddy stated that Entergy, Inc., did not intent to discourage counties from considering the need for GCDs but felt that the RWPG should not be taking such a specific position as the IPP expressed. The consensus of the RWPG was that the recommendation should remain in the plan but the language should be modified to encourage counties to consider the need to GCDs and act accordingly.

On the City of Woodville issue, it was noted that demands could not be changed at this point in the process, but that there were discussions with them regarding capacities.

There was discussion regarding inaccurate data and a conflict between what TCEQ requires and what TWDB requires. TWDB staff present acknowledged the problem and indicated resolution to the conflict was under discussion.

On the City of Nacogdoches issue, it was suggested that the Toledo Bend pipeline alternative be kept in the plan for the time being and that the Sam Rayburn alternative be mentioned as a future alternative in the plan and finalized in the next round of planning. Jim Jeffers with the City of Nacogdoches stated that this would be an acceptable approach.

On the City of Dallas comment, it was noted that they wanted consistency between Region C and Region I, and it was discussed that the issue could be removed from Chapter 4 and addressed in Chapter 8. The consensus of the RWPG was that Lake Fastrill should continue to be referenced in the final plan because it is still a designated unique reservoir site in the state, and that a discussion of the fate of Lake Fastrill be included in Chapter 8.

#### **B. Discussion of activities for completing the final 2011 Regional Water Plan**

Mr. Hunt reviewed the consulting team activities for completing the 2011 Regional Water Plan to include completion of the Infrastructure Financing Report; review and prepare response to comments in consultation with the Technical Committee; prepare the final draft of the plan and present the draft plan at the August ETRWPG meeting for final submission to the TWDB by September 1.

*The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m.*

*The meeting was reconvened at 12:05 p.m.*

#### **11. Educational presentation.**

Texas Water Development Board staff gave a brief presentation on the Water Conservation Advisory Council, stating the council was created to provide State officials, public subdivisions and the public with the resource of a select council with expertise in water conservation.

#### **12. Public Comment – None.**

#### **13. Unfinished Businesses**

##### **A. Consideration and Possible Approval of Appointment to the Small Business category.**

George Campbell, Chair stated the Nominations Committee was recommending that the position vacated by Ernest Mosby in the Small Business category be filled by Mark Dunn, a construction company owner in Angelina County. Mr. Campbell gave Mr. Dunn's qualifications and stated he was very active in his community, noting that he was in attendance at today's meeting.

George Campbell moved to appoint Mark Dunn as the Small Business representative to fill the vacancy left by Ernest Mosby. The motion was seconded by Josh David and unanimously passed.

#### **14. New Business**

##### **A. Consideration and Adoption of the 2011 SocioEconomic Impact Analysis completed by TWDB.**

Rex Hunt briefly reviewed the requirements and methodology of the Socioeconomic Analysis and presented the following results:

##### **Agricultural Impacts**

##### **Impacts to Irrigation:**

--Shortages in Hardin, Houston, San Augustine and Smith Counties

--Reduction in gross state product (income plus state and local business taxes) or GSP of less than \$1 million per year through 2060

#### Impacts to Livestock

--Shortages in Angelina, Henderson, Houston, Nacogdoches, Sabine, San Augustine and Shelby Counties  
 --Reduction in GSP from \$14 million in 2010 to \$551 million in 2060

#### Municipal Impacts

##### Impacts of Municipal Water Shortages:

--In Region I, the estimated economic value of domestic water shortages total:

- \$19 million in 2010
- \$157 million in 2060

--Shortages would reduce GSP by:

- \$34 million in 2020
- \$162 million in 2060

#### Manufacturing Impacts

##### Impacts of Manufacturing Water Shortages:

--Shortages expected in Angelina, Henderson, Nacogdoches, Sabine, San Augustine and Shelby Counties

--Shortages would reduce GSP by

- \$41 million in 2010
- \$1.2 billion in 2060

#### Mining and Steam-Electric Impacts

##### Impacts of Mining Water Shortages:

--Shortages in Angelina, Jefferson, Nacogdoches, Newton, San Augustine and Rusk Counties

--Shortages would reduce GSP by:

- \$1.2 billion in 2010
- \$900 million in 2060

##### Impacts of Steam-Electric Water Shortages:

--Shortages in Anderson, Angelina, Jefferson, Nacogdoches, Newton and Rusk Counties

--Shortages would reduce GSP by:

- \$119 million in 2020
- \$3.7 billion in 2060

Examples of social effects associated with drought or water shortages include:

- Demographic (population and institutional impacts)
- Conflicts between water users
- Health related low-flow problems
- Reduced fire-fighting capability
- Loss of aesthetic and property values
- Reduced recreational opportunities

Monty Shank moved to adopt the 2011 SocioEconomic Impact Analysis as completed by the Texas Water Development Board. The motion was seconded by Worth Whitehead and unanimously passed.


- 15. Chairman's Report** – Chairman Holcomb thanked all for the work they had done, particularly in this cycle, stating decisions made now have an impact on future water issues. He encouraged participation in all water issues.

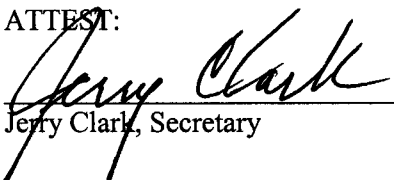
16. **General discussion** – Chairman Holcomb stated the next meeting was set for August 11, 2010 at the same location and time.

17. **Adjourn** – Glenda Kindle moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by David Alders and unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST 2010.

  
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Kelley Holcomb, Chair  
ETR WPD – Region I

ATTEST:  
  
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Jerry Clark, Secretary