

**MINUTES OF THE
EAST TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP “T”
WEDNESDAY, September 12, 2007
Nacogdoches Recreation Center
1112 North Street, Nacogdoches, Texas**

1. Call to Order – Chairman Kelley Holcomb called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Ernest Mosby opened the meeting with the invocation. Kelley Holcomb led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call and determination of Quorum. The roll was called by Mable Cannings and a quorum was determined as follows:

Voting Members Present: (16 of 21)

Jeff Branick
Jerry Clark
Josh David
Judge Chris Davis
Dr. Michael Harbordt
William Huegel
Kelley Holcomb
Bill Kimbrough
Glenda Kindle
Ernest Mosby
Dale R. Peddy
Hermon Reed
Monty Shank
Darla Smith
Worth Whitehead
Dr. Leon Young

Non-Voting Members Present:

Temple McKinnon, TWDB
Terry Stelly, Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.
Connie Standridge, Region C
Bobby Praytor, City of Dallas Water Utilities
Linda Parker, TX Dept. of Agriculture

Proxies

Kelley Holcomb for George Campbell
Ernest Mosby for Duke Lyons
Jerry Clark for Robert Stroder

Other Guests

Comer Tuck, TWDB	Rex Hunt, Alan Plummer Assoc.
Bob Bowman	Christine Diamond, Lufkin News
Bill Tetley, Sierra Club	Anne Tindell
Scott Hall, LNVA	J. Clayton LaGrone, Panola College
Linda Folts, SFASU	

4. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the June 20, 2007 meeting.

Terry Stelly, a non-voting member, made a correction to the minutes indicating that he was present for the June 20, 2007 meeting. Glenda Kindle made a motion seconded by Hermon Reed to accept the minutes with the one change as aforementioned. The motion carried.

5. Financial Report – Rusty Phillips distributed the financial report and indicated that several invoices totaling \$13,725 from Schaumburg and Polk, Inc. that were outstanding dating back to September 2006 were paid after receiving funds from the TWDB. Other comments and discussion followed.

6. Reports of Adjourning Regions

- A. Region C – David Brock, not present. Region C has not met but is scheduled to meet Oct. 1, 2007.
- B. Region D - Glenda Kindle. No report
- C. Region H –David Alders not present. Mr. Alders forwarded the agenda and meeting minutes of last meeting to Kelly which will be filed for the record. Temple reported that Region H met on August 1, and will meet again on October 31. They will put together a nominations committee to appoint a planning member to the Trinity-San Jacinto-Galveston Bay Study Group and approve recommendations and respond to the TWDB letter.

7. Reports from Standing Committees:

- A. Executive Committee – Kelley Holcomb reported that the executive committee met prior to this meeting and discussed administrative issues related to the web site.
- B. Finance Committee – No report. No committee meeting. The Nominations Committee will be meeting to make some recommendations regarding vacancies.
- C. Bylaws Committee – David Alders was absent. No meeting.
- D. Technical Committee – no report
- E. Nominations Committee – George Campbell was absent. No meeting. They will meet soon to deal with other vacancies.

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8. Report from other State Agencies:

- A. Texas Parks & Wildlife – Terry Stelly announced an upcoming meeting dealing with the In Stream Flows Program taking place in San Antonio on October 7-9, 2007. Program title is “Interdisciplinary Solutions to In-stream Flow Problems and participation is expected from Canada and Europe. He will send an e-mail to anyone who is interested upon request.
- B. Texas Department of Agriculture – Ms. Linda Parker, the new non-voting member replaces Cliff Todd. Mrs. Parker covers 50 counties as a

Rural Economic Development Specialist with Texas Department of Agriculture. Mrs. Parker assured the planning group that “water is a top priority” and wishes to work as a partner and resource to the planning group. Mrs. Parker also announced an Economic Development Summit covering 20 counties on November 15, at the Lufkin Civic Center. Ms. Parker invited all to attend.

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9. Report from DETCOG: Mable Cannings – No report.
10. Report from Texas Water Development Board: Temple McKinnon presented a detailed Power Point Presentation on the SB-3 Environmental Flows Advisory Group for the State of Texas. The presentation included the process, implications and its timelines. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding nominations to the Environmental Flows Advisory Committees and the Basin and Bay Area Stakeholder Advisory Committee and appointment of area stakeholders who will serve. This process must be completed by November 1, 2007.
11. Education Presentation – Mr. Comer Tuck, Division Director for the TDWB, Water Conservation Division presented a power point presentation on the Water Conservation Advisory Council and some of its goals, tasks, and timelines. The Water Conservation Advisory Council is composed of 23 members representing various interest groups. There is only one member per interest group and East Texas is not represented on the group. The fact that East Texas is not adequately represented produced considerable discussion. A handout was distributed and is filed with the ETRWPG-DETCOG administrative records. The first council meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2007 in Austin.
12. Report from Consultant Team – Gary Graham, Schaumburg & Polk – Provided a status report indicating that the contract with DETCOG regarding the workplan was completed the first part of August at which time they determined who would be responsible for what. The contract requires them to have a final draft plan to TWDB by December 31, 2008. To accomplish this - the initial report will need to be available for a public meeting in October. Afterwards, it requires a 60 day public comment period, and then incorporate it into the final plan which must be sent to TWDB for review. They will have 60 days to review it as well. The final plan must be filed by April 1, 2009. Mr. Graham also discussed the need to amend the Scope of Work on Study No. 1 – Inter-Regional Coordination with Regions C, D and I on the Toledo Bend Project. He distributed a handout of the “1st Amended Exhibit C: Scope of Work which he will recommend to the ETRWPG for adoption during the next meeting.
13. Public Comment. None.
14. Unfinished Business – None.
15. New Business:

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A. Consider Request from TWDB seeking input for Round 3 Phase II planning activities – Temple McKinnon recapped the letter from TWDB requesting input from water planning groups on (4) items as referenced in the packet. (filed 9-12-07 ETRWPG correspondence file) Input is requested by November 1, 2007. Much discussion of the issues ensued. Gary Graham offered to canvass by e-mail the river authorities and regional planning group members about specific studies to come up with a comprehensive document to distribute to planning group 10 days prior to meeting. He will also revisit proposed studies not funded in this cycle and review the last regional plan supplemental studies not funded previously. Kelley Holcomb suggested that, as a pre-requisite, Gary Graham communicate with the technical committee to sort things out prior to the meeting. A motion to table this item was made by Glenda Kindle and seconded by Chris Davis. Motion carries.

B. Consider Nominations for Environmental Flows advisory Group – Kelley Holcomb. Item tabled. Worth Whitehead made a motion to table the item and defer to the nominations committee for recommendations and to vote at the next meeting. Seconded by Josh David. Motion carried.

C. Consideration and Approval of FY 2008 Annual Budget. Kelley Holcomb presented the FY 2008 annual budget (Sept 1-August 31). He said currently there is a surplus of \$23, 370.00 in available funds. To meet the administration budget of \$40,000, thus we will need to bill our counties for \$26,677.00. After some discussion, Judge Chris Davis moved to approve the budget, seconded by Darla Smith. Motion carried.

15. Chairman’s Report – No Report

16. General discussion

Proposed date for next meeting: 10:00a.m – October 24, 2007 at the Nacogdoches Parks and Recreation Center.

18. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Hermon Reed seconded by Glenda Kindle. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2007.

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CHAIRMAN

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