

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of the
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP "I"
Monday, December 11, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.
Nacogdoches Recreation Center
1112 North Street, Nacogdoches, Texas

1. Call to Order – Kelley Holcomb, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – David Alders and Kelley Holcomb, Chair
3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum –The roll was called by Stacy Corley and a quorum was determined as follows:

Voting Members Present: (14 of 22)

Leah Adams
David Alders
David Brock
Josh David
Mark Dunn
Scott Hall
Michael Harbordt
Kelley Holcomb
Bill Heugel
John Martin
Gregory Morgan
Monty Shank
Darla Smith
Worth Whitehead

Voting Members Absent: (4)

Chris Davis
Dale Peddy
David Montagne
Jeff Brannick

Voting Member Category Vacancies:

(1) Counties - Brannick
(1) Environmental – Dr. Young (deceased)
(2) Public – Heugel – Kimbrough (deceased)
(1) Small Business - Joe Holcomb
(1) Water Utilities

Non -Voting Members Present:
Ben A. Stephenson, DWU City of Dallas

Government Reporting Agencies:
Lann Bookout, TWDB

Staff and Consultants:
Stacy Corley, City of Nacogdoches
Rex Hunt, Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.

Other Guests:
Mary S. Vann, Sabine River Authority
Amanda Maloukis, RCGCD

4. Consideration and approval of the minutes of the August 16, 2017 meeting:

Mark Dunn moved to approve the minutes as amended by David Alders. Item 7D “is” should be “in” near the end. The motion was seconded by Monty Shank and unanimously passed.

5. Report from City of Nacogdoches: Stacy Corley - No Report

Scott Hall joined meeting at 10:30a.m.

6. Reports of adjoining regions activity (only as needed):

- a. Region C – Vacant /Connie Standridge – No report
- b. Region D – Leah Adams/Vacant

Leah Adams advised that Region D is considering alternative numbers to their plan by population based on customers and brackish preservation.

- c. Region H – Scott Hall/Vacant

Mr. Hall reported Region H had met twice; their focus was on OMA requirements – plan amendments.

7. Reports from Standing Committees (only as needed):

- a. Executive Committee – Kelley Holcomb - None
- b. Finance Committee – Darla Smith

Finance Committee met and discussed funding options, will have more to report at the February 21, 2018 meeting.

c. Bylaws Committee – David Alders

No report, Chair Holcomb advised of a pending task...SB347 and SB1511; review Bills and recommend By-Laws revision regarding OMA and Simplified Planning option. Scott Hall mentioned a “designated alternate” works for Region H. Mr. Alders will review and report back next meeting.

d. Technical Committee – Scott Hall

Rex Hunt will report under Item 13

e. Nominations Committee – Monty Shank

Chair Kelley Holcomb advised moving to Item 13f.

Monty Shank presented to the RWPG the Nominations Committees recommendation in the form of a motion that, Matthew McBroom from SFASU to fill the Environmental vacancy; and Roger Fussell, from the Lumberton Mud District to fill the Water Utilities vacancy. The motion was seconded by Josh David and unanimously passed.

8. Reports from other state agencies:

a. Texas Water Development Board staff – Lann Bookout

Lann Bookout discussed the financial workshops TWDB presented regarding disaster relief and new round of 2018 SWIFT funding.

To coincide with the proposed rule revisions, the TWDB has also proposed revisions to the contractual guidance document, First Amended General Guidelines for Fifth Cycle of Regional Water Plan Development. DRAFT Second Amended Exhibit Public comment on the proposed revisions to will also be accepted until January 31, 2018.

b. Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife – Terry Stelly - Absent

c. Texas Department of Agriculture – Manual Martinez – Absent

Leah Adams mentioned that the Texas Dept of Licensing and Regulation is accepting public comments on proposed amendments to existing rules at 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 76 regarding the Water Well Drillers and Pump Installers Program. Rules published November 24, 2017 and comments accepted until December 28, 2017.

9. Report from consultant team: Update on the Round 5 Planning Cycle – Rex Hunt

Rex Hunt advised that his team is just getting into the real work as the Technical Memorandum is due December 10, 2018. An amendment to the contract between the City and TWDB will happen in early 2018 for strategies and scope of work amendments.

10. Educational Presentation: None

11. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes): None

12. Unfinished Business: None

13. New Business:

- a. Consideration and possible approval of the list of Major Water Providers for the East Texas Regional Water Planning Area (ETRWPA) 2021 Regional Water Plan:

Rex Hunt presented the new requirement for 2021 Plan: RWPGs must identify any major water providers (MWP) the term is not defined by TWDB -- which may be: public or private entities, WUGS or WWPs, provide water to any water-use category; and has no volumetric threshold. He further advised it is up to the RWPG to decide which WWPs and WUGs are to be identified as MWPs. TWDB is replacing the use of "Wholesale Water Provider" with "Major Water Provider" to give regions more flexibility.

The proposed definition of Major Water Provider for Region I for this round of planning:

- Recommended for Major Water Providers to provide more than 5,000 af/yr
- Non-Aggregated Group
- Owns their own groundwater wells or has direct surface water rights

Recommended list of Major Water Providers for the East Texas Regional Water Planning Area (ETRWPA) 2021 Regional Water Plan includes:

- Lower Neches Valley Authority
- Sabine River Authority
- Upper Neches River Municipal Water Authority
- Angelina & Neches River Authority
- City of Beaumont
- Angelina Nacogdoches WCID #1
- City of Tyler
- City of Lufkin
- Panola County FWSD #1

- City of Nacogdoches
- City of Athens
- Houston County WCID # 1
- Southern Utilities
- City of Jacksonville
- City of Henderson.

Scott Hall moved to approve the list of Major Water Providers as presented. The motion was seconded by David Alders and unanimously passed.

- b. Consideration and possible approval of the population projections and water demand projections for the ETRWPA 2021 Regional Water Plan:

Rex Hunt stated the draft 2021 Plan Demand Projections had already been discussed. The letters to WUGs, WWPS, and County judges outlining projections were mailed and several responses have been received. Proposed changes are based on these responses, but most resulted in minor or no change to the draft projections.

Rex Hunt Recommended the following changes: Move population and water demand from Hardin County Other to Lumberton MUD and coordinating population distribution issue with TWDB; move population from Tyler County Other to City of Woodville; add Steam Electric demand in Tyler County; Jasper County: change split between groundwater and surface water for manufacturing and Angelina County Steam Electric pending coordination with City of Lufkin and TWDB.

Scott Hall moved to approve as modified, the population projections and water demand projections for the ETRWPA 2021 Regional Water Plan. The motion was seconded by Mark Dunn and unanimously passed.

- c. Consideration and possible approval authorizing the ETRWPA Consultant Team to continue to work with Water User Groups and Major Water Providers in the ETRWPA regarding draft population and water demand projections, and to negotiate additional changes to projections with Texas Water Development Board Planning staff, as necessary; with final authority for any such changes to be at the discretion of the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (ETRWPG) Chair:

David Alders moved to approve motion as stated. The motion was seconded by Mark Dunn. Discussion: Chair Kelley Holcomb requested that “Chair” be changed to “Executive Committee”.

David Alders moved to amend the motion to replace “Chair” with “Executive Committee”. The motion was seconded by Michael Harbordt and the amendment and amended motion unanimously passed.

- d. Consideration and possible approval of the process for determining potentially feasible water management strategies for the ETRWPA 2021 Regional Water Plan:

Rex Hunt discussed with the Technical Committee the process to identify and evaluate water management strategies by expanding use of existing supplies; new supply development; conservation/drought management; reuse; and transfers. Strategies must be specific enough for TWDB financial decisions; use proven technology; have a firm supply during the drought-of-record; be appropriate for regional planning; have an identifiable sponsor; consider end use and meet existing regulation.

The ETRWPG evaluation process will utilize current TCEQ approved WAM for new surface water appropriations and consideration of environmental flows; utilize approved MAGs and DFCs for specific aquifers; provide equitable and consistent comparison between strategies and prepare quantitative reporting for each WMS quality, cost, and reliability.

The ETRWPG evaluation process will consider impacts on water resources; impacts/threats to agricultural or natural resources; interbasin transfers and third-party social economic impacts from voluntary redistributions of water; impacts on key water quality parameters; existing pipelines and other conveyance infrastructure and other relevant issues as necessary.

David Alders moved to approve the process for determining potentially feasible water management strategies for the ETRWPA 2021 Regional Water Plan. The motion was seconded by Josh David and unanimously passed.

- e. Consideration and possible approval of a public information coordinator for the ETRWPG, in accordance with requirements of the Texas Water Code TWC §16.053(h)(12):

Chair Kelley Holcomb discussed the requirement for a Public Information Coordinator for the ETRWPG. He stated the City of Nacogdoches is the designated political subdivision of the ETRWPG and as such, the public information duties fall to the City of Nacogdoches. Stacy Corley is the administrative contact for the group and those duties fall to that position.

Mark Dunn moved to approve Stacy Corley as the Public Information Coordinator for the ETRWPG, in accordance with requirements of the Texas Water Code TWC §16.053(h)(12). The motion was seconded by Scott Hall and unanimously passed.

- f. Consideration and possible Approval of recommendations for the appointment of Voting Members to the ETRWPG: ***(SEE action taken out of order 7e above)***

14. General Discussion: None

15. Next Meeting Date: February 21, 2018

16. Adjourn: 12:12 PM. David Alders made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Josh David and unanimously passed.

APPROVED THIS 21st day of February 2018.

Kelley Holcomb, Chair
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST:

John Martin, Secretary

Minutes approved February 21, 2018