

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of the
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP "I"
Wednesday, January 15, 2020 – 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** – Worth Whitehead
3. **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum** – The roll was called by Stacy Corley and a quorum was determined as follows:

Voting Members Present: (15 of 22)

David Alders
David Brock
Josh David
Stevan Gelwick
David Gorsich
Kelley Holcomb
Fred Jackson
John Martin
Matthew McBroom
John McFarland
Gregory Morgan
Monty Shank
Randy Stanton
Terry Stelly
Worth Whitehead

Voting Members Absent: (6)

Chris Davis
Mark Dunn
Roger Fussell
Scott Hall
David Montagne
Darla Smith

Voting Member Category Vacancies: (1)

(1) Small Business

Non -Voting Members Present: (1)

Ben A. Stephenson, Dallas Water Utilities

Government Reporting Agencies:

Lann Bookout, TWDB
 Manual Martinez, TDA
 Stephen Lange, TPWD

Staff and Consultants:

Stacy Corley, City of Nacogdoches
 Cynthia Syvarth, Plummer
 Dexter May, Plummer
 Reza Malek, Plummer
 Maggie Guinta, Plummer
 Spandana Tummuri, Freese & Nichols

Other Guests:

Mary Vann, Sabine River Authority
 Teresa Griffin, Panola GCD
 Yassin Gallardo, LNVA
 Penny Hanson, NTVGCD
 Robert Thornton, RCGCD
 Kate Dietz, P.E., City of Tyler

4. Consideration and approval of the minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting.

Greg Morgan moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Worth Whitehead and unanimously passed.

5. Report from City of Nacogdoches – Stacy Corley

No Report

6. Reports of adjoining regions activity:

- a. Region C – Vacant - No report.
- b. Region D – John McFarland – No report, stated next meeting will be January 23, 2020 at 1 p.m.
- c. Region H – Scott Hall – No report

7. Reports from Standing Committees:

- a. Executive Committee – Kelley Holcomb – No meeting or report
- b. Finance Committee – Mark Dunn – No meeting or report
- c. Bylaws Committee – David Alders – No meeting or report

- d. Technical Committee – Scott Hall – No meeting or report
- e. Nominations Committee – Monty Shank – No meeting or report

8. Reports from other state agencies:

- a. Texas Water Development Board staff – Lann Bookout

Lann discussed the 2020 SWIFT Funding Cycle, February 3rd, 2020 deadline. Find more regarding this online at <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/SWIFT/index.asp> Also HB7 and Flood Assistance Rules are going to the Board for review and or approval.

Lann also discussed the process Region I should take prior to the final adoption of the IPP, specifically the Public Hearing Notice; and 90-day post hearing acceptance of public comments. Consensus from the group is to hold the Public Hearing in May to allow sufficient time for postings.

- b. Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife –Stephan Lange

Stephan Lange introduced himself as the new Wildlife Regional Director for Region 3 in Tyler. He advised Region I, Region C and part of Region D are in his jurisdiction. He stated the Inland Fisheries restructured and made a “super” district in Tyler.

- c. Texas Department of Agriculture – Manual Martinez –

Mr. Martinez advised the Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston Stock Shows are coming up, hosting international delegations.

Mr. Martinez discussed the 2018 Farm Bill which legalized the commercial production of hemp and authorized states to submit state plans to administer hemp programs. On June 10, 2019 HB 1325, was signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott. A public hearing will be held on January 22, 2020 to take comments on the TDA Hemp Plan Rules. Find more regarding this online at <https://www.texasagriculture.gov/RegulatoryPrograms/Hemp.aspx>

- d. Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board – Rusty Ray – Absent

9. Report from consultant team.

- a. Review of 5th Cycle Water Planning schedule – Cynthia Syvarth

Cynthia Syvarth reviewed the 5th Cycle Water Planning schedule emphasizing the IPP due date of March 3, 2020; she also discussed the Public Notices/Hearing options due to all the posting requirements, prior to and post hearing, to allow public comments. Consensus is May is the best time to schedule the Public Hearing to allow ample time to finalize the plan and submit by the October 14, 2020 deadline.

- b. Water Management Strategy Technical Memorandums – Spandana Tummuri

Spandana Tummuri presented to the members the Water Management Strategies for WUGs and WWP; explained the WMS Evaluation Matrix; explained the Tables 5B1 and 5B2; and finally Appendix 5B – Strategy Technical Memoranda.

10. Consideration and Approval of the substantial completion of the draft Executive Summary – Cynthia Syvarth

Stevan Gelwick made motion to approve the substantial completion of the draft Executive Summary. The motion was seconded by Worth Whitehead and unanimously passed.

11. Consideration and Approval of the substantial completion of draft chapter 5B – Spandana Tummuri

David Alders made motion, subject to corrections, to approve the substantial completion of draft chapter 5B. The motion was seconded by Month Shank and unanimously passed.

12. Consideration and Approval of the substantial completion of draft Chapter 7 – Dexter May

Randy Stanton made motion to approve the substantial completion of draft Chapter 7. The motion was seconded by Josh David and unanimously passed.

13. Consideration and Approval of the substantial completion of draft Chapter 9 – Cynthia Syvarth

Stevan Gelwick made motion to approve the substantial completion of draft Chapter 9. The motion was seconded by John Martin and unanimously passed.

14. Consideration and Approval of the substantial completion of draft Chapter 11 – Cynthia Syvarth

John Martin made motion to approve the substantial completion of draft Chapter 11. The motion was seconded by Monty Shank and unanimously passed.

15. Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes)

No comments

16. General Discussion

Kelley Holcomb commented on the launch for the new etexwaterplan.org website. Dexter May advised he is waiting to review with the Executive Committee; and upon their approval, the project would take six to eight weeks to complete development and launch.

17. Set Next Meeting Date – February 19, 2020

18. Adjourn

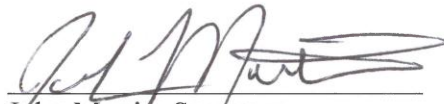
Josh David made motion to adjourn at 12:03 P.M. The motion was seconded by Worth Whitehead.

APPROVED THIS 19th day of February, 2020



Kelley Holcomb, Chair
ETR WPG – Region I

ATTEST:



John Martin, Secretary

Minutes approved February 19th, 2020