

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of the
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP “T”
Wednesday, February 21, 2018 – 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 10:15 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: (12 of 22)

David Alders
David Brock
Josh David
Chris Davis
Mark Dunn
Roger Fussell
Kelley Holcomb
John Martin
Matthew McBroom
Monty Shank
Darla Smith
Worth Whitehead

Voting Members Absent: (3)

David Montagne
Leah Adams
Scott Hall

Voting Member Category Vacancies: (7)

(1) Counties – Brannick
(2) Public
(1) Small Business
(1) Water Utilities
(1) Electric Power
(1) Industries

Non -Voting Members Present: (0)

Government Reporting Agencies:

Lann Bookout, TWDB
Scott Galaway, TWDB
Manuel Martinez, TDA

Staff and Consultants:

Stacy Corley, City of Nacogdoches
Rex Hunt, Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.
Cynthia Syvarth, Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.
Spandana Tummuri, Freese & Nichols
Jason Afinowicz, Freese & Nichols
James Beach, WSP

Other Guests:

Mary S. Vann, Sabine River Authority
Gary Ashmore, LTGCD
Steve Bartlett, City of Nacogdoches

4. Consideration and approval of the minutes of the December 11, 2017 meeting:

John Martin moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mark Dunn and unanimously passed.

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

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

- a. Region C – Vacant /Connie Standridge No report as Connie Standridge was absent.

Chairman Holcomb advised that the Region I position for Region C (the Metroplex) is vacant.

- b. Region D – Leah Adams/Vacant No report as Leah Adams was absent due to illness.
c. Region H – Scott Hall/Vacant No report as Scott Hall was absent due to the flooding in his area.

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

- a. Executive Committee – Kelley Holcomb – No scheduled meeting.
b. Finance Committee – Darla Smith

Darla Smith stated the Finance Committee met and reviewed 2017-2018 Budget and will have more in New Business Item 13e.

- c. Bylaws Committee – David Alders

Mr. Alders presented several recommended revisions to the Bylaws and will have more information at the next meeting.

- d. Technical Committee – Scott Hall – No scheduled meeting.

- e. Nominations Committee – Monty Shank

Chair Kelley Holcomb advised moving to Item 13b.

Monty Shank presented to the Voting Members the Nomination Committee's recommendation that Randy Stanton, from Entergy Services, Inc. in Beaumont, replace Dale Peddy in the Electric Power vacancy; and Don Iles, City Manager of Hemphill, replace William Heugel in the Public vacancy. Chris Davis moved to approve nomination recommendations from Monty Shank. Josh David seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

8. Reports from other state agencies:

a. Texas Water Development Board staff – Lann Bookout

Lann Bookout discussed upcoming financial assistance workshops: Big Spring in March; Sugarland in April (may include disaster relief topics); and Beeville in June. He advised the Board had been in the Rule Revision process. Draft rules were published in December 2017 with the comment period closing in January 2018; and anticipated adoption of revisions goes before the Board in March of 2018.

Lann further stated on February 14, 2018 an email was sent from the TWDB indicating multi-agency review of the Region I projections that were submitted were accepted with two (2) exceptions that will be discussed later in the agenda. Final projections will be taken to the TWDB for consideration in April. Adopted projections may be revised through a formal request to the TWDB if necessary. Another item for consideration - there will be a contract amendment in March and the RWPG will need to approve the City of Nacogdoches to accept and execute the necessary amendment to add additional money to the grant cycle.

Lann also reminded the committee that the next planning stage includes decisions on hydrologic variances for water supply analysis. A hydrologic variance request must be submitted for approval to the TWDB. RWPG must start considering potentially feasible water management strategies too.

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

c. Texas Department of Agriculture – Manual Martinez

Manual Martinez advised the committee members that TDA has been assisting international delegations with the purchase of Texas livestock genetics at all the major livestock shows throughout the state of Texas including Ft Worth, San Antonio, and Houston. International buyers come from all over the world during the Texas livestock show season to view some of the best genetics and farm and ranch equipment in the United States. TDA's role includes being a resource to international buyers by introducing them to the various breed associations as well as coordinating ranch visits to Texas producers. International delegations have included: Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Columbia, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Thailand.

He stated the Young Farmer Grant (18-46 years of age) is available twice a year - in the spring and fall. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance in the form of dollar-for-dollar matching grant funds to young agricultural producers that are engaged or will be engaged in creating or expanding an agricultural business in Texas.

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

Rex Hunt began by telling the committee the work is getting more technical now and there will be information coming for consideration in the development of Region I's plan. Rex stated that James Beach with WSP, formerly LBG-Guyton, will present groundwater availability and Spandana Tummuri with Freese & Nichols will present surface water availability. Cynthia Syvarth with Alan Plummer and Associates, Inc. is present too; she and Spandana worked together on the last Planning Cycle. Jason Afinowicz, also with Freese & Nichols, is present today, and he is the consultant for Region H.

Rex discussed the 5th Cycle Tasks, there are 12 tasks and some have sub-tasks. Each task is a chapter in the water plan and each chapter is approved individually by the Voting Members of ETRWPG. The 2018 Project Schedule shows the TWBD DB22 preparation is due in March as well as the FY18/19 Contract Amendment. The Tech Memo due 9-10-2018 is a mid-stream review which basically reports the information input into the TWDB database identifying needs and development strategies. Region I's 2021 Proposed Demand Projections were accepted with two (2) exceptions:

- 12,100 af/yr Louisiana Manufacturing Demand excluded from Jefferson County as demand for water in another state cannot be included in the stated demand categories
- 307 af/yr TPWD Alazan Bayou Demand excluded from Nacogdoches County as considered an environmental flow, which is not a category of demand for water planning purposes

10. Educational Presentation:

- a. Status of Groundwater Availability in Region I Planning Area – James Beach

James Beach with WSP, formerly LBG-Guyton Associates, gave an update on the status of Groundwater availability in Region I Planning area. He gave an overview of aquifers in the East Texas regional water planning area, groundwater availability and Region I's approach.

- b. Status of Surface water Availability in Region I Planning Area - Spandana Tummuri

Spandana Tummuri with Freese & Nichols gave Region I Committee members updated Surface water availability as follows:

Local and Reuse 1% or 19,367 af/yr; Reservoirs 48% or 1,958,512 af/yr; Run-of-the-River (freshwater) 15% or 606,346 af/yr; Run-of-the-River (brackish) 25% or 1,036,462 af/yr; and Groundwater 12% or 507,093 af/yr.

Spandana Tummuri reviewed the status of surface water availability in Region I. She discussed the various river basins in the region and different types of supply options available in the river basins. She discussed the current supplies available in the reservoirs, run of river supplies, reuse and stock ponds. She reviewed the models used to determine the supply availability in various sources and mentioned that the models are being updated and revised as we speak. She discussed the potential for an exception report to be sent to TWDB after approval at the next Region I meeting. The exception report would be discussing the potential changes that need to be made to the Neches Trinity WAM model. She reviewed the distribution of supplies from basin level to the county and WWP level and finally concluded the discussion by explaining how the available supplies will be used to consider in needs analysis.

12:20 p.m. break for lunch

12:45 p.m. back in session

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

12. Unfinished Business: None

13. New Business:

- a. Consideration and approval authorizing the City of Nacogdoches to execute a contract amendment with the Texas Water Development Board.

Mark Dunn made a motion to authorize the City of Nacogdoches to execute a contract amendment with the Texas Water Development Board for additional funding. The motion was seconded by Darla Smith and unanimously passed.

- b. Consideration and possible approval of the recommendations for the appointment of Voting Members to the ETRWPG.

Monty Shank presented to the Voting Members the Nomination Committee's recommendation that Randy Stanton, from Entergy Services, Inc. in Beaumont, replace Dale Peddy in the Electric Power vacancy; and Don Iles, City Manager of Hemphill, replace William Heugel in the Public vacancy. Chris Davis moved to approve nomination recommendations from Monty Shank. Josh David seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

- c. Consideration and approval of the 2018 Executive Committee Appointments.

Monty Shank presented the appointments to the Executive Committee in a form of a motion:

Executive Committee:

Chairman Kelley Holcomb
First Vice Chair David Brock
Second Vice Chair Josh David
Secretary John Martin
Assistant Secretary David Montagne
At-Large David Alders
At-Large Mark Dunn

Chairman Holcomb called for nominations from the floor; and as there were none, he moved nominations cease.

Mark Dunn seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

- d. Committee Appointments for Nominations, By-laws, Technical and Finance Committees.

Chairman Holcomb named appointments to the following committees:

Nominations Committee:

Chairman Monty Shank
 Chris Davis
 Leah Adams
 Randy Stanton
Ex-Officio: Kelley Holcomb

By-Laws Committee:

Chairman David Alders
 Worth Whitehead
 Darla Smith
 Roger Fussell

Finance Committee:

Chairman Mark Dunn
 Greg Morgan
 Josh David
 David Brock

Technical Committee:

Chairman Scott Hall
 John Martin
 Matt McBroom
 Don Iles

- e. Consideration and Possible Approval of changes to the methods by which the RWPG funds the annual Region I Administration Budget.

No discussion or action on this item.

14. General Discussion: None

15. Next Meeting Date: May 16, 2018

16. Adjourn: 12:55 PM Chairman Holcomb moved to adjourn.

APPROVED THIS 16th day of May 2018.

Kelley Holcomb, Chair
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST:

John Martin, Secretary
Minutes approved May 16, 2018

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