

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
of the  
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP "I"  
Wednesday May 18, 2016 – 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 10:14 a.m.
- 2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – Kelley Holcomb.
- 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 21)**

- Kelley Holcomb
- David Alders
- David Brock
- Josh David
- Mark Dunn
- Scott Hall arrived 10:35a.m.
- Mike Harbordt
- William Heugel
- Gregory Morgan
- Monty Shank
- Worth Whitehead
- Dale Peddy

**Voting Members Absent (8)**

- Jeff Branick
- Chris Davis
- Leah Adams
- John Martin
- Bill Kimbrough
- David Montagne
- J. Leon Young
- Darla Smith

**Proxies: (1)**

Joseph Holcomb to Kelley Holcomb

**Voting Member Category Vacancies: (1) Water Utilities**

**Non -Voting Members Present:**

Ben Stephenson, Dallas Water Utilities

**Governmental Reporting Agencies Present:**

- Kathleen Jackson, Director Texas Water Development Board
- Kevin Kluge and Scott Galaway, Texas Water Development Board
- Terry Stelly, Texas Parks and Wildlife
- Manuel Martinez, Texas Dept. of Agriculture

**Other Guests Present:**

Stacy Corley, City of Nacogdoches  
 Rex Hunt, Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.  
 Spandana Tummuri, Freese & Nichols, Inc.  
 Bill Hutchison, GMA 11 Consultant  
 Mary Brown, Texas Impact  
 Jerri Jones, State Rep Clardy's Office  
 John Langston, RCGCD  
 Canyon Hamilton, NTVGCD  
 Louise Stoehr  
 William L Shecks  
 Sam Brannon, Texas Impact  
 Jess Landreneau, Panola County GCD  
 Kevin Ward, Lufkin SSLC  
 Dennis Gregg, Lufkin SSLC  
 Maggie Forbes  
 Anne Tindell  
 Marilyn Eaves  
 Marilyn Richardson, ReNac  
 Amy Goodwin, ReNac  
 Kerry Lemon, AHBC Earth Care, ReNac  
 Judy McDonald, AHBC  
 Matt Moore, ReNac  
 Cat Albers, ReNac  
 Denise McDonald, AHBC Earth Care Ministry  
 Marlene Jowell, Cherokee County  
 Steve Bartlett, City of Nacogdoches Engineer

**4. Open/Receive Public Comments relating to Round 5 Regional Water Planning**

Chairman Holcomb opened the floor to **Public Comments relating to Round 5 of the Regional Water Planning Cycle**. No one present desired to comment on Round 5 of the Regional Water Planning Cycle, Chairman Holcomb closed the floor to comments.

**5. Consideration and approval of the minutes of the November 5, 2015 meeting.**

Mark Dunn moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Monty Shank and unanimously passed.

**6. Report from City of Nacogdoches – Stacy Corley.**

Mrs. Corley reported Cycle 4 has almost closed out and noted Cycle 5 had received \$23,578.20 to begin the new cycle.

**7. Reports of adjoining regions activity (only as needed)**

- a. Region C – Mike Harbordt/Connie Standridge – no report.
- b. Region D – Worth Whitehead/Vacant – no report.
- c. Region H – David Alders/Steve Tyler – David Alders stated he did not attend the meeting but the agenda addressed the new cycle and educational presentations as is Region I.

**8. Reports from Standing Committees (only as needed)**

- a. Executive Committee – Kelley Holcomb – no report
- Finance Committee – Darla Smith – Mrs. Corley gave clarification on outstanding membership dues. The following Counties have outstanding membership dues: Angelina \$10,110; Orange \$1,994; Shelby \$629; and Trinity \$154 equaling \$12,887.
- b. Bylaws Committee – David Alders – no report
- c. Technical Committee – Mike Harbordt – reported quiet the last few months, thanked APAI for their hard work and the other members of the Technical Committee.
- d. Nominations Committee – Monty Shank – deferred to New Business item 14.

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

Chairman Holcomb introduced Kathleen Jackson, Director of TWDB

Mrs. Jackson stated she was appointed to the TWDB by Governor Rick Perry March 18, 2014 and reappointed by Governor Greg Abbot December 15, 2015. She comes from a diverse background representing agricultural, environmental, industrial, and wholesales – supply interests, which includes developing and implementing water management strategies for Southeast Texas.

Mrs. Jackson received a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from North Carolina State University. She has three children, sixth-generation Texans, who all reside and work in Texas.

Mrs. Jackson stated the number one question she answers as she traveled to the other Regions was, “Will Texas run out of water?” She stated “No, Texas will not run out of water because Regional Planning is the key to that.” Regional Planning is a bottom up process and utilizes almost 450 volunteers in the sixteen regional water planning groups. These groups look at what is needed today and for the future – the outcome is the State Water Plan every five years. TWDB believes that local communities must be engaged because they know best the needs for their individual planning regions. Texas Water Development Board is a data repository for Texas; a bank for lending money for local improvements and a technical resource for Texas communities to help develop the most cost effective, efficient project scope of work prior to financing the project too. Mrs. Jackson also discussed the SWIFT Water Projects in consideration for award in the near future.

**a. Texas Water Development Board staff – Lann Bookout**

Kevin Kluge with TWDB gave report in Lann Bookout’s absence. Mr. Kluge updated the members regarding the RWPG Technical Meeting held May 2, 2016 in Austin. The meeting addressed the five (5) year plan process consisting of: population & water demand projections, water availability modeling, potential guidance for quantifying strategy impacts on environmental factors and agriculture, incorporating TCEQ environmental flow standards into water management strategy evaluations, run-of-the river availability evaluations for existing supply, guidance for estimating water management

strategy water losses, brackish groundwater availability, methods and tools used to conduct surveys and collect various WUG information, potential uniform costing tool updates or revisions and socio-economic impact analysis feedback. Mr. Kluge mentioned Chapter 357 and 358 revisions to be taken to the TWDB this summer. He further stated the SWIFT Funding received 19 applications and will make awards in the fall.

b. **Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife – Terry Stelly**

Mr. Stelly advised the rains had caused too much fresh water in the gulf.

c. **Texas Department of Agriculture – Manual Martinez**

Mr. Martinez discussed the Municipal Blue Legacy Award program through Save Texas Water. The program promotes best practices in water stewardship by offering public green space grants that utilize low water landscaping. Mr. Martinez stated the City of Nacogdoches was the pilot city for this award. Information regarding the grant opportunity may be found at <http://www.savetexaswater.org/awards/municipal>

**10. Report from consultant team – Round 5 Planning Cycle**

Rex Hunt advised he was looking forward to the 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Water Planning Cycle. He feels that Region I Planning Group is of the utmost importance to the state because of its unique water resources; and stressed how valuable it is to have involved board members concerned with gathering more specific information from each county. He remarked Sabine County received SWIFT funding to improve their data base.

**11. Educational Presentation:**

a. **Kevin Kluge, TWBD Manager of Water Use – Population and Water Demand Projections Allocations**

Mr. Kluge discussed 2021 Regional Water Plans Population and Water Demand Projections.

Projections Development:

- Irrigation
- Livestock
- Manufacturing
- Mining
- Steam-Electric Power
- Population
- Municipal...*Problem: Utility services areas don't follow city boundaries!!*
- Solution: Utility Water Planning – Population – permanent resident population served within utility service area – Water Demand – volume to serve utility's retail customers (minus large industrial) Adjustments to some will be minimal and some more substantial.

**Tentative Projections Timeline:**

- **July 2016** – List of new Municipal WUGs
- **Oct-Dec 2016** – Draft Pop, Municipal, Livestock & Mining Demand Projections
- **June 2017** – Draft IRR, Mfg & Power Demand Projections (subject to peer-review results)
- **July 2017** – Post historical GPCD
- **January 2018** – Deadline for adjustment requests. – Review by Coordination Agencies (TCEQ, TDA, TPWD and TWDB)
- **March 2018** – Projections to Board
- **March 2020** – Draft plans due

b. **Bill Hutchinson** – GMA 11 Groundwater Availability Model Update

Mr. Hutchinson stated currently there are four Groundwater Conservation Districts:

- Neches & Trinity Valley GCD
- Panola County GCD
- Pineywoods GCD
- Rusk County GCD

Unconfirmed GCD:

- Deep East Texas GCD

Districts within a GMA must adopt desired future conditions for relevant aquifers every five (5) years. GMA 11 has four (4) confirmed districts.

Desired Future Condition (DFC):

- Quantified conditions of groundwater
- Specified time or times in the future
- Broad Policy Goal
  - Drawdown
  - Spring flow
  - Storage volumes
- Updated at least every five years

Modeled Available Groundwater (MAG)

- The amount of pumping necessary to achieve the desired future condition
- TWDB calculated based on
  - Model simulations
  - Water budget calculations
  - District provided data and information
- Included in GCD Management Plans
- “Groundwater Availability” in Regional Water Plans
- One factor in permitting decisions

**Groundwater Availability = DFC + MAG**

**12. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes)**

No comments.

**13. Unfinished Business: None**

**14. New Business:**

- a. Consideration and Approval of the 2016 Executive Committee Appointments – **Monty Shank**

Nomination Committee Chair Monty Shank voiced the committee’s recommendation for the 2016 Executive Committee appointments as follows:

- Chair – Kelley Holcomb
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – David Brock
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Dr. Michael Harbordt
- Secretary – John Martin
- Assistant Secretary – David Montagne
- At-Large – Dr. Leon Young
- At-Large – David Alders

Monty Shank made the recommendations in form of a motion. Motion seconded by Mark Dunn and unanimously passed.

- b. Committee Appointments for Nominations, By-Laws, Technical and Finance Committees

Chair Kelley Holcomb appointed the Chairs for the following committees:

- Nominations Committee – Chair Monty Shank
- By-Laws Committee – David Alders
- Finance Committee – Darla Smith
- Technical Committee – Scott Hall

**15. General Discussion**

Committee discussed nomination for the Water Conservation Advisory Council as C. E. Williams did not accept re-appointment. Kelley Holcomb stated he was interested in serving if fellow members agreed, everyone agreed for him to submit his letter of interest.

**16. Next Meeting Date**

Possibly meet in August to adopt FY 2017 Budget.

**17. Adjourn**

Adjourned meeting at 12:23 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

  
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Kelley Holcomb, Chair  
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST:

  
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David Brock, Secretary