

MINUTES OF THE VITRUAL/JOIN BY PHONE
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP “I”
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, September 16, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Kelley Holcomb called the meeting to order at 10:12 A.M.
2. Invocation – Chairman Kelley Holcomb
3. Welcome and Introductions – Chairman Kelley Holcomb

Chairman Holcomb welcomed Director Brook T. Paup to the meeting. Director Paup thanked Region I members for their work on Regional Water Planning in the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region I).

4. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum – The roll was called by Stacy Corley and quorum was determined as follows:

Voting Members Present: (12 of 22)

David Alders
David Brock
David Gorsich
Scott Hall
Kelley Holcomb
Matthew McBroom
John McFarland
David Montagne
Gregory Morgan
Monty Shank
Randy Stanton
Terry Stelly

Voting Members Absent: (8)

Josh David
Chris Davis
Mark Dunn
Roger Fussell
Stevan Gelwick
Fred Jackson
John Martin
Darla Smith

Voting Member Category Vacancies: (2)

Small Business
Water District

Non-Voting Members Present: (1)

Ben A. Stephenson, Dallas Water Utilities

Government Reporting Agencies:

Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board
Brooke T. Paup, Director Texas Water Development Board
Rusty Ray, Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board

Staff and Consultants:

Stacy Corley, City of Nacogdoches
Cynthia Syvarth, Plummer Associates
Rex Hunt, Plummer Associates
Cody McCann Plummer Associates
Dexter May, Plummer Associates
James Beach, WSP
Jordan Skipwith, FNI
Spandana Tummuri, FNI

Other Guests:

Emily Whitworth
Yassin Gallardo, LNVA
Kate Dietz, City of Tyler

5. Consideration and approval of the minutes of the August 5, 2020 meeting.

Monty Shank moved the minutes of August 5, 2020 meeting be approved as presented. Greg Morgan seconded the motion and was unanimously passed.

6. Reports from other state agencies, as necessary.
 - a. Texas Water Development Board – Lann Bookout

Lann Bookout advised regional boundaries are reviewed every five (5) years; and in October there will be an opportunity for the stakeholder input regarding boundaries. The Final Plan process (plans and prioritization list), due date of 10/14/2020 has been extended to 11/5/2020 to help facilitate data entry. Also, the requirement for copies has been waived; RWPGs need to approve FPs during a regular meeting with consideration of all comments received. The consultants need to finalize the implementation and IFR survey. The first RFA for the Sixth (6) Cycle of RWP will be issued in March of 2021. Planning groups will need to take action to select Political Subdivision and authorize them to submit an application prior to FRA deadline. Other Sixth (6) Cycle actions to be passed sometime in 2021 include: Authorize Political Subdivisions to provide a public notice and hold a pre-planning public meeting to obtain public input for development of the 2026 Regional Water Plan and selection of Technical Consultants.

- b. Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife – Stephen Lange (absent)
 - c. Texas Department of Agriculture – Manual Martinez (absent)
 - d. Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board – Rusty Ray (no report)
7. Report from consultant team – Dexter May and Cynthia Syvarth, Plummer Associates

a. Signature page

Dexter May advised he had requested signatures from the voting members to be included in the Final Plan. He stated he had received 16 out of 20 signatures and thanked those that had already submitted. Those remaining please submit your signature or if you need the instruction document resent please contact dmay@plummer.com. He further requested that any voting board member that desired a hardcopy of the 2021 Regional Water Plan to make a request in writing and send it to the same email address by October 1, 2020.

b. Discussion of project budget

Dexter May revisited the transfer of funds between tasks resulting in a zero cost increase.

c. Responses to TWDB Level 1 Comments

Cynthia Syvarth broke down the **33 IPP Level 1** TWDB Regulatory Requirement Comments Chapter by Chapter and by regulatory requirements:

- 03 January 5, 2023 Deadline for 2020 WMS Supply
- 13 Add information/Clarity to Text
- 09 Correct Inconsistency
- 08 Unique Comments

d. Project Prioritization

Dexter May discussed the Final Prioritization Ranking Results as follows:

1 – UNRMWA – Run of River	888
2 – Shelby County Livestock	874
3 – Southern Utilities Conservation	874
4 – Jasper County Livestock	854
5 – Jefferson County Manufacturing	854
6 – ANRA – Lake Columbia	853
7 – Sand Hills WSC – SRA Transfer	841
8 – San Augustine Municipal New Wells	816
9 – Nacogdoches Livestock	814
10 – San Augustine Livestock	814

- 8.** Consideration and Approval for the adoption of the Final 2021 Region I East Texas Regional Water Plan, authorize the submittal of the Plan to the Texas Water Development Board, and authorize the Consultant to review and make any non-substantive changes prior to submittal – Chairman Kelley Holcomb

David Alders moved to approve the adoption of the Final 2021 Region I East Texas Regional Water Plan, authorize the submittal of the Plan to the Texas Water Development Board, and authorize the Consultant and Executive Committee to review and make any non-substantive changes prior to submittal to the Texas Water Development Board. Matthew McBroom seconded the motion and was unanimously passed.

9. Consideration and Approval of Prioritization of Water Management Strategies and Infrastructure Costs Associated with the Projects in the 2021 Regional Water Plan – Chairman Kelley Holcomb

Greg Morgan made motion to approve the Prioritization of Water Management Strategies and Infrastructure Costs Associated with the Projects in the 2021 Regional Water Plan. David Alders seconded the motion and was unanimously passed.

10. Consideration and Approval to designate the City of Nacogdoches as the Political Subdivision to administer the Region I RWPG for the Sixth (6) Cycle of Regional Water Planning – Chairman Kelley Holcomb

John McFarland made motion to designate the City of Nacogdoches as the Political Subdivision to administer the Region I RWPG for the Sixth (6) Cycle of Regional Water Planning. Randy Stanton seconded the motion and was unanimously passed.

11. Consideration and Approval to authorize the Region I Political Subdivision to provide public notice, submit a grant application to the TWDB, and execute a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the Region I RWPG for initial funding of the Sixth (6) Cycle of Regional Water Planning – Chairman Kelley Holcomb

David Alders made motion to authorize the Region I Political Subdivision to provide public notice, submit a grant application to the TWDB, and execute a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the Region I RWPG for initial funding of the Sixth (6) Cycle of Regional Water Planning. John McFarland seconded the motion and was unanimously passed.

12. Consideration and Approval authorizing the City of Nacogdoches to initiate the procurement process to select a consultant for Round 6 Regional Water Planning activities – Chairman Kelley Holcomb

Randy Stanton made motion to authorize the City of Nacogdoches to initiate the procurement process to select a consultant for Sixth (6) Cycle of Regional Water Planning activities. John McFarland seconded the motion and was unanimously passed.

13. Consideration and Approval of the FY2021 annual budget – Mark Dunn

Mark Dunn was absent and unable to present FY 2021 Budget proposal. NO ACTION taken.

14. Consideration and Possible Approval of actions relating to filling a vacancy for Water Districts – Monty Shank

Monty Shank, attending meeting by phone, had technical difficulties and was unable to provide an update prior to Chairman Holcomb moving on to the next item. NO ACTION taken.

15. Public Comments. (limited to 3 minutes) – Chairman Kelley Holcomb

No public comments presented during the meeting.

16. General Discussion – Chairman Kelley Holcomb

Chairman Kelley Holcomb discussed the Interregional Committee; and that they had met several times; and he noted their committee will submit their report in October 2020. Chairman Kelley Holcomb further stated he will step down as Chairman in February 2021. He remarked he had served as Chairman for three (3) Regional Water Plan cycles, approximately 15 years. Now he will focus on the Angelina Neches River Authority, his day job

David Alders was the first to thank him for his service and many more replied with the same sentiment.

17. Set Next Meeting Date – Tentatively February 2021 – Chairman Kelley Holcomb

Chairman Kelley Holcomb advised the next meeting is set for February 2021.

18. Adjourn Chair adjourned meeting at 11:48 A.M.

APPROVED THIS ____ day of February, 2021

Kelley Holcomb, Chair
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST:

John Martin, Secretary

Minutes approved February ____, 2021