

MINUTES OF THE VITRUAL/JOIN BY PHONE
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP “I”
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, March 17, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Kelley Holcomb called the meeting to order at 10:48 A.M.
2. Invocation – Chairman Kelley Holcomb
3. Welcome and Introductions – Chairman Kelley Holcomb

Chairman Holcomb welcomed TWDB member Kathleen Jackson to the meeting and advised she may speak during the Public Comments.

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
Roger Fussell
Scott Hall
Kelley Holcomb
Fred L. Jackson
John Martin
Matthew McBroom
John McFarland
Monty Shank
Randy Stanton
Terry Stelly
Mary Vann - Designated Alternate for David Montagne

Voting Members Absent: (9)

David Brock - resigned
Josh David – resigned but not accepted by Nominations Committee 3-17-21
Chris Davis
Mark Dunn
Stevan Gelwick
David Gorsich
David Montagne
Gregory Morgan - resigned
Darla Smith - removed

Voting Member Category Vacancies: (2)

Small Business
Water District

Government Reporting Agencies:

Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board

Rusty Ray, Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board
Kate Jackson, Texas Water Development 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

5. Public Comments. (limited to 3 minutes).

Kate Jackson with Texas Water Development Board presented Kelley Holcomb a plaque and thanked him for his service to Region I.

6. Consideration and approval of the minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting.

Randy Stanton moved the minutes of September 16, 2020 meeting be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Roger Fussell passed unanimously.

7. Reports from other state agencies, as necessary.

a. Texas Water Development Board – Lann Bookout

Lann Bookout advised TWDB is contracting with UT Bureau of Economic Geology to assess mining water use and update demand projections for 2026 regional water plans. A Kickoff meeting was held in December 2020 and a website launched. Regional Water Planning Area (RWPA) Boundary Review is required by statute and rule every 5 years – review has been completed; and no changes required. RFA for Sixth Cycle Planning Grant Funds was posted in the Texas Register on March 12, 2021; application period will be open for 30 days; anticipated Board authorization to negotiate contracts in June 2021; and initial contract execution deadline between TWDB and SARA will be August 31, 2021. Regional Water Planning rulemaking in early 2021 to address items related to initial sixth cycle contracts. Interregional Planning Council to develop recommendations on interregional coordination, best practices for future planning, and planning water resources for the state as a whole.

More information may be seen at

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/index.asp>

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)

8. Report from consultant team – Rex Hunt, Cynthia Syvarth

a. Review of 5th Cycle Water Planning Schedule

b. Final 2021 Plan and Prioritization

c. Review of 6th Cycle Water Planning Schedule

Cynthia Syvarth presented a review of the 5th Cycle, Final 2021 Plan and Prioritization and closed with a review of the upcoming 6th cycle Water Planning Schedule. She stated more information could be seen at <https://www.etexwaterplan.org>

- 9.** Consideration and Approval the selection of a consultant team for the 6th round of regional water planning – Chairman Kelley Holcomb

Matt McBroom made motion to appoint Plummer Associates as the Consultant Team for the 6th round of RWP. The motion was seconded by Terry Stelly and passed unanimously.

- 10.** Consideration and Approval to authorize the Region I Political Subdivision to provide public notice and hold a pre-planning public meeting to obtain public input on development of the 2026 Regional Water Plan and 2027 State Water Plan – Chairman Kelley Holcomb

David Alders moved to authorize the Region I Political Subdivision to provide public notice and hold a pre-planning meeting to obtain public input on development of the 2026 Regional Water Plan and 2026 State Water Plan. The motion was seconded by Roger Fussell and passed unanimously.

- 11.** Consideration and Approval authorizing the items related to East Texas Regional Water Planning Group Membership:

- a. Resignation of Voting Members

Nominating Committee Chair, Monty Shank moved to accept the resignations of Worth Whitehead; Greg Morgan; David Brock and remove Darla Smith for absenteeism. The motion was seconded by John Martin and passed unanimously.

- b. Appointment of New Voting Members

Nominating Committee Chair, Monty Shank moved to appoint the following new Voting Members: Emily Whitworth, Kate Dietz and Kimberly Lynn. The motion was seconded by Roger Fussell and passed unanimously.

- 12.** Consideration and Possible Approval of Executive Committee and Standing Committee Appointments - Monty Shank

Nominating Committee Chair, Monty Shank presented the 2021 Executive Committee as follows:

Chair – Kelley Holcomb
1st Vice Chair – Josh David
2nd Vice Chair – John Martin
Secretary – David alders
Asst. Sec – David Montagne
1st At Large – Matthew McBroom
2nd At Large – Mark Dunn

David Alders moved nominations for Chair be opened. After lengthy discussion, no name was put forward for Chair. David Alders moved to close nominations for Chair. The motion was seconded by Monty Shank and unanimously passed.

Nominating Committee Chair, Monty Shank moved to approve the 2021 Executive Committee as presented. The motion was seconded by John Martin and passed unanimously.

13. General Discussion – Chairman Kelley Holcomb

Kelley Holcomb commented 2021 would be his last year to serve as chair. David Alders asked Kelley Holcomb if someone was found mid-year to serve as chair; would that be okay with him? He responded, yes that would be okay.

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

Chairman Kelley Holcomb advised the next meeting is set for August 18, 2021 as regular, in-person meeting.

15. Adjourn – Chair adjourned meeting at 11:32 A.M.

APPROVED THIS August 18, 2021

Kelley Holcomb, Chair
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST:

John Martin, Secretary

Minutes approved August 18, 2021