

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL/JOIN BY PHONE  
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP “I” MEETING  
THURSDAY, April 7, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Kelley Holcomb called the meeting to order at 10:07 A.M.
2. Invocation – Chairman Kelley Holcomb called on David Alders for the invocation.
3. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum – The roll was called by Stacy Corley and quorum was determined as follows:

**Voting Members Present: (15 of 22)**

David Alders – Ag  
Chris Davis – Counties -*Virtual*  
Kate Dietz – Municipality - *Virtual*  
Mark Dunn – Small Business - *Virtual*  
Roger Fussell – Water Utility  
Scott Hall – River Authority - *Virtual*  
Kelley Holcomb – River Authority  
Fred L. Jackson - Counties  
John Martin – GMA-14  
Matthew McBroom - Environmental  
John McFarland – GMA-11  
Monty Shank – River Authority  
Randy Stanton – Electric Power - *Virtual*  
Terry D. Stelly – Public  
David Gorsich – Industries - *Virtual*

**Voting Members Absent: (3)**

Emily Whitworth – Water District  
Stevan Gelwicks – Public  
David Montagne – River Authority

**Voting Member Category Vacancies: (4)**

Small Business  
Industry  
Agriculture  
Electric Power

**Government Reporting Agencies:**

Texas Water Development Board – Lann Bookout – *Virtual*  
Texas Department of Agriculture – Manual Martinez – *Virtual*

**Staff and Consultants:**

Stacy Corley, City of Nacogdoches  
Cynthia Syvarth, Plummer

4. Consideration and Approval of the minutes of the August 18, 2021 meeting – Chairman Holcomb

John Martin moved the minutes of August 18, 2021 meeting be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Monty Shank and passed unanimously.

5. Consideration and Approval of Items related to East Texas Regional Water Planning Group Membership:

a. Resignation of Voting Members

Nomination Committee Chair Monty Shank moved to accept the resignation of Randy Stanton – Electric Power. The motion was seconded by Mark Dunn and passed unanimously.

b. Appointment of New Voting Members

Nomination Committee Chair Monty Shank presented the following individuals for appointment as voting members:

Electric Power: Michael Snyder of Jefferson County, Entergy Texas, Inc.

Water Utilities: Robb Starr of Hardin County, District Manager of Lumberton MUD

Agriculture: Matthew Mettauer of Shelby County, poultry grower

Small Business: Christopher L. Wiesinger of Smith County, One Rock Real Estate

The motion was seconded by David Alders and passed unanimously.

6. Report from City of Nacogdoches

Stacy Corley reported she was retiring June 30, 2022.

7. Reports of adjoining regions activity:

- a. Region C – Vacant – Connie Standridge states like most regions, in early planning stages.
- b. Region D – John McFarland – Met in person 11-4-2021, same house keeping. Meeting 4-13-2022.
- c. Region H – Scott Hall – no report

8. Report from Standing Committees:

- a. Executive Committee – Kelley Holcomb – no report
- b. Finance Committee – Mark Dunn – will be contacting counties that have delinquent membership dues. To give update next meeting.
- c. Bylaws Committee – David Alders – no report
- d. Technical Committee – Scott Hall – no report
- e. Nominations Committee – Monty Shank – (action taken in Item 5)

9. Report from consultant team:

- a. Review of 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Water Planning schedule – Cynthia Syvarth

Cynthia Syvarth reviewed **January through June of 2022** schedules for TWDB and Region I as follows:

**TWDB/BEG Mining Study / Municipal WUG list, GPCD, historical population, and water use released / Draft Livestock, Manufacturing, and Steam Electric Power demand projections released / DB27 prepared for data entry and Updated Modeled Available Groundwater (MAGs) released.**

**TWDB and RWPGs Anticipated additional contracting activities / RWPGs Review municipal WUG list, GPCD, historical population, and water use; provide feedback to the TWDB / Review draft projections and finalize adjustments with TWDB staff / Evaluate water availability and existing water supplies.**

- b. Review of available Draft Projections & Methodology – Cynthia Syvarth

Municipal Demand – coming February 2023; adjustments due August 2023 – Water User Group List adjustment requests due July 2022

Non-Municipal Demand Revision Requests due July 2023:

Livestock

Manufacturing

Steam – Electric Power

Mining, coming August 2022

Irrigation, coming August 2022

More detailed information may be obtained at <https://www.etexwaterplan.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Region-I-April-7-2022-Agenda-Packet.pdf>

## 10. Reports from other state agencies, as necessary:

- a. Texas Water Development Board – Lann Bookout

Lann Bookout discussed the amendments to 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 355 relating to Regional Water Planning Grants and 31 TAC Chapter 357.21 relating to Regional Water Planning Notice and Public Participation requirements. New subsection 357.21(g)(1) specifies that regular RWPG meetings, and any committee or subcommittee meetings, are subject to a **minimum seven-day public notice**. This revises the previous requirement that regular RWPG meetings occur with a minimum three-day public notice.

- b. Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife – Stephen Lange – Absent
- c. Texas Department of Agriculture – Manual Martinez – gave update on funding available from TDA: Downtown, Young Farmers and FAST Grant
- d. Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board – Trey Watson – Absent

## 11. Consideration and Approval of nominations of planning group members to serve as a member and alternate to the Interregional Planning Council; and formally appoint liaisons for adjoining regions.

Roger Fussell made motion that John Martin serves as member and David Alders serves as alternate for the Interregional Planning Council during the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle of Regional Water Planning Group I. The motion was seconded by Monty Shank and passed unanimously.

Roger Fussell made motion to appoint liaisons for the adjoining regions:

Region C: John Martin

Region D: John McFarland

Region H: Scott Hall

The motion was seconded by David Alders and passed unanimously.

- 12.** Consideration and Approval of blanket certification of administrative expenses for the 6<sup>th</sup> planning cycle contract No. 2148302561; and approve submission to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement.

John Martin made motion to approve the blanket certification of administrative expenses for the 6<sup>th</sup> planning cycle contract No. 2148302561; and approve submission to the Texas Water Development Board for reimbursement. The motion was seconded by Terry D. Stelly and passed unanimously.

- 13.** Consideration and Approval to authorize the City of Nacogdoches to negotiate and execute an amendment to the TWDB contract to incorporate the full scope of work and total project cost for the 2026 Regional Water Plans.

Roger Fussell made motion to authorize the City of Nacogdoches to negotiate and execute an amendment to the TWDB contract No. 2148302561 to incorporate the full scope of work and total project cost for the 2026 Regional Water Plans as required. The motion was seconded by John Martin and passed unanimously.

- 14.** Consideration and Approval of Executive Committee appointments – Monty Shank

Chair Kelley Holcomb, addressed the members to say today's meeting, 4-7-2022, is the last meeting he is able to preside as Chairman due to his wife's illness. He stated he would continue to participate as a voting member.

David Alders thanked Kelley Holcomb for his years serving Region I as Chairman; and many others voiced their appreciation as well.

Nominating Committee Chair Monty Shank presented the 2022 Executive Committee as follows:

Chair – vacant

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – John Martin

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – David Alders

Secretary – Terry D. Stelly

Asst. Sec – David Montagne

1<sup>st</sup> At Large – Matthew McBroom

2<sup>nd</sup> At Large – Mark Dunn

Roger Fussell moved the list of the Executive Committee members be approved as presented by Nominating Committee Chair Monty Shank. The motion was seconded by John Martin and unanimously passed.

- 15.** Public Comments – none

- 16.** General Discussion –

Cynthia Syvarth advised the members Rex Hunt is only working a couple of days a week in preparation for retirement; and Dexter May is leaving soon to begin mission work in Uganda.

- 17.** Set Next Meeting Date – unknown

- 18.** Adjourn

John Martin moved to adjourn meeting at 11:32 A.M. The motion was seconded by Mark Dunn and passed unanimously.

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_

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John Martin, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST:

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Terry Stelly, Secretary

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_