

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of the
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP "T"
Wednesday, April 8, 2015– 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 10:10 a.m. Chair Holcomb directed attention to the revised agenda that had been posted accordingly.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – Worth Whitehead gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – The roll was called by Lila Fuller and a quorum was determined as follows:

Voting Members Present (14 of 22)

Kelley Holcomb
David Alders
David Brock
Josh David
Mark Dunn
Scott Hall
William Heugel
Joseph Holcomb
Bill Kimbrough
John Martin
Gregory Morgan
Monty Shank
Worth Whitehead
J. Leon Young

Voting Members Absent (7)

Leah Adams
Jeff Branick
Chris Davis
Mike Harbordt
David Montagne
Dale Peddy
Darla Smith

Voting Member Vacancies (1)

Proxies:

Monty Shank for Chris Davis
Monty Shank for Mike Harbordt
Kelley Holcomb for Dale Peddy
Bill Heugel for Darla Smith

Non-Voting Members Present:

Connie Standridge – Region C
Ben A. Stephenson – Dallas Water Utilities

Governmental Reporting Agencies Present:

Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board
Terry Stelly – Texas Parks and Wildlife
Manuel Martínez – Texas Dept. of Agriculture

Other Guests Present:

Stacy Corley, City of Nacogdoches
Lila Fuller, City of Nacogdoches
Rex Hunt, Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.
Cynthia Syvarth – Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.
Spandana Tummuri – Freese & Nichols, Inc.
Mary S. Vann – SRA-TX
Jess Landreneau – Panola County GCD
Steve Bartlett – City of Nacogdoches

4. Consideration and approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting.

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

5. Report from City of Nacogdoches – Lila Fuller.

No report.

6. Reports from other State agencies:

- A. **Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife** – Terry Stelly shared that HB 1016 relating to the designation of certain river or stream segments as being of unique ecological value was through committee. He stated there was also a companion bill in SB1293.
Texas Department of Agriculture –Manuel Martinez stated Ag Commissioner Miller was in Nacogdoches on Tuesday for the Nacogdoches County Ag Awards Banquet.

7. Report from Texas Water Development Board staff:

- A. **Update and guidance on 2016 Regional Water Plan tasks and timeline.**
Lann Bookout reminded members that the IPP would need a vote of 2/3 to be adopted. He reviewed the public meeting requirement and 30 day comment period. He stated Cycle 5 contracts would go to the TWDB on May 6 for approval.

8. Report from consultant team – Rex Hunt/Alan Plummer Associates. Inc.

- A. **Review of schedule for 2016 Regional Water Plan.**

Rex Hunt reviewed the project schedule and gave an update on the final IPP draft.

9. Receive public comments on the scope of planning activities for 2021 (5th Cycle) Regional Water Plan (limited to three minutes)

Rex Hunt reviewed the scope of planning activities for the 2021 Plan. No one wished to speak.

10. **Consideration and approval of actions related to the 2016 Initially Prepared Plan:**
- A. **Adoption of the Final Initially Prepared Plan.**
 - B. **Authorize the submittal of the approved Initially Prepared Plan and related documents before the May 1, 2015 deadline.**
 - C. **Authorize the Executive Committee to approve minor revisions to Initially Prepared Plan prior to the May 1, 2015 submittal deadline.**

Consultants Cynthia Syvarth (APAI) and Spandana Tummuri (Freese Nichols, Inc.) reviewed each chapter of the Draft Initially Prepared Plan. They encouraged comments and stated comments and changes could be made after the IPP is submitted to the Texas Water Development Board.

David Alders suggested a complete wetlands map for the Region is included.

There was discussion on per capital water use; drought information contained in Chapter 7 and clarification of drought of record (historical) for reservoirs.

Chair Holcomb recessed for lunch at 11:20 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

Cynthia Syvarth and Spandana Tummuri continued their review of the Draft IPP – Chapter 5B. They referenced the strategy handout and discussed the 14 consultant team strategies identified in the draft IPP.

There was discussion on conservation strategies and how they would be addressed in the IPP and pointed out the need in Henderson County to add an alternate strategy that worked to get MAG numbers changed to allow use from Carrizo Wilcox.

Chapter 8 Legislative recommendations were discussed, stating they would remain in draft form to allow for additional changes until May 1 submission.

The group discussed various sections of this chapter including junior water rights; unique reservoir designation; wastewater reuse; uncommitted surface water and suggestion additions for the 2016 plans as follows:

- Develop and document standardized processes for regional water plan development that coincide with federal permitting processes where possible.
- Funding through the TWDB for additional groundwater modeling to better develop DFC's and related MAGS
- Clarification on the criteria for developing and designating unique stream segments, to include a limitation on the impacts of the designation.
- Regional Water Plan Prioritization should define what constitutes a "project" to exclude WMS's with no capital costs.

There being no additional discussion, Scott Hall moved to adopt the final IPP as presented, and authorize submission by May 1, authorizing the Executive Committee to approve minor revisions. The motion was seconded by Josh David and unanimously passed.

11. Consideration and approval for publishing notice of the dates, times and locations of public hearings to receive comments on the adopted Initially Prepared Plan.

After discussion on historically holding three public meetings in Beaumont, Jacksonville and Nacogdoches, and that only one meeting is required, Greg Morgan moved to consolidate to one meeting in Nacogdoches to be held in late June or July, and publish the required legal notice in the Tyler, Nacogdoches and Beaumont newspapers as historically done. The motion was seconded by John Martin and unanimously passed.

12. Consideration and approval authorizing the City of Nacogdoches to issue a Request for Qualifications for the 2021 Regional Water Planning Process (Round 5).

Scott Hall moved to authorize the City of Nacogdoches to solicit RFQs for consulting engineer for the 2021 Regional Water Planning Process (Round 5) as presented. The motion was seconded by Monty Shank and unanimously passed.

General discussion. Kelley Holcomb stated The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would host two public meetings on April 28 and 29 to provide information and receive public input as it prepares to revise the Master Plan for Sam Rayburn Reservoir.

The meeting on April 28 will be held at the Ellen Trout Zoo and the meeting on April 29 will be at the Rayburn Country Banquet Room beginning at 6 p.m. At the conclusion of the presentation there will be time for the public to view maps, ask questions and provide comments about the project.

13. Adjourn – Chair Holcomb adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 30th day of September 2015.



Kelley Holcomb, Chair
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST:


David Brock, Secretary

Minutes approved: September 30, 2015