

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of the
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP "T"
Wednesday, March 11, 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 10:15 a.m.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – Kelley Holcomb 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
Leah Adams
David Brock
Josh David
Scott Hall
William Heugel
Joseph Holcomb
John Martin
David Montagne
Gregory Morgan
Monty Shank
Darla Smith
Worth Whitehead
J. Leon Young

Voting Members Absent (7)

David Alders
Jeff Branick
Chris Davis
Mark Dunn
Mike Harbordt
Bill Kimbrough
Dale Peddy

Voting Member Vacancies (1)

Proxies:

Monty Shank for Chris Davis
Monty Shank for Mike Harbordt
Kelley Holcomb for Dale Peddy

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 Martinez – 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 Vann – SRA-TX
 Steve Bartlett – City of Nacogdoches
 Donna McCollum – KTRE-TV

4. Receive Comments from Ms. Kathleen Jackson, Director, Texas Water Development Board.

Chair Holcomb stated Director Jackson was unable to attend.

5. Consideration and approval of the minutes of the January 28, 2015 meeting.

Josh David moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Worth Whitehead and unanimously passed.

6. Report from City of Nacogdoches – Lila Fuller.

No report.

7. Reports from other State agencies:

- A. **Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife** – Terry Stelly shared that according to Cindy Loeffler, PE with TPW, the Region L bill to designate significant stream segments was being heard in the House.

Texas Department of Agriculture – Manuel Martinez stated Ag Commissioner Miller had TDA staff going to all regional meetings and reporting back to him to keep current with water issues in the State. He also mentioned the Specialty Crop Block Grant available through TDA, defined as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, horticulture, nursery crops (including floriculture). More information on the grant program can be found at <https://texasagriculture.gov/Home/ProductionAgriculture/SpecialtyCropBlockGrantProgram.aspx>.

8. Report from Texas Water Development Board staff:

- A. **Update and guidance on 2016 Regional Water Plan tasks and timeline.**

Lann Bookout gave an update on the SWIFT Funding, stating 45 applications had been received. He stated staff would prioritize the applications with final approval of funding expected during the summer.

He stated the 5th Cycle funding applications had been received by the regions and TWDB had until April 9 to approve. The contracts must be fully executed by August 31, 2015.

9. **Report from consultant team – Rex Hunt/Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.**

A. **Review of schedule for 2016 Regional Water Plan, tasks and timeline.**

Rex reviewed the project schedule.

B. **Review of draft Chapter 5B of the 2016 Regional Water Plan.**

Spandana Tummuri with Freese & Nichols, Inc and Cynthia Syvarth with Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. reviewed Chapter 5B of the 2016 Regional Water Plan, which covered the evaluation of potentially feasible, recommended, and alternative water management strategies. They explained how strategies within the chapter would be organized between Water User Groups by County and Wholesale Water Providers. They provided a handout demonstrating how data would be compiled into Chapter 5B and technical memorandums, as well as handouts covering the needs and water management strategies for Wholesale Water Providers and Water User Groups.

It was reported they had received 85% of the surveys back from water providers and were very pleased with that response, stating the more input received the more accurate the 2016 Plan would be.

They reviewed the WMS Matrix Evaluation and the criteria used. As an example, they presented a strategy of reservoir development for surface water and the treatment process for groundwater.

Each county with needs were reviewed individually for recommended and alternative strategies.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation and handouts can be obtained from the Administrator)

Chair Holcomb recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:00 noon.

10. **Public Comment. – None.**

11. **Consideration and Approval of Draft Chapters 5A, 8, 9 and 10 of the 2016 Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan.**

Spandana gave a brief review of Chapter 5A. Spandana reminded the planning group that Chapter 5A identified potentially feasible water management strategies. She reviewed updates that had been made to supply availability within the region since the last meeting.

Upon completion of the review, Chair Holcomb called for a motion to approve Draft 5A of the 2016 Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan as presented (part of Item No. 11 on agenda). Leon Young moved to approve Draft Chapter 5A as presented. The motion was seconded by Monty Shank and unanimously passed.

Chair Holcomb reminded members that Chapter 8 would contain Legislative recommendations, and to provide him or the consultants with any recommendations they had

as soon as possible. Consulting staff referred the members to handouts they had been provided with the Legislative recommendations from the 2011 Water Plan.

Cynthia explained Chapter 9 would contain the Infrastructure Financing Report which would be developed by the TWDB after completion of the IPP. She stated the vote on this draft chapter would be as a "placeholder" and the report will be added to Chapter 9 before final adoption of the plan.

Monty Shank moved to approve Draft Chapter 9, which would contain the Infrastructure Financing Report upon its completion. The motion was seconded by John Martin and unanimously passed.

Chair Holcomb stated Draft Chapter 10 would include documentation related to adoption of the 2016 Plan and public participation related to a review of the IPP. Again, the adoption of the draft chapter would be a "placeholder" for the information to be added later. Kelley reviewed the public outreach used in the past and solicited recommendations for any changes.

It was suggested that a "counter" be added to the ETRWPG website to track how many times the site was accessed and what information was being viewed.

Worth Whitehead moved to approve Draft Chapter 10 as presented. The motion was seconded by Josh David and unanimously passed.

12. **General discussion.** Rex Hunt stated they were soliciting photos of water related structures within the Region that could be used in the final water plan. He asked that the pictures be sent to him or to Lila.

Chair Holcomb recognized Spandana and Cynthia for the work they had done on the plan and what a useful tool it would be upon completion. He announced the next meeting was scheduled for April 8, 2015.

13. **Adjourn** – Chair Holcomb adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 8th day of April 2015.


Kelley Holcomb, Chair
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST:


David Brock, Secretary

Minutes approved: April 8, 2015