

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of the
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP "T"
Wednesday, September 30, 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.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – David Alders gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum –The roll was called by Stacy Corley and a quorum was determined as follows:

Voting Members Present (18 of 22)

Kelley Holcomb
Leah Adams
David Alders
David Brock
Josh David
Mark Dunn
Scott Hall
Mike Harbordt
William Heugel
Joseph Holcomb
John Martin
David Montagne
Gregory Morgan
Dale R. Peddy
Monty Shank
Darla Smith
Worth Whitehead
J. Leon Young (joined meeting at 11:15 a.m.)

Voting Members Absent (3)

Jeff Branick
Chris Davis
Bill Kimbrough

Proxies:

J. Leon Young to David Alders

Voting Member Category Vacancies: (1) Water Utilities

Non-Voting Members Present:

Governmental Reporting Agencies Present:

Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board
Scott Galaway, 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.
 Spandana Tummuri – Freese & Nichols, Inc.
 Travis Williams, SRA
 Jim Brown, SRA
 C. Hamilton, NTVGCD
 Amanda Maloukis, RCGCD
 Jackie Risner, Pineywoods GCD

4. Consideration and approval of the minutes of the April 8, 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 – Stacy Corley.

Mrs. Fuller advised the members that today was her last official day with the City of Nacogdoches as she has retired and Stacy Corley will be assuming her administrative duties with Region I. Chairman Holcomb asked Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Corley to come up to the podium. Chairman Holcomb presented Mrs. Fuller with a plaque of appreciation from Region I for her service since 2007. Rex Hunt and Spandana Tummuri presented Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Corley with flowers of appreciation for their work with Region I.

6. Reports from other State agencies:

- A. **Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife** – Terry Stelly shared the coastal red tide issue which has been affecting the coast from Galveston on south for the last few weeks.
- B. **Texas Department of Agriculture** – Manuel Martinez stated the Texas Department of Agriculture has just awarded approximately 160 grants for Rural Community Improvements. He stated that in the Region I area 18 to 19 grants were awarded.

7. Report from Texas Water Development Board staff: -- Lann Bookout

A. Update and guidance on 2017 State Water Plan tasks and timeline.

Lann advised the interregional conflict between with Region C & D recently went to court, is in the process of mediation. Additionally, it is anticipated that the interregional conflict rule revisions will go to the Board for consideration for final adoption in October. He stated Region I is not involved in any boundary issues. Boundaries are reviewed every five years to coincide with Planning cycles. The adopted Final Plan is due to TWDB December 1, 2015 including the adopted Final 2016 Prioritization.

Lann discussed the prior Swift Funding Cycle and advised the Second round of Swift funding will begin in December. The Board has asked for the State Water Plan to be completed one (1) year early for use in the Swift funding application evaluation for the Second round of funding.

Lann introduced Scott Galaway, Outreach Specialist from the Houston Field Office for Region H/I. He can help with funding for utility needs regarding Drinking and Clean Water.

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

Review of schedule, responses to Initially Prepared Plan Comments and Project Prioritization for the 2016 Regional Water Plan.

Rex Hunt with APAI addressed members regarding the **project schedule**, the draft 2016 RWP has been delivered to Public locations and a public hearing was held to discuss the draft plan. Consideration and action to address all comments from the TWDB, Public, and Public agencies were completed in the summer of 2015. In September 2015, RWPG reviewed Chapter 10, Task 10 - Public Participation and Plan Adoption, also discussed Task 13 - 2016 Prioritizations of WMS in the 2016 RWP. In November 2015, RWPG will adopt Final 2016 Prioritization and adopt Final 2016 Plan. By December 1st of 2015, RWPG will submit Final 2016 Plan to TWDB.

Responses to 2016 IPP Comments: Comments were generally minor – significant changes to Chapters 5B, 9 and 10. No changes to Chapter 2 and minor changes to remaining chapters. RWPG received comments from the following: Public Response from IPP Hearing; TWDB; TPWD and UNRMWA. A few specific comments: Public comment on future impoundments (handout Item # 1); TWDB Level 1 comment on strategies that do not increase supply volume (item #12) TWDB Level 1 comments on quantitative reporting methods (Item 14 and 15) – TWDB Level 2 comment on Chapter 11 – identification of individual recommended and alternative strategies (Item #21)

2016 Prioritization: Water Management Strategy – a plan to meet a need for additional water by a discrete user group. **Project** – Identifies sponsor and capital cost requirements to implement a WMS. **2011 Prioritization** – prioritized 130 Water Management Strategies from the 2011 Plan. **2016 Prioritization** – prioritized 61 Projects from the 2016 Plan. This process includes uniform standards/criteria in five areas: **Decade of Need** (40% weighting); **Project Feasibility** (10% weighting); **Project Viability** (25% weighting); **Project Sustainability** (15% weighting) and **Project Cost Effectiveness** (10% weighting). Each area has between 1 and 4 uniform standards. Draft Assumptions Memorandum. Prioritization is underway. Typical scores will be from less than 200 to over 800 for projects. Rex to discuss draft results with Technical Committee before the November RWPG meeting. Final 2016 Prioritization will be presented at November RWPG meeting.

9. Public Comments (limited to three (3) minutes)

No one wished to speak.

10. Consideration and approval of responses to comments on the 2016 Region I Initially Prepared Plan.

Mike Harbordt moved to approve responses to comments on the 2016 Region I Initially Prepared Plan. The motion was seconded by Monty Shank and unanimously passed.

Dr. Young joined meeting at 11:15 a.m.

11. Consideration and approval of Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 of the Final 2016 Regional Water Plan.

Rex Hunt asked chapters to be considered be revised to include 2, 3, 4 and 8 as the other chapters still needed minor revisions. Mike Harbordt moved to approve Chapters: 2, 3, 4 and 8 of the Final 2016 Regional Water Plan. The motion was seconded by Greg Morgan and unanimously passed.

12. Consideration and approval authorizing the City of Nacogdoches to accept the Statement of Qualifications from Alan Plummer Associates Inc, (APAI) and to enter into a contract with APAI for the 5th Cycle of Region I Water Planning.

Chairman Holcomb asked Rex Hunt to name the subcontractors for 5th Cycle. Rex advised Freese & Nichols, Inc. (Spandana Tummuri) and LBG Guyton (James Beach) will be the subcontractors for the 5th Cycle of Region I Water Planning.

David Alders moved to approve authorizing the City of Nacogdoches to accept the Statement of Qualifications from Alan Plummer Associates Inc., (APAI) and to enter into a contract with APAI for the 5th Cycle of Region I Water Planning. The motion was seconded by Monty Shank and unanimously passed.

13. Consideration and approval of the FY 2016 Annual Budget.

Darla Smith discussed the budget process, noting it is not funded by TWDB. Chairman Holcomb asked the Finance Committee to formulate a new funding method for FY 2017.

Darla Smith presented her recommendation of \$20,000 for Region I's FY 2016 Annual Budget; and to request \$10,000 from the RWPG counties. She also presented the purchase of a server for Region I's record retention for approximately \$639.00.

Worth Whitehead moved to approve the FY 2016 Annual Budget of \$20,000; to request \$10,000 from the RWPG counties; and approve the purchase of a server for Region I's record retention for approximately \$639.00. The motion was seconded by Monty Shank and unanimously passed.

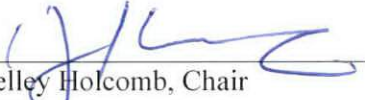
14. General discussion.

None

15. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, November 5, 2015.

16. Adjourn – Chair Holcomb adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 5th day of November 2015.


Kelley Holcomb, Chair
ETR WPG – Region I

ATTEST:


David Brock, Secretary

Minutes approved: November 5, 2015