

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of the
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP “I”
Wednesday August 16, 2017 – 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 10:20 a.m.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – Kelley Holcomb, Chair
3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum –The roll was called by Stacy Corley and a quorum was determined as follows:

Voting Members Present (10 of 22)

Leah Adams
Josh David
Mark Dunn
Scott Hall
Kelley Holcomb
John Martin
Gregory Morgan
Monty Shank
Darla Smith
Worth Whitehead

Voting Members Absent (3)

David Alders
David Brock
Chris Davis

Proxies: (3)

Mike Harbordt to Monty Shank
David Montagne to Scott Hall
Dale R. Peddy to Kelley Holcomb

Voting Member Category Vacancies: (6)

- (1) Counties
- (1) Environmental
- (2) Public
- (1) Small Business
- (1) Water Utilities

Non -Voting Members Present:

Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board
Scott Galaway, Texas Water Development Board
Yun Cho, Texas Water Development Board

Terry Stelly, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Manuel Martinez, Field Representative Texas Department of Agriculture
Ben A. Stephenson, DWU City of Dallas

Staff and Consultants:

Stacy Corley, City of Nacogdoches
Rex Hunt, Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.

Other Guests:

Gary Ashmore, Lower Trinity GCD
Mary S. Vann, Sabine River Authority
Travis Williams, Sabine River Authority
Case Opperman, Assistant Engineer City of Nacogdoches

4. Consideration and approval of the minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting.

Mark Dunn moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Worth Whitehead and unanimously passed.

5. Report from City of Nacogdoches – Stacy Corley

Mrs. Corley reported Cycle 5 is underway and Amendment # 1 to the TWDB Contract # 1548301837 has been executed.

6. Reports of adjoining regions activity (only as needed)
 - a. Region C – Mike Harbordt/Connie Standridge - None
 - b. Region D – Worth Whitehead/Leah Adams- None
 - c. Region H – David Alders/Scott Hall

Mr. Worth Whitehead Requested that he be replaced as liaison for Region D. Mr. Holcomb called for volunteers, Ms. Leah Adams volunteered to assume that liaison position. Scott Hall advised Region H Sub-Committee had met last week to discuss Sub-wugs.

7. Reports from Standing Committees (only as needed)
 - a. Executive Committee – Kelley Holcomb - None
 - b. Finance Committee – Darla Smith – None
 - c. Bylaws Committee – David Alders – Absent – no report
 - d. Technical Committee – Scott Hall

Scott Hall advised the Technical Committee held a conference call last week to discuss the sub-wugs. He also stated Yun Cho will be touching on these is her presentation later in the agenda.

- e. Nominations Committee – Monty Shank
Monty Shank stated there was no quorum for meeting today, but stated there are a large number of vacancies. Those being: Counties (1); Environmental (1); Public

(2); Small Business (1) and Water Utilities (1). He asked for recommendations for immediate consideration.

8. Reports from other state agencies:

a. Texas Water Development Board staff – Lann Bookout

Lann Bookout discussed the 85th Texas Legislature updates relevant to Region I Water Planning. Three bills passes: SB 347; HB 2215; and SB 1511

Senate Bill 347 stipulates that each regional water planning group committee and sub-committee are subject to the Open Meeting Act and the Public Information Act effective September 1, 2017. Open Meetings Act training requirements apply to voting members according to TWDB interpretation.

House Bill 2215 Synchs the schedules of the State Water Plan and the desired future conditions (DFC) process—Groundwater conservation districts to propose DFCs by 5/1/21 and adopt the DFCs by 1/5/22—subsequent DFCs to be adopted before the end of each future five-year cycle. The Bill is effective immediately; and should result in new modeled available groundwater values becoming available earlier in each planning cycle.

Senate Bill 1511 Adds a non-voting member to each RWPG from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and requires that certain planning group activities be held at a location “readily accessible to the public” within the planning area. Directs RSPGs to amend their approved plan to exclude any strategy or project that becomes infeasible, and consider recommending a feasible strategy to address the same need. The bill will allow RSPGs to implement simplified planning every other cycle if there are no significant changes in water availability, supplies, or demands in the region based upon the RWPG’s own initial analysis. Finally, directs the TWDB to report on the prioritization and implementation of SWIFT projects in the State Water Plan. Effective September 1, 2017.

Several items for RWPGs to consider; TWDB will begin a rule revision process to address statutory changes arising from the 85th (R) legislative session.

b. Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife – Terry Stelly

Mr. Stelly gave update on fishing – not good with all the rain the last couple of months the Trout & Reds are further off shore and they are fighting the dead zone too.

c. Texas Department of Agriculture – Manual Martinez

Mr. Martinez reported preliminary phase of awarding for Community Development Grant from the Federal Government to TDA. He stated several of the 18 cities/counties have applied for water and sewer improvements. The Young Farmer grant application is due 9-20-2017.

d. Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board – Vacant

Mr. Martinez advised the Texas Soil & Conservation Board will appoint one person (non-voting member) to Region I.

9. Report from consultant team – Update on the Round 5 Planning Cycle – Rex Hunt:

Mr. Hunt, planning consultant updated the group on the preliminary working schedule:

- Identification of optional Sub-WUGs due 9-1-2017
- Review and Final of Draft Projections and WUG List due 1-12-2018
- 2021 County Other Handout – please review, this will be important in the next few months
- TWDB Schedule handout
- Change in methodologies - utility boundaries vs. municipal boundaries
- Each utility is a WUG

Out of order – 13. News Business: A

Break for lunch about 11:15 AM

Back in session 12:00 PM

10. Educational Presentation:

- a. Update on Population & Demand Projections and Methodologies – Yun Cho, TWDB Economic & Demographic Analysis Manager

Ms. Cho presented the 2021 Regional Water Plan Draft Projections Overview. She spoke about: Population & Municipal Demand Projections comparing 2016 RWP to 2021 Draft; Adjustment for Utility WUG Projections rather than Municipality Boundary; Revision for Draft Population & Municipal Demand Projections; Manufacturing Water Use and Demand Projections; Steam-Electric Power Water Use and Demand Projections; Irrigation Water Use and Demand Projections; Mining Water Use and Demand Projections; Livestock Water Use

and Demand Projections and Demand Projection Comparison of 2016 RWP vs 2021 Draft.

11. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes) None

12. Unfinished Business: None

13. New Business:

- a. Consideration and possible approval of the addition of Sub Water User Groups to the list of designated entities for Regional Water Planning.

Scott Hall moved to **not** approve additions of Sub Water User Groups to the list of designated entities for Regional Water Planning. The motion was seconded by John Martin and unanimously passed.

14. General Discussion – Scott Galloway with TWDB announced the Financial Assistance Workshop to be hosted by City of Nacogdoches October 3, 2017 at the Recreation Center starting at 9 A.M.

15. Next Meeting Date - November 15, 2017

16. Adjourn - 12:12 PM. Mark Dunn made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Josh David and unanimously passed.

APPROVED THIS 11 day of December 20 17.

Kelley Holcomb, Chair
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST:

John Martin, Secretary

Minutes approved December 11, 2017