

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of the
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP "T"
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
Nacogdoches Recreation Center
1112 North Street, Nacogdoches, Texas

1. Call to Order – Kelley Holcomb, Chair called the regular meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. He introduced the new voting members appointed as a result of SB 660 representing the Groundwater Management District 11, Leah Adams and GMA-14, John Martin.
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 Lila Fuller and a quorum was determined as follows:

Voting Members Present (17 of 24)

Kelley Holcomb
Leah Adams
David Alders
David Brock
George Campbell
Josh David
Chris Davis
Scott Hall
Mike Harbordt
William Heugel
Joseph Holcomb
Bill Kimbrough
Duke Lyons
John Martin
Dale R Peddy
Monty Shank
Darla Smith
Worth Whitehead
J Leon Young

Voting Members Absent (5)

Jeff Branick
Jerry Clark
Mark Dunn
Glenda Kindle
Hermon Reed

Proxies:

Kelly Holcomb for Jerry Clark
Monty Shank for Glenda Kindle

Non-Voting Members Present:

Connie Standridge (Region C)

Governmental Reporting Agencies Present:

Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board
Terry D. Stelly, TPWD-CF

Other Guests Present:

Rex Hunt, Alan Plummer Associates, Project Consultant
Mike Marcotte, Klotz Associates
Becky Whisenant, Cherokeean Herald
John deNoyelles, Lake Palestine
Jim Jeffers, City of Nacogdoches

4. **Consideration and Approval of the Minutes for the June 22, 2011 meeting.** Chair Holcomb referenced the minutes in the packet.

David Alders moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Josh David and unanimously passed.

5. **Report from City of Nacogdoches** – Lila Fuller requested members update any contact information before they left the meeting.
6. **Reports from adjoining regions activity:**
- A. **Region C** – Mike Harbordt had no report.
 - B. **Region D** – Worth Whitehead stated Region D was about at the same place in the regional planning process as Region I.
 - C. **Region H** – David Alders stated the Non-Municipal Demand Committee was reviewing revisions to Non-Municipal projects.
7. **Reports from Standing Committees:**
- A. **Executive Committee** – Kelly Holcomb - No report.
 - B. **Finance Committee** – Darla Smith updated the members on the counties who had submitted payment for county allocations.
 - C. **Bylaws Committee** – David Alders – No report.
 - D. **Technical Committee** – Mike Harbordt stated the Technical Committee would be busy in future months as preparations have begun for the updated regional water plan.
 - E. **Nominations Committee** – George Campbell stated a recommendation would be made under Agenda Item 14-D.
8. **Reports from other state agencies:**
- A. **Texas Parks & Wildlife Department** – Terry Stelly gave an update on water issues and provided those in attendance with a copy of the *Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine*. Stelly discussed the red tide and how the high level caused the close of the oyster industry on the Texas Gulf coast. He mentioned the possible re-opening of a small area in the near future. Stelly stated high flows had changed the system with regard to the dead zone. He referenced a news release issued in June or July stating the cause of the reduced size of the

dead zone was due to Tropical Storm Don. Stelly also stated the Texas Parks and Wildlife was getting a new research vessel.

B. Texas Department of Agriculture – Linda Parker absent. No report.

9. **Report from Texas Water Development Board Staff** – Lann Bookout reminded attendees about the TCEQ/Governor's Office Drought Management Workshops that were being held around the State and encouraged attendance if possible.

Lann reviewed the TWDB data comparing MAG numbers to Groundwater availability numbers. He stated TWDB would get the information out in the next few weeks.

He reviewed the new process to get comments from stakeholders on the draft non-municipal demand projections. He stated February was the deadline for comments on non-municipal projections, but when asked by Chair Holcomb if it was a definitive date, he stated it was somewhat fluid. Bookout further stated population projects were scheduled for release in June, as there had been a delay due to census data that had to be sorted through.

**10. Report from Consultant Team – Rex Hunt/Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.
Review and Discussion of 2016 Regional planning process**

Rex Hunt updated the group on the 4th Cycle planning schedule, which would focus on the following tasks:

- Chapter 2: Current Projected Population and Water Demand
 - Task 2A – Non-population related water demand projections
 - Task 2B – Population and Population-Related Water Demand Projections
- Chapter 3: Water Supply Analysis
 - I. Estimate Surface Water Availability and Supplies
 - II. Estimate Groundwater Availability and Supplies
 - III. Estimate System, Reuse and Other Types of Supplies
- Chapter 4: Water Management Strategies
 - Task 4A – Identification of Water Needs
 - Task 4B – Identification of Potentially Feasible WMS
 - Task 4C – Prepare and Submit Technical Memorandum

He reviewed task issues and approaches for each and highlighted new issues that would affect the outcomes, such as the census and drought conditions.

Rex stated the short-term schedule would consist of:

- Review of non-municipal projections which will begin immediately
- Evaluation of surface water and groundwater supplies to begin by March
- Evaluation of population projects and municipal demands starting mid to late summer

11. Educational presentation – None

12. **Public Comment** – John deNoyelles representing Lake Palestine area asked if the TWDB would only use 2010 census numbers, or if there was a dispute, would they wait for adjusted numbers.

Lann Bookout responded that the official census numbers would be used unless modified in time to be included.

Chair Holcomb recessed the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

The meeting was re-convened at 11:20 a.m.

13. Unfinished Businesses – None.

14. New Business

A. Review and discussion of Draft Non-Municipal Water Demand Projections.

Rex Hunt, consultant, reviewed the draft regional demands for each category of use and several specific county-level demand projections that were higher or lower than previous projections such as Jefferson and Orange counties.

No action necessary.

B. Review Methodology for determination of Water Management Strategies.

Rex Hunt stated the methodology for determining Water Management Strategies would be based on approved water demands and available water supplies. He stated the consulting team would identify Water Management Strategies by:

- Identifying entities with needs
- Review recommended strategies from 2011
- Determine if new or changed strategies were needed
- Contact entities for verification

Hunt stated public consideration of strategies would consist of:

- Preparing draft technical memorandum on proposed WMS
- Review draft technical memorandum with the Technical Committee
- Finalize draft technical memorandum
- Present strategies to the RWPG at a regular meeting
- Approval of final water management strategies by ETRWPG

C. Consideration and Possible Approval of Comments on Rule Revisions.

Lann Bookout presented existing Chapter 357 and 358 rules and pre-publication draft outline. He asked that questions be submitted to TWDB to help them development necessary guidelines.

Michael Harbordt moved to authorize the Executive Committee to approve final version of comments for submission to TWDB. The motion was seconded by Duke Lyons and unanimously passed.

D. Consideration and possible approval of Appointments for FY 2012 Executive Committee

George Campbell, chair of the nominating committee stated they met and recommend that the Executive Committee remain the same for FY2012.

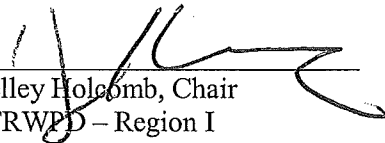
George Campbell moved that the following slate of officers be selected for the FY2012 Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Chris Davis and unanimously passed.

Executive Committee:

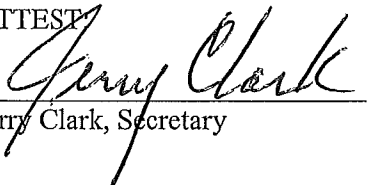
- Chair- Kelley Holcomb
- 1st Vice Chair- Worth Whitehead
- 2nd Vice Chair- Dr. Mike Harbordt
- Secretary- Jerry Clark
- Assistant Secretary- David Brock
- At-Large – Dr. Leon Young
- At-Large – David Alders

- 15. **Chairman’s Report** – Chair Holcomb had nothing to report.
- 16. **General discussion** – Chair Holcomb stated the next meeting would tentatively be scheduled for May 2, 2012.
- 17. **Adjourn** – Chair Holcomb adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF September 2012.



 Kelley Holcomb, Chair
 ETRWPD – Region I

ATTEST


 Jerry Clark, Secretary

Minutes approved: September 12, 2012