

**Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
January 27, 2010 – 1:00 P.M.
Mount Pleasant Civic Center
1800 N. Jefferson
Mount Pleasant, Texas**

The Region D Water Planning Group (NETRWPG) met in an open meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 N. Jefferson, in Mount Pleasant, Texas. Notice of the meeting was legally posted.

Chairman Richard LeTourneau called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Invocation was given by Richard LeTourneau.

The following voting members were present:

Max Bain	Don Hightower
Keith Bonds	Richard LeTourneau
Adam Bradley	Sam V. Long
Greg Carter	Bret McCoy
Gary Cheatwood	Sharron Nabors
Nancy Clements	Ken Shaw
Darwin Douthit	Shirley Shumake
Mike Dunn	Bob Staton
Jim Eidson	Richard Zachary
Scott Hammer	David Weidman
Troy Henry	

The following alternates were present:

Billy Emerson for Don Patterson
Sheri New for Doug Wadley

The following non-voting members were present:

Temple McKinnon, representing TWDB
Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
David Inman, representing Texas Department of Agriculture
Larry LeBeau, representing Texas Parks and Wildlife

The following non-voting members were absent:

Curtis Campbell	Glenda Kindle
Jerry Clark	Marcia Hackett
Thomas Taylor	Bobby Praytor
Robert McCarthy	Mike Rickman
Wayne Harris	

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The following voting members were absent:

Jim Nickerson
Doug Wadley

Don Patterson

Sharron Nabors made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting for January 6, 2010. Don Hightower seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jim Eidson discussed the significance of including Pecan Bayou as an Ecologically Unique Stream Segment in the Initially Prepared Plan. Mr. Eidson stated that Pecan Bayou represents one of the largest undammed watersheds in northeast Texas; and supports multiple large examples of mature bottomland hardwood forests, and rare and endangered species. Jim Eidson made a motion to include Pecan Bayou, located in Red River County and a stream segment located in the Red River Basin, in Chapter 8 as a conditionally designated Ecological Unique Stream Segment. Sam V. Long seconded the motion. Public comments of the Pecan Bayou inclusion were received from Wayne Dial, City Manager for the City of Clarksville and John McConnell. Motion carried, with 18 planning members voting for inclusion and 5 voting against.

Walt Sears discussed the significance of including Black Cypress Bayou/Creek, a tributary of Caddo Lake and a segment in Cypress Creek Basin as an Ecologically Unique Stream Segment. Greg Carter made a motion to include Black Cypress Creek as a conditionally designated Ecological Unique Stream Segment. Jim Eidson seconded the motion. Adam Bradley, Marion County, representing Agriculture commented that he was a landowner, a forester and an American Indian and felt that the wording was right and the doctrine was sound, but he could not get on board with this motion. Motion carried with 20 planning members for and 3 members voting against the designation.

There were no additional stream segments from the draft candidate list recommended for conditional designation during the meeting.

Ray Flemons with Bucher, Willis and Ratliff presented updated information and comments on Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 for the Initially Prepared Plan. Max Bain made a motion to include in Chapter 5.4 that before a new reservoir was planned, raising the level of Wright Patman would be considered. Shirley Shumake seconded the motion. Motion carried with 18 planning members voting yes and 5 voting members voting no.

Bob Staton made a motion to approve Chapter 3 as submitted with modifications suggested. Chapter 3 is the evaluation of current water supplies in the North East Texas Region. Adam Bradley seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Greg Carter made a motion to approve Chapter 4 as submitted with modifications suggested. Chapter 4 presents identified water shortages and surpluses, and a strategy for solving each

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shortage. This chapter also establishes criteria to be applied in the evaluation of water management strategies. Mike Dunn seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jim Eidson made a motion to approve Chapter 5 as submitted with modifications suggested. Chapter 5 addresses the impact of water management strategies on key parameters of water quality and the impacts of voluntary redistributions of water. Bret McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Shirley Shumake made a motion to approve Chapter 6 as submitted with modifications suggested. Chapter 6 presents water conservation and drought management recommendations. Max Bain seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Bret McCoy made a motion to approve Chapter 7 as submitted with modifications. Chapter 7 provides a description of how the regional plan is consistent with long-term protection of the State's water resources, agricultural resources, and natural resources. Bob Staton seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye, except David Weidman voting no.

Max Bain made a motion to approve Chapter 8 as submitted with modifications. Chapter 8 identifies policy recommendations, particularly regarding designation of unique reservoir sites and unique streams. Don Hightower seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye, except Troy Henry voting no.

On motion by Greg Carter and second by Don Hightower, authorization was given to the Texas Water Development Board to perform socio-economic impact analysis of water management strategies. Motion carried, all voting aye, except Sharron Nabors voting no.

Sharron Nabors, liaison to Region C, stated the Region C Water Planning Group would meet in March to approve their plan.

Chairman LeTourneau informed the planning group that the Special Study Commission may meet in Dallas on March 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

On motion by Shirley Shumake and second by Sharron Nabors, Adam Bradley was designated as liaison from Region D to Region I. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Bob Staton and Greg Carter provided update on Sabine environmental flows.

No other liaison reports were given.

There was no financial report given by the Administrator.

The next meeting of the regional water planning group was set for February 11, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

Public Comments were received from:
David Nabors

Sharron Nabors

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The meeting was adjourned unanimously.



Bret McCoy, Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.
Lou Richards
Jenny McKinney
Ray Flemons
Temple McKinnon
Jeff Hogan
Reeves Hayter
Stan Hayes
Clyde Barber
Joann Barber
Dolores Cheatwood
Bob Bowman
Moses Ogolla
Brandy Chewing
Darrell Grubbs
David Nabors
George Frost
Gary Burton
Wendell Davis
John McConnell
Justin Rutkowski
David Neeley
Ross Maris
Andy McCuistion
Ashley Lassiter
Wayne Dial
Mary Catherine Grant
Mike Russell
Pat Donelson
Kevin Carruth
Pat Wommack
Shawn Napier
Jim Thompson
Brian Smith
Brittany Lowery
Clayton Evers

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