

REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 23, 2009

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open public meeting on Monday, March 23, 2009, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the TRA's Central Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 6500 W. Singleton Boulevard, Grand Prairie, Texas. Notice of the meeting was legally posted.

Chairman Jim Parks called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 P.M. Chairman Parks welcomed guests and asked that those interested in speaking complete a speaker registration form.

I. ROLL CALL

Secretary Russell Laughlin conducted a roll call. The following members or alternates were in attendance:

Steve Berry	Jody Puckett
Jerry Chapman	Bill Ceverha (Alt. for Marsh Rice)
Frank Crumb	Robert Scott
Gary Spicer (Alt. for Jerry Johnson)	Jack Stevens
Russell Laughlin	Connie Standridge
Howard Martin	Danny Vance
Jim McCarter	Mary Vogelsson
Jim Parks	Dr. Tom Woodward

Bill Lewis, G. K. Maenius, and Paul Phillips were absent from the meeting. Angela Masloff of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the TPWD, E. W. Wesley of TDA, and Mike Harbordt of Region I were also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 8, 2008

On a motion by Danny Vance and a second by Howard Martin, the minutes of the meeting held December 8, were unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Request to TWDB for Three-Month Extension on Submission of Initially Prepared Plan and Final Plan

Tom Gooch discussed the reasons for recommending a request to the TWDB for a three-month extension on the submission of the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP). The proposed request would ask for the IPP to be due June 1, 2010, and the final plan to be due September 1, 2010.

On a motion by Russell Laughlin and a second by Danny Vance, the RCWPG voted unanimously to request a three-month extension from the TWDB on submission of the IPP.

B. Final Approval of Special Studies

Tom Gooch reviewed the following studies and the TWDB comments received on March 16, 2009:

- Parker-Wise Study
- County-Wide Meetings Memo
- Conservation and Reuse Study
- Interregional Study of Toledo Bend
- Indirect Reuse – Athens Pilot Project Report
- Direct Reuse – Fort Worth Pilot Project Report
- Four County Report

On a motion by Danny Vance and a second by Jerry Chapman, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve submittal of the final studies to the TWDB by April 30, 2009, by allowing the consultant to provide the final reports to the RCWPG by e-mail for review and comment prior to submission. If major comments/questions are received from the RCWPG members, a meeting will be set to review prior to the submission to TWDB.

On a motion by Mary Vogelsson and a second by Danny Vance, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve submittal of the Parker-Wise Study and the County Wide Meetings memo since these were in the final format and had been previously provided to the RCWPG.

C. Approval of Spring 2009 Region C Newsletter

Colby Walton reviewed the Spring 2009 Region C newsletter. Mary Vogelsson suggested including the Best Management Practices in the future, and Danny Vance suggested information on the drought status. On a motion by Danny Vance and a second by Mary Vogelsson, the RCWPG unanimously approved the publication of the newsletter.

D. Election of Officers to Fill Expiring Terms

Chairman Parks reviewed the members' terms that were expiring as follows:

- Howard Martin, Municipalities
- Robert Scott, Environment
- Jack Stevens, Water Districts
- Connie Standridge, Water Utilities
- Danny Vance, River Authorities
- Jerry Johnson, Electric Generating Utilities
- Marsh Rice, Public
- G. K. Maenius, Counties
- Russell Laughlin, Industries

Chairman Parks advised that of those terms expiring, all members except Jerry Johnson and Marsh Rice, were seeking re-election, and that each position is a 5-year commitment expiring November 1, 2013. Chairman Parks indicated that Jerry Johnson has submitted a nomination to fill his position with his alternate, Gary Spicer; and Marsh Rice has submitted a nomination to fill his position with his

alternate, Bill Ceverha. Chairman Parks advised that Thomas LaPoint was also nominated to fill the “Public” interest position being vacated by Marsh Rice.

Chairman Parks asked for nominations from the RCWPG. Danny Vance nominated Bill Ceverha for the “Public” vacancy and Bob Scott nominated Thomas LaPoint for the “Public” vacancy. Chairman Parks asked for nominations from the floor and none were received.

Chairman Parks closed the nominations. Jim McCarter made a motion to approve the nominations for those positions with only one nominee (which includes the incumbents who were seeking re-election as well as Gary Spicer). Howard Martin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Therefore, all incumbents as well as Gary Spicer were elected to serve the current term expiring November 1, 2013.

Chairman Parks called for a paper ballot on the “Public” vacancy with two nominations. The results of the paper vote for the “Public” vacancy were as follows: Bill Ceverha received 11 votes and Thomas LaPoint received 5 votes. Therefore, Bill Ceverha was elected to serve the current term expiring November 1, 2013.

E. Officer Elections for 2009

Jerry Chapman reported that the Nominating Committee was recommending the following slate of officers for 2009: Jim Parks – Chairman, Jody Puckett – Vice Chairman, and Russell Laughlin – Secretary. On a motion by Jerry Chapman and a second by Connie Standridge, the RCWPG voted unanimously to elect the officers as recommended for 2009.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Overall Project Schedule

Tom Gooch gave an update on the overall project schedule.

B. Water Management Strategies Implemented Since the End of 2005

Tom Gooch reviewed the water management strategies implemented since the end of 2005 as well as the strategies currently in progress. This included strategies implemented by NTMWD, UTRWD, GTUA, DWU, TRWD, TRA, and others.

C. Progress Report

Tom Gooch gave a progress report on the tasks completed and in progress.

D. New Water User Groups for Planning

Tom Gooch reviewed the new water user groups for planning.

E. Survey of Water Suppliers

Tom Gooch gave an update on the survey of water suppliers.

F. TWDB “No Revision” Policy

Tom Gooch reviewed the policy letter received from the TWDB regarding population projections and the population projects by County. The TWDB will consider revisions, if justified, to population projections but total population should remain nearly the same. FNI will review population projections further and seek approval from RCWPG prior to submitting request to TWDB.

G. Steam Electric Power Demands

Tom Gooch reviewed the policy letter received from the TWDB regarding steam electric power demand projections, FNI’s questions to TWDB regarding the policy letter and the TWDB’s response.

H. Written Authorization from TWDB Regarding Water Supply Calculations

Tom Gooch reviewed TWDB’s clarification regarding water supply calculations.

I. Ecologically Unique Stream Segments

Adam Whisenant presented information regarding designation of ecologically unique stream segments. Several members expressed their continued concern regarding the uncertainty of this designation. It was the consensus of the RCWPG to place this item on the June 2009 RCWPG agenda.

J. Public Participation Updates

Colby Walton gave an update on public participation including the next newsletter and proposed media outreach.

K. Water Management Strategies

Tom Gooch reviewed various water management strategies as well as policies for development and assessment of these strategies.

L. Update on Overall Status and Next Steps

Tom Gooch gave an update on the overall status and next steps in this planning cycle.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from Chair

1. Update on Study Commission on Region C Water Supply

Chairman Parks gave an update on the Study Commission on Region C Water Supply.

2. Update on Water Conservation Advisory Council

Chairman Parks gave an update on activities of the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

A report was provided by the following liaisons/individuals:

- Jerry Chapman, Region B
- Mike Rickman, Region D
- Connie Standridge, Region G
- Danny Vance, Region H
- Jody Puckett, Region I

C. Report from GMA 8 Liaisons

Connie Standridge gave an update on activities of the GMA 8.

D. Report on the Trinity and San Jacinto Rivers and Galveston Bay Stakeholders Committee

Danny Vance gave an update on the Trinity and San Jacinto Rivers and Galveston Bay Stakeholders Committee.

E. Report on the Sabine and Neches Rivers and Sabine Lake Bay Basin and Bay Area Stakeholders Committee

Jody Puckett gave an update on the Sabine and Neches Rivers and Sabine Lake Bay Basin and Bay Area Stakeholders Committee.

F. Report from Texas Water Development Board

Angela Masloff gave an update from the Texas Water Development Board.

G. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture

No report.

H. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Adam Whisenant advised he had copies of the "State of Water" video for distribution.

I. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

It was the consensus of the RCWPG to schedule the next RCWPG meeting on Monday, June, 8, 2009, at TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.

J. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 4:18 P.M.

RUSSELL LAUGHLIN
Secretary