REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP

MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING **SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open public meeting on Monday, September 13, 2010, 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**

Vice Chairman Jody Puckett conducted a roll call. The following members or alternates were in attendance:

Steve Berry Paul Phillips Jody Puckett Jay Barksdale (Alt. for Bill Ceverha) Jerry Chapman Robert Scott Richard Tally (for Frank Crumb) Jack Stevens Russell Laughlin Connie Standridge Bill Lewis Gary Spicer **Howard Martin** Danny Vance Jim McCarter Thomas LaPoint (Alt. for Mary Vogelson)

Tom Woodward Jim Parks

G. K. Maenius was absent from the meeting. Angela Kennedy and David Meesey of the TWDB, and E. W. Wesley of the TDA were also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 16, 2010

Upon a motion by Danny Vance and a second by Howard Martin, the RCWPG unanimously approved the minutes of the August 16, 2010, RCWPG meeting.

III. **ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

A. Consider Approval of Final 2011 Region C Water Plan

Tom Gooch reviewed the highlights of the 2011 Region C Water Plan and the major differences from the Initially Prepared Plan as well as a few recommended minor changes. There were no speakers registered to provide comments on this item. Upon a motion by Jack Stevens and a second by Jerry Chapman, the RCWPG unanimously approved the Final 2011 Region C Water Plan. The 2011 Region C Water Plan will be filed with the TWDB by October 1, 2010, with the minor amendments discussed.

B. Consider Approval for Freese and Nichols to Submit the 2011 Region C Water Plan for the 2011 Texas Council of Engineering Companies Engineering Excellence Awards and the 2011 American Council of Engineering Companies **Engineering Excellence Awards**

Tom Gooch reviewed FNI's request to submit the 2011 Region C Water Plan for the 2011 Texas Council of Engineering Companies Engineering Excellence Awards and the 2011 American Council of Engineering Companies Engineering Excellence Awards. There were no speakers registered to provide comments on this item. Upon a motion by Mary Vogelson and a second by Jim McCarter, the RCWPG unanimously approved submittal of the plan for these awards.

C. Officer Elections for 2011

Gary Spicer reported that the Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers for 2011: Jim Parks – Chairman, Jody Puckett – Vice Chairman, and Russell Laughlin – Secretary. There were no other nominations. There were no speakers registered to provide comments on this item. On a motion by Danny Vance and a second by Robert Scott, the RCWPG voted unanimously to elect the officers as recommended for 2011.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. TCEQ Instream Flow Rule Making Process

Preston Dillard reviewed the TCEQ Instream Flow rule making process and a stakeholders meeting held on August 12, 2010. Members were encouraged to submit comments.

B. Public Participation Updates

Colby Walton reviewed the upcoming newsletter to be published in September/ October 2010. The newsletter will be distributed to the RCWPG prior to publication.

C. Update on Overall Status and Next Steps

Tom Gooch gave an update on the overall steps and upcoming next steps. The 2011 Region C Water Plan will be finalized in September 2010 and copies will be distributed in October 2010.

VI. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

1. Update on Study Commission on Region C Water Supply

Jim Parks gave an update on the Study Commission on Region C Water Supply. The draft report is available on the TWDB's website for review. It will be considered for approval at the next Study Commission meeting being held on October 4, 2010.

2. Update on Water Conservation Advisory Council

Jim Parks gave an update on the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

Reports were given by the following liaisons/representatives:

- Region B Jerry Chapman
- Region D Mike Rickman
- Region G Connie Standridge
- Region H Danny Vance

Connie Standridge volunteers to be the liaison for Region I if someone could take over Region G.

C. Report from GMA 8 Liaisons

There was no information to report from the GMA 8 liaisons.

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

No report.

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

No report.

F. Report from Texas Water Development Board

Angela Kennedy reported on the rule revisions and encouraged RCWPG members and consultants to comment on the proposed revisions, which were published in the Texas Register.

G. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture

No report.

H. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

No report.

I. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was not confirmed, but will be determined in 2011.

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J. Public Comments

There we no public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 2:05 P.M.

RUSSELL LAUGHLIN Secretary