

# REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP

## MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2003

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open meeting on Monday, December 8, 2003, at 1:30 P.M. The meeting was held at the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Trinity River Authority 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 1:30 P.M. Chairman Parks asked that individuals interested in making comments sign up on the speaker registration sheet.

### I. ROLL CALL

Secretary Roy Eaton conducted a roll call. The following members were in attendance:

Brad Barnes	Elaine Petrus
Jimmy Doty (Alt. for Leroy Burch)	Paul Phillips
Jerry Chapman	Robert Scott
Roy Eaton	George Shannon
Dale Fisseler	Connie Standridge
Charlie Stringer (Alt. for Bob Johnson)	Danny Vance
Howard Martin	Derrell Hall (Alt. for Tom Vandergriff)
Jim McCarter	Mary Vogelson
Jim Parks	Paul Zweiacker

Marsh Rice was absent from the roll call and the meeting. Virginia Towles of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the Texas Parks and Wildlife, E. W. Wesley of the Texas Department of Agriculture, David Brock of Region I, Terry Kelley of Region G, and Gary Jackson of Region D were also in attendance. The registration lists signed by guests in attendance are attached.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 6, 2003

On a motion by Danny Vance, seconded by Paul Zweiacker, the minutes of the October 6, 2003, meeting were approved by consensus.

### III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### A. Election of Board Members to Fill Vacancies Created by Expiration of Terms

Chairman Parks recognized Beth Johnson who had requested to speak on this item. She requested to preserve her right to speak on a procedural issue after the election. Jim Parks advised that she was being given the opportunity to speak now, and Beth Johnson passed on speaking.

Chairman Parks reviewed the two-year terms that had expired for nine members including: Howard Martin - Municipalities, Marsh Rice - Public, Robert Scott - Environmental, George Shannon – Water Districts, Connie Standridge – Water

Utilities, Danny Vance – River Authorities, and Paul Zweiacker – Electric Generating Utilities, Tom Vandergriff – Counties, and Leroy Burch - Industry.

Secretary Roy Eaton advised that the following members had asked to be considered for reappointment: Howard Martin, Marsh Rice, Robert Scott, George Shannon, Connie Standridge, Danny Vance, and Paul Zweiacker. Mr. Eaton advised that Tom Vandergriff and Leroy Burch had asked not to be considered for reappointment. Mr. Eaton advised that the following nominations had been received:

Counties – Judge Derrell Hall, Fannin County; G. K. Maenius, Tarrant County Administrator; Judge Linda Grant, Freestone County

Industry – Jimmy Doty, Director of Sales, Hanson Pipe and Products; Russell Laughlin, Vice President of Linear Development, Hillwood Development Corporation; Cathy Wimberly Williams, President of Enviro Custom Homes in Dallas; Donald W. Callaway, Environmental Engineer, Johnson & Johnson Wound Management.

Public – Marsh Rice, incumbent; Russell Jewert, retired; Dr. Thomas W. LaPoint, Professor of Biological Sciences and the Institute of Applied Sciences, University of North Texas; Donald W. Callaway, Environmental Engineering, Johnson & Johnson Wound Management.

Mr. Eaton advised that resumes of the nominees had been provided to RCWPG members, and advised that according to the Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2., “Selection of any voting member must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members.”

Chairman Parks asked for any additional nominees from the RCWPG membership. No nominations were made. Chairman Parks asked for any additional nominees from the public. No nominations were made.

Elaine Petrus made the motion to elect the members that had asked to be considered for reappointment and were running unopposed by acclamation. Jim McCarter seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

Before the voting began on the interest categories that had more than one nominee, Chairman Parks reviewed the Bylaws related to election of voting members. Chairman Parks advised that selection of a voting member must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members. With 18 members present on this date, that would require 12 votes. Chairman Parks advised that if voting resulted in no nominee receiving two-thirds (2/3), or 12, of the votes cast, the voting would continue by the RCWPG by considering the two nominees that received the most votes until such time that one nominee receives two-thirds (2/3), or 12, of the votes cast. Chairman Parks advised that the votes would be taken by a show of hands. He requested that hands remained held high until such time the vote count could be confirmed. Chairman Parks asked for any questions regarding the election from the Board members. None were received.

Nominees representing the public were considered for election and the results were as follows:

Nominee	Number of Votes
Marsh Rice	12
Don Callaway	0
Russell Jewert	1
Dr. Thomas W. LaPoint	5

By receiving two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast, Marsh Rice was elected by the RCWPG as a voting member to represent the public.

Nominees representing counties were considered for election and the results were as follows:

Nominee	Number of Votes
Judge Derrell Hall	6
Judge Linda Grant	4
G. K. Maenius	8

The voting continued between the top two nominees with the results as follows:

Nominee	Number of Votes
Judge Derrell Hall	9
G. K. Maenius	9

Nominee	Number of Votes
Judge Derrell Hall	8
G. K. Maenius	10

Nominee	Number of Votes
Judge Derrell Hall	8
G. K. Maenius	10

Nominee	Number of Votes
Judge Derrell Hall	8
G. K. Maenius	10

Judge Derrell Hall offered to serve as an alternate to G. K. Maenius to move the voting along. George Shannon indicated that he felt Mr. Maenius would be agreeable to Judge Hall serving as his alternate. The final vote on the county representative was as follows:

Nominee	Number of Votes
Judge Derrell Hall	5
G. K. Maenius	12

By receiving two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast, G. K. Maenius was elected by the RCWPG as a voting member to represent counties.

Nominees representing industry were considered for election and the results were as follows:

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Jimmy Doty	6
Don Callaway	1
Russell Laughlin	8
Cathy Wimberly Williams	3

The voting continued between the top two nominees with the results as follows:

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Jimmy Doty	8
Russell Laughlin	10

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Jimmy Doty	6
Russell Laughlin	11

One member failed to vote.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Jimmy Doty	6
Russell Laughlin	12

By receiving two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast, Russell Laughlin was elected by the RCWPG as a voting member to represent industry.

Beth Johnson requested to speak. Ms. Johnson questioned the election process and referenced minutes from the March 31, 1998, meeting, regarding the election process of George Shannon, which required two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members, not voting members present.

Chairman Parks advised that he was not the Chairman in 1998 and his interpretation of the Bylaws regarding elections were as followed today, which required two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting members present.

A question followed regarding recording votes of each specific RCWPG member. It was the consensus of the RCWPG that correct procedure was followed during the election and that it was not necessary to record specific votes of each RCWPG member. The procedure followed is consistent with elections held by other regional water planning groups as well as by other governing bodies.

Robert Scott advised that he felt it was important to have a representative on the planning group that represented academia. He thought the RCWPG might consider this in the future.

B. Approve Appointments of Liaisons to Other Regional Planning Groups

It was recommended that the following individuals be appointed as liaisons to represent Region C with other regional planning groups:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Liaison</b>
Region B	Jerry Chapman
Region D	Mike Rickman
Region G	Paul Zweiacker
Region H	Danny Vance
Region I	Connie Standridge

These individuals were appointed by consensus as liaisons to represent Region C with other regional planning groups.

C. Adopt Resolution No. 03-1 Appointing Executive Committee to Develop Slate of Officers for 2004

On a motion by Jim McCarter, seconded by Danny Vance, the RCWPG unanimously adopted Resolution No. 03-1 appointing an Executive Committee consisting of Jim Parks, Chairman; Bob Johnson, Vice Chairman; Roy Eaton, Secretary, and two members at large – Elaine Petrus and Brad Barnes, to serve on the Executive Committee to develop a slate of officers for 2004. The Executive Committee shall recommend a slate of officers for 2004 to the RCWPG at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

D. Consideration of Return Flows in Water Availability Analysis

Stephanie Griffin discussed Brazos G's letter to the TWDB regarding return flows. Currently, TWDB requires water availability with no return flows. TWDB may consider indirect reuse of return flows as management strategies on a case-by-case basis. The consultant reviewed the importance of reuse to Region C. It was suggested that Region C draft a letter to TWDB on this issue.

The consultant advised that the TPWD report on Instream Flows was available for review at TPWD's website. Freese and Nichols will be commenting on the report. It was requested that the RCWPG members submit any comments on the report to Tom Gooch by December 15, 2003.

Jim McCarter made a motion to table this item until after the TWDB makes its presentation on Instream Flow Analysis at the February 2004 RCWPG meeting. Danny Vance seconded the motion, which was approved by consensus.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Status of Water Needs Projections

The consultants advised that TWDB had approved Region C's water needs projections with one exception to entities split between regions. The TWDB took the GPCD from the region with the largest population. This will have a minimal impact on Region C water needs.

B. Status of Amendments

The consultants advised that Anna and Athens amendments to the 2001 Region C Water Plan were approved by the TWDB in August and September 2003. The Anna and Athens amendments to the 2002 State Water Plan were approved by the TWDB in November 2003.

C. Update on Task 3 – Current Water Supplies

The consultants gave an update on Task 3 – Current Water Supplies. This information should be summarized and sent out to the WUGs in early 2004.

D. Supplemental Funding

The consultants advised that the TWDB had released a memo on December 2, 2003, regarding supplemental funding indicating \$1.6 million was available. The RWPG's proposals are due to the TWDB by April 1, 2004. Potential projects for Region C were discussed.

E. Water Conservation Activities

The consultants gave an update on the neighborhood study.

F. Process to Screen Water Management Strategies

The consultants presented information on the process of screening water management strategies. Comments should be sent to Tom Gooch by January 9, 2004. The consultants will finalize and seek approval of screening process at the next RCWPG meeting.

G. Potential Unique Stream Segments

The consultants presented information on potential unique screen segment designation. The impact of designating unique screen segments still needs clarification. Adam Whisenant of the TPWD indicated he would try to obtain clarification. Mary Vogelsson suggested we reactivate the committee that studies this issue during the last planning cycle.

H. Status of Quarterly Newsletter

Gail Cooksey advised the RCWPG that the Fourth Quarter newsletter was delayed due to budget constraints. This newsletter is scheduled for February 2004. Articles to be included in the next newsletter included were discussed.

I. Summary of Speaker Comments and Speaker Handouts to RCWPG

No public comments were made nor were any handouts provided at the October 6, 2003, RCWPG meeting.

J. Update on Overall Status and Next Steps

The consultants gave an update on the overall status and next steps which included the following:

- Complete Task 3 by mid-January (except for that portion relying on the results of the GAM)
- Draft scope of work for supplemental funding
- Continue water conservation studies
- Prepare upcoming newsletter

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

1. Update on Statewide Water Conservation Task Force

Chairman Parks updated the RCWPG on the TWDB Water Conservation Task Force. He advised that three subgroups had been created including municipal, agricultural, and industrial. The next meeting will be held January 26, 2004.

B. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

It was the consensus of the RCWPG to hold the next meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2004, at 1:30 P.M. at TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.

C. Other Discussion

None

D. Acknowledgement of Guests/Comments

The following individuals provided comments to the RCWPG:

1. Max Shumake
2. David Nabors

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 3:55 P.M.

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ROY EATON  
Secretary