

**REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP**  
MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN MEETING  
DECEMBER 6, 2004

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in a public hearing and an open meeting on Monday, December 6, 2004, beginning at 12:30 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 public hearing and open meeting were legally posted.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Jim Parks called the public hearing to order at approximately 12:30 P.M. Chairman Parks asked Vice Chairman Bob Johnson to preside over the public hearing due to a conflict of interest.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Jerry Chapman	Marsh Rice
Roy Eaton	Robert Scott
Maebell Brown (Alt. for Dale Fisseler)	George Shannon
Bob Johnson	Connie Standridge
Russell Laughlin	Danny Vance
Howard Martin	Mary Vogelson
Jim Parks	Paul Zweacker
Paul Phillips	

Brad Barnes, G. K. Maenius, Jim McCarter, and Elaine Petrus were absent from the roll call and the public hearing. Virginia Towles of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the TPWD, E. W. Wesley of TDA, Curtis Campbell of Region B, Jim Thompson of Region D, and David Brock of Region I were also in attendance. The registration lists signed by guests in attendance are attached.

II. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Bob Johnson opened the public hearing.

A. RCWPG Consultant Presentation

Tom Gooch presented general information on the proposed amendment.

B. NTMWD Consultant Presentation

Alan Plummer presented information NTMWD's East Fork Reuse Project and NTMWD's Water Conservation Program. The hearing was opened for questions from the planning groups members.

C. Public Comments

Bob Johnson then opened the hearing for comments from the public. He asked the registered speakers to hold their comments to five minutes and focus on the issue before the planning group. The following speakers presented comments:

1. Jack Hittson
2. Elizabeth Hittson
3. Kevin Smith
4. Beth Johnson
5. Sheri Fowler
6. David Nabors
7. Alan Plummer

Bob Johnson advised that no action would be taken until January 2005 on the proposed amendment and that the written comment period would be open until January 5, 2005. Also, he advised that documents related to the proposed amendment were available on the Region C website or by request.

### III. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Danny Vance made the motion to adjourn the public hearing. George Shannon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG. The public hearing adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

### PUBLIC MEETING

Chairman Jim Parks called the meeting to order at approximately 1:15 P.M. Chairman Parks asked that individuals interested in making comments sign up on a speaker registration form.

#### I. ROLL CALL

The same members were present and absent as listed above at the public hearing. Chairman Parks recognized special guest Bill Mullican of the TWDB.

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 4, 2004

Mary Vogelson offered the following amendment to the minutes of October 4, 2004, as follows:

##### Item III. A. Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies

“Mary Vogelson offered an amendment to the motion; however, rescinded the amendment once it was ~~discussed~~. clarified that the Patman/Chapman system operation would be definitely included under the categories of system operations.”

Danny Vance made the motion to approve the minutes with the proposed amendment. George Shannon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

#### III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Key Water Quality Parameters

The consultants discussed the recommended key water quality parameters and baseline conditions. George Shannon made the motion to approve the list of key water quality parameters as outlined in the November 15, 2004, memorandum. Paul Phillips seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

B. Available Supplies

Tom Gooch reviewed the memorandum on Available Water Supplies updated on December 3, 2004.

Chairman Parks called on the following registered speaker to present comments:

1. Beth Johnson

Jerry Chapman made the motion to approve submitting the available water supply data to the TWDB after a two-week comment period and to allow the consultants to make corrections as needed. Paul Phillips seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

C. Bond Length for Projects

Tom Gooch made the recommendation to utilize 30 years as the bond length for reservoirs and all projects. George Shannon made the motion to approve utilizing 30 years as the bond length for reservoirs and all projects. Danny Vance seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

D. Methodology for Evaluating Water Management Strategies

Tom Gooch reviewed the proposed methodology for evaluating water management strategies as outlined in the memorandum dated November 18, 2004.

Chairman Parks called on the following registered speaker to present comments:

1. Beth Johnson

Danny Vance made a motion to approve the proposed methodology for evaluating water management strategies. Paul Zweiacker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

E. Conflicts of Federal and/or State Actions with Approved Water Supply Plans

Tom Gooch discussed the proposed Hearts Bluff Mitigation Bank. Jim Parks reviewed a draft letter regarding the situation. He requested the planning group members review the draft letter and comment to Mr. Parks by December 29, 2004.

Chairman Parks called on the following registered speakers to present their comments:

1. David Nabors
2. Beth Johnson

George Shannon made a motion to authorize the Chairman to send the proposed letter to the USACE regarding the Hearts Bluff Mitigation Bank. Jerry Chapman seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

F. Unique Stream Segment Committee

Dr. Paul Phillips gave a brief report from the Unique Stream Segment Committee. Virginia Towles and Adam Whisenant attended the Committee meeting earlier on this date. The Committee is looking into certain stream segments. A full report will be given at the next Region C meeting.

G. Letter to Texas Water Development Board Regarding the Regional Water Planning Process

Jim Parks advised that he and other regional chairs had met in Austin with the TWDB to discuss general concerns/questions regarding the regional water planning process. Kevin Ward had suggested that the Chairmen review their concerns with their respective planning groups and then prepare a letter to the TWDB outlining their concerns. Chairman Parks reviewed a memorandum he prepared outlining Region C's concerns.

Chairman Parks called on the following registered speaker to present comments:

1. Beth Johnson

George Shannon made a motion to allow the Chairman to summarize concerns in the form of a letter to the TWDB, send the draft letter to the RCWPG members for review and comment, and mail the letter before the end of the year to the TWDB with copies sent to all other regional water planning group chairs. Marsh Rice seconded the motion, which was approved with a unanimous vote.

H. Adopt Resolution No. 04-1 Appointed Executive Committee to Develop Slate of Officers for 2005

On a motion by Marsh Rice, seconded by Paul Zweiacker, the RCWPG unanimously adopted Resolution No. 04-1 appointing an Executive Committee consisting of Jim Parks, Chairman; Bob Johnson, Vice Chairman; Roy Eaton, Secretary, and two members at large – Bob Scott and Russell Laughlin, to serve on the Executive Committee to develop a slate of officers for 2005. The Executive Committee shall recommend a slate of officers for 2005 to the RCWPG at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Conservation Strategies Report

Brian McDonald presented a report on water conservation strategies.

B. Reserve Water Supplies

Tom Gooch briefly discussed the reserve water supplies and will provide a additional information.

C. Media Updates

Amy Fuhrer of Cooksey Communications presented a media update.

D. Summary of Speaker Comments to RCWPG at August 31, 2004, RCWPG Meeting

Tom Gooch advised that the summary of speaker comments was posted on the Region C website and included in the notebook of today's meeting.

E. Update on Overall Status and Next Steps

Tom Gooch reviewed the overall status and next steps.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair – N/A

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

A report was provided by the following liaisons:

- Jerry Chapman, Region B
- Jim Thompson, Region D
- Paul Zweiacker, Region G
- Mike Rickman, Region D
- Danny Vance, Region H
- Connie Standridge, Region I

C. Report from TWDB

Virginia Towles and Bill Mullican of the TWDB provided comments.

D. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next meetings of the RCWPG will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2004, and Monday, March 7, 2005, at 1:00 P.M. at TRA's Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.

E. Other Discussion

None

F. Acknowledgement of Guests/Comments

The following individual provided general comments to the RCWPG:

1. Beth Johnson

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 5:00 P.M

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ROY EATON  
Secretary