

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
REGION F WATER PLANNING GROUP  
10:30 A.M. MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2005  
AT DORA ROBERTS COMMUNITY CENTER  
100 WHIPKEY DRIVE BIG SPRING, TEXAS**

The Region F Water Planning Group (WPG) met at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 25, 2005 at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, with the following voting members present: Wendell Moody, Charles Hagood, Jr., Terry Scott, Andrew Valencia, Will Wilde, Len Wilson, Buddy Sipes, Kenneth Dierschke, Stephen Brown, John Grant, Scott Holland, Cindy Cawley, Steve Hofer, and Lowell Woodward. Voting members absent were Marilyn Egan, Johnny Jones, Larry Turnbough, John Gayle, Stuart Coleman, Richard Gist, and Caroline Runge. Non-voting members present were Joe David Ross, Don Daniel, Ken Carver, Gordon Hooper and Winton Milliff. Other non-voting members present were Sherry Cordry, Texas Water Development Board, Ruben Cantu, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Mark Henkhaus, Texas Railroad Commission, Dennis Clark, Emerald UWCD, Jon Albright, Freese & Nichols, Inc., and Andy Donnelly, LBG-Guyton.

**Call to Order**

Chairman John Grant called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Instructions and Opening Remarks**

Voting members, non-voting members, and audience attendees introduced themselves.

**Consider Approval of Minutes for the Region F WPG Meeting March 28, 2005**

One correction was noted for the meeting minutes of March 28, 2005. The motion that the map be included to indicate known springs was actually seconded by Will Wilde, not Len Wilson as listed in the minutes.

A motion was made by Kenneth Dierschke and seconded by Buddy Sipes that the minutes of the March 28, 2005 Region F WPG meeting be accepted as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Ratification of Payments/Financial Report**

Cindy Cawley moved, and Wendell Moody seconded that the financial report be approved and the three payments be made as presented in the printed report. The motion passed unanimously.

**Reports from Standing Committees**

No reports were given by the standing committees.

**Report from the Texas Water Development Board**

Sherry Cordry reviewed a memorandum sent by the Board in an effort to clarify various questions other Planning Groups had presented. Some of the items in the memorandum included a survey being circulated to project owners about how they financed their water

infrastructure, details on the timing of plan submittal, and the socioeconomic impact reports.

Sherry also mentioned that TWDB staff would like to make a presentation to the Planning Group about their loan programs. This may be scheduled for the September meeting.

Sherry briefly discussed the status of Senate Bill No. 3. John Grant provided additional details. A short discussion by the group followed.

Sherry stated that she expects the requested 60-day extension to the due date for the region's plan will be granted. The Board will write a formal response to our request soon.

### **Report from Consultants – Freese & Nichols, Inc.**

Jon Albright of Freese & Nichols presented a powerpoint presentation on their Water Availability Model (WAM) calculations. F&N has made several runs of the WAM with both year 2000 and year 2060 sediment levels as a base run. Next they made a "mini-WAM" which addressed Region F only and used the natural order of diversions. Lastly, they have completed a run in water right priority order to investigate the impacts of subordination agreements between various entities in Region F and Region K. This run was made jointly with Region K and is currently being reviewed by them.

John Grant noted the joint modeling with Region K has been finished. He will draft a letter to Region K expressing the results of these model runs.

Jon Albright noted that the base runs showed absolutely no water available for several smaller communities in Region F. John Grant discussed whether the issue of subordinated water rights should be included as a strategy, or as an issue.

Steve Hofer moved, and Will Wilde seconded a motion to move the subordination issue from a water supply issue to a water strategy within the plan. Discussion followed, during which Steve Hofer commented that Region K lists subordination as a water strategy. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Jon Albright addressed the issue of ecologically significant streams. Discussion followed. Scott Holland moved, and Buddy Sipes seconded a motion not to designate any stream segment within Region F as significant. Motion passed unanimously.

Jon Albright addressed water conservation in Region F. He noted the 140 gallons per capita day (GPCD) is a goal, not a mandate. Actual GPCD values can vary widely depending on the amount of industry, commercial, and residential development each community has. Len Wilson noted that many smaller communities do not meter the water used on their parks and common spaces. This lack of metering could greatly increase their GPCD if it is calculated on the total volume of water leaving the treatment plant. The group agreed to build in conservation at a reasonable GPCD, not at the more aggressive 140 GPCD target.

Jon Albright reported that Dr. Michael Hickey will not be able to complete his evaluation of agricultural conservation. He also noted that Freese & Nichols has not paid Dr. Hickey for the work.

### **Report from Consultants – LBG-Guyton Associates, Inc.**

John Ashworth noted the existing spring inventories were not accurate. He sited examples of errors within the inventory. Len Wilson also questioned the springs listed in Andrews County. Discussion followed.

Len Wilson moved and Steve Hofer seconded a motion to remove Figure 1 and replace it with Figure 2 with the addition of Lipan and Kickapoo Springs. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Next Meeting Date**

John Grant reported the next meeting would be held May 23, 2005. He stated the group will probably need to meet once per month until the plan has been completed.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.