

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
REGION F WATER PLANNING GROUP
10:30 A.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018 AT THE OFFICE OF THE
COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
400 E. 24TH ST. BIG SPRING, TEXAS**

The Region F Water Planning Group (WPG) met at 10:30a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at the Office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in Big Spring, Texas. Voting members present were: Tom Arsuffi, Richard Gist, Charles Hagood, Scott Holland, Kenneth Dierschke, John Grant, Ty Edwards, Raymond Straub, Michelle Guelker and Chuck Brown. Designated Alternate voting member present was: Eli Torres. Non-voting members present were: Tom Barnett, Rob Barthen, Dale Adams and Winton Millif. Other interested parties present were: Simone Kiel and Lissa Gregg, Freese & Nichols; Gerald Lyda, LaEscalera Ranch; Steve Finch, JSAI; Bill Hutchison, Consultant; James Beach, WSP; Sarah Backhouse, TWDB; Mark Hamel; Dennis Owens, IWDA; Tommy Ervin, Ector County Utility District; Allison Strube, City of San Angelo; Lance Overstreet, City of San Angelo; Meredith Allen and Jim Polonis, Sutton UWCD; Dale Adams, West Tex GCD; Douglas Wilde, Irrigated; Jeff Williams, FSH; Rusty Ray, TSSWCB; Kevin Krueger, Heather Wilson, Jennifer Posey and Mary Nelson (recorder of minutes) from Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Call to Order

Chair, John Grant, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Introductions and Opening Remarks

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

Consider Approval of Minutes of the Region F Meeting held on November 16, 2017.

Motion was made by Kenneth Dierschke and seconded by Charles Hagood to approve the minutes, motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

John presented the financial reports for the Planning and Administrative Funds. CRMWD is the Designated Political Subdivision for Region F and contracts with the Water Development Board, manage funds and keep meeting minutes. The Administrative Fund had a balance of \$27,607.22 as of January 31, 2018 and there was \$14,816.68 in the Planning Fund. A motion was made by Chuck Brown, seconded by Scott Holland to accept the Financial Reports, motion passed unanimously.

Ratification of First Amended Task and Expense Budget (Tasks 2B, 3 and 7)

The Region F Planning Budget is \$1,035,535. Because various entities requested changes to the TWDB provided water use and population projections more time was spent than was originally planned on this task. To make the task numbers balance, an increase to the task budget for population and water use projections of \$30,000 is need and the water supply analyst can be reduced by \$20,000, and the drought response information can be reduced by \$10,000. A motion

was made by Richard Gist, seconded by Raymond Straub to accept the Task Budget changes, motion passed unanimously.

Membership - Accept the Resignation of the Small Business Representative

Charles Hagood submitted his resignation as the Small Business Representative. He will continue to serve as the Small Business Representative until a replacement is appointed. Raymond Straub made a motion seconded by Ty Edwards to accept the resignation from Charles Hagood as the Small Business Representative, motion passed unanimously.

Consider Voting Member Nominations

Voting members and positions available were addressed. A Public Notice went out in December 2017 regarding the following positions; (1) Public, (1) County, (1) Municipality with a city greater than 50,000, (1) Agriculture for irrigated farming and (1) Small Business. Membership nomination forms were received to fill the County, Municipality and Agricultural positions.

Consider County Voting Member

Two nominations were received for County Voting Member, Raul B. Rodriquez the County Engineer in Reeves County and Kim Halfmann the County Judge in Glasscock County. Neither nominee was present, decision was to delay consideration of this position until the next Region F RWPG meeting. Chuck Brown made a motion seconded by Raymond Straub to delay consideration for the County Voting Member until the next Region F RWPG meeting, motion passed unanimously.

Consider Agriculture Voting Member (Irrigated Farming)

One nomination was received for the Agriculture Irrigated Farming, Douglas Wilde. Kenneth Dierschke made a motion seconded by Ty Edwards to nominate Douglas Wilde for Agriculture Irrigated Farming, motion passed unanimously.

Consider Municipal Voting Member (City Greater than 50,000)

One nomination was received for Municipalities City Greater than 50,000, Allison Strube, Director of Water Utilities with the City of San Angelo. Kenneth Dierschke made a motion seconded by Chuck Brown to nominate Allison Strube for Municipalities City Greater than 50,000, motion passed unanimously.

Recognize Liaison from Region G

Dale Adams was recognized as the recently appointed Liaison from Region G.

Consider Election of Region F Planning Group Officers

Scott Holland made a motion, seconded by Kenneth Dierschke to appoint John Grant as Chair, Chuck Brown as Vice-Chairman, Raymond Straub as Secretary, Gilbert Van Deventer as At Large Member and Richard Gist as At Large Member, motion passed unanimously.

TWDB Report

Tom Barnett provided information there will be a new Project Manager by the name of Elizabeth McCoy to take his place beginning with the next Region F RWPG meeting in July 2018, Tom will be moving to Region O.

Tom then presented a Power Point on New Member Orientation.

Review of Existing Surface Water Supplies in Region F

Simone Kiel presented a Power Point and information on Surface Water Supplies in Region F along with a handout.

Review of Existing Groundwater Supplies in Region F

Lissa Gregg presented a Power Point and information to include a handout on Groundwater Supplies in Region F. Bill Hutchinson and James Beach also provided information and answered questions as addressed on the topic.

GMA 3 and GMA 7 Desired Future Conditions and Modeled Available Groundwater

Bill Hutchinson then presented a Power Point along with a handout on the topic.

Consider Requesting an Extension of Time for Region F to Submit the Technical Memorandum to the TWDB

John Grant said that as a part of the planning process there is a Technical Memorandum that has to be submitted to the TWDB by September 10, 2018. The memorandum includes a table with the existing water supply, surface water and groundwater, but all the numbers are not complete. Suggestion was to request the TWDB to extend the deadline for Region F to submit the technical memorandum by 60 days from September 10 to November 9, 2018 for all the information to be submitted. Ty Edwards made a motion, seconded by Scott Holland to submit to the TWDB a request from Region F a 60 day extension to the deadline for the technical memorandum, motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and Discussion of Methodologies to Identify Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies

Lissa Gregg presented a Power Point along with a handout for review and discussion on the Methodologies to Identify Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies.

Public Comments on Methodologies to Identify Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies

Region F opened the meeting at 12:06pm for public comments on Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies.

Inquiries, questions and discussion were from Scott Holland, Raymond Straub, Ty Edwards and Mark Harrell.

Public Comment Closed at 12:31pm.

Consider Adoption of Methodologies to Identify Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies

Scott Holland made a motion, seconded by Chuck Brown to adopt the Methodologies to Identify Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies, motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approving a Partial Scope of Work for Task 5A and Authorize the Designated Political Subdivision to Submit a Request to the TWDB for a Notice-to-Proceed with the Partial Scope of Work for Task 5A and Execute any Required Contract Amendments

Chuck Brown made a motion seconded by Raymond Straub to approve and adopt a Partial Scope of Work for Task 5A and to authorize the Designated Political Subdivision to submit a request to the TWDB for a notice-to-proceed with the Partial Scope of Work for Task 5A and to execute any required contract requirements, motion passed unanimously.

La Escalera Ranch Capitan Reef Water Source

Gerald D. Lyda with La Escalera Ranch and Steve Finch with JSAI presented a Power Point along with a handout on La Escalera Ranch Water Resources, Southern Pecos County.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 10:30 A.M.

Adjourn

There was no further discussion and the meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Raymond Straub, Jr., Secretary
Region F Water Planning Group

John Grant, Chair
Region F Water Planning Group