

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
REGION F WATER PLANNING GROUP
10:30 A.M. MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010
AT HOWARD COLLEGE
1001 BIRDWELL LANE–BIG SPRING, TEXAS**

The Region F Water Planning Group (WPG) met at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 26, 2010 at Howard College, Big Spring, Texas. Voting members present were: Wendell Moody, Larry Turnbough, Will Wilde, Len Wilson, Richard Gist, Charles Hagood, Tim Warren, Scott Holland, Kenneth Dierschke, Merle Taylor, Stephen Brown, John Grant, Robert Moore, John Shepard, and Paul Weatherby. Voting members Terry Scott, Caroline Runge, Woody Anderson and Ben Shepperd were absent. Non-voting members present were Angela Kennedy, Ruben Cantu, Rick Harston, Don Daniel, Jill Reed, Michael McCulloch, John Cartwright and Joe David Ross. Other non-voting members and interested parties present were: Simone Kiel and Jon Albright, Freese & Nichols (FNI); David Meeseey, Texas Water Development Board; Allen Lange, Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District; Winton Milliff, Coke County Underground Water Conservation District; Alan Zeman, Jim Duke, and Jeff Williams.

Call to Order

John Grant, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:31 A.M. A quorum was present.

Introductions and Opening Remarks

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

Consider Approval of Minutes for the Region F WPG Meeting January 25, 2010

Motion was made by Richard Gist, seconded by Paul Weatherby that the minutes of the January 25, 2010 Region F WPG meeting be approved with a correction noted on the last page that Alan Zeman is from Reeves County, not from Coleman County. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

John Grant, on behalf of the designated political subdivision, CRMWD, reviewed both the financial report for the administrative fund and the planning fund through March 31, 2010, explaining the expenses from the administrative fund and the planning fund. Motion was made by Larry Turnbough, seconded by Len Wilson to accept the financial report as presented through the period March 31, 2010.

TWDB Report

David Meeseey reported that the Texas Water Development Board has published notice regarding potentially changes boundaries of regional water planning groups. David noted that this was typically done every five years and some boundaries were originally changed before the planning processes started, but no boundaries have been changed through three planning cycles. David Meeseey also noted that 14 of the 16 water

planning groups have submitted their Initially Prepared Plans and the Water Development Board is beginning to review those plans. Two planning groups, including Region F, both requested and were granted extensions to submit their IPPs.

Consultant Update

There was no report from the planning consultants for Region F.

Chapter 8 – Unique Stream Segments/Reservoir Sites/Legislative Recommendations

Simone Kiel presented the draft for Chapter 8 – Unique Stream Segments/ Reservoir Sites/Legislative Recommendations. The floor is then open for public comment and several comments were received including recognizing Dove Creek, the South Concho River, the South Llano River and Santa Rosa Springs in Pecos County as ecologically significant rivers and stream segments and that mention of them be made in the text of the plan. On page 8-5, under 8.1 it was noted that the text should read “the South Llano River in Kimble County” rather than the “San Saba River.” Under 8.3.2, Groundwater Policies, all persons or entities seeking to export significant amounts of groundwater from a Groundwater District, should notify the affected Groundwater District and the Regional Water Planning Group. Under 8.3.14, Groundwater Conservation Districts, one of the bulleted items should be revised to “the region does not support the use of historic limits in granting permits” and remove the phrase “water rights.” Under 8.4, Summary of Recommendations, number 34c should be revised to remove the phrase “water rights”; number 37 should be revised to provide notification to Groundwater Conservation Districts. Motion was made by Will Wilde to adopt the draft of Chapter 8 and include the comments made during the public comment section. Motion was seconded by Stephen Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Chapter 9- Infrastructure Financing Recommendations

Simone Kiel stated that the infrastructure for financing recommendations would be completed and included with the final Region F Plan to be considered prior to submission to the Water Development Board. No action was required or taken on this item.

Chapter 10–Plan Adoption and Public Participation

No action was required or taken on this item. This section will address comments received on the Initially Prepared Plan, both by the public and reviewing agencies.

Region F / Region K Surface Water Availability Model

David Meesey with the Water Development Board and Freese and Nichols discussed the surface water availability modeling being done in Region K and its impact to Region F. It was the opinion of the Water Development Board that there is no conflict in the 2011 Regional Water Plan regarding surface water availability between Region F and Region K. There are some concerns by the Region F Regional Water Planning Group

regarding the city of Brady and the city of Junction's water rights. Motion was made by Stephen Brown, seconded by Paul Weatherby, that Region F send a letter to Region K, during the comment period of Region K's Initially Prepared Plan, restating the clarifications regarding surface water use between Region F and Region K. Motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the 2011 Region F Initially Prepared Water Plan (IPP) and submittal to the Texas Water Development Board

Simone Kiel presented an overview of the 2011 Region F Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan and noted that as the planning process has proceeded, the planning group has reviewed, commented on and approved a draft of each chapter to be included in the Initially Prepared Plan. The floor was open for public comment and no public comments were received regarding the overall Initially Prepared Plan. Motion was made by Wendell Moody, seconded by Stephen Brown, to adopt the 2011 Region F Initially Prepared Water Plan as presented and amended at this meeting and for its submittal to the Texas Water Development Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Set date for the Public Hearing on the Region F 2011 Initially Prepared Water Plan

It was the consensus of the planning group that the public hearing on the Region F 2011 Initially Prepared Water Plan will be Monday, June 28, 2010, in Big Spring, Texas. This meeting will not be a formal Region F meeting.

Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting date of the Region F Regional Water Planning Group will be Monday, October 25, 2010, to review the comments and responses for the 2011 Region F Regional Water Plan and consider its final adoption for submittal to the Texas Water Development Board.

Adjourn

There was no further discussion and the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Will Wilde, Secretary
Region F Water Planning Group

John Grant, Chair
Region F Water Planning Group