

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
REGION F WATER PLANNING GROUP
10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 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 10:00a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at the Office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in Big Spring, Texas. Voting members present were: Bill Riley, Len Wilson, Richard Gist, Charles Hagood, Caroline Runge, Tim Warren, Scott Holland, Kenneth Dierschke, Merle Taylor, John Grant, John Shepard, Raymond Straub, and Gil VanDeVenter. Designated Alternate voting members present were: Ricky Lain and Chuck Brown. Non-voting members present were: Tom Barnett, Harvey Everheart, Ken Carver and Dan Daniel. Other interested parties present were Simone Kiel and Lissa Gregg, Freese & Nichols; Lindsay Bass, XTO Energy; Allan Lange, Lipan-Kickapoo WCD; Rick Baron, Tom Green County; Jim Polonis, Sutton Co UWCD; Jimmy Carlile, Fasken Oil and Ranch; Carmen Lerner, Steven Miller, City of Brady; Greg Jackson, Laura Wilson, City of Midland; Kevin Krueger and Mary Nelson (recorder of minutes) from the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Call to Order

Chair, John Grant, called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 April 16, 2015 and the Meeting Summary of Public Hearing for 2016 IPP held on June 11, 2015.

Motion was made by Richard Gist and seconded by Caroline Runge to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Voting Members

John addressed removing four individuals from the voting membership for different reasons, those reasons being either resignation, requirements no longer met to serve as a voting member or nonattendance at the Region F meetings. The four individuals to remove from the voting membership discussed were Larry Turnbough/Irrigation District, Mark Barr/no longer County Judge, Woody Anderson/Irrigated Farming and Ben Shepperd/Oil and Gas Industry. Motion was made by Merle Taylor and seconded by Len Wilson to remove Larry Turnbough, Mark Barr, Woody Anderson and Ben Shepperd from the voting membership. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

John presented the financial reports for the Planning and Administrative Funds. Expenditures from the Planning Fund TWDB Contract was \$783,769.00. Total period beginning March 31, 2015 there was \$348,516.33 spent from the fund. Expenditures for Consultants were \$251,782.98 leaving a remaining contract amount of \$138,000.00. For the Administrative Fund there was a beginning balance as of March 31, 2015 of \$29,260.89. Expenditures were \$2,373.47 leaving a

balance of \$26,892.70. Motion was made by Charles Hagood and seconded by Gil VanDeVenter to accept the Financial Reports.

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John then gave information on the Designated Political Subdivision and them being authorized to obtain Statement of Qualifications from qualified firms to assist the Region F Planning Group with the preparation of the 2021 Region F Water Plan. Motion was made by Len Wilson and seconded by Raymond Straub. The motion passed unanimously.

TWDB Report

Kathleen Jackson, Director of the TWDB provided information on the Swift Funding and completing the first round of prioritization for projects, other projects also have opportunities to move forward. The good news for Texas and the TWDB was that several large projects came in early including the Intergraded Pipeline project east Texas to the Metroplex, Conservation projects, etc. The TWDB is now AAA Bond Rated, a big rating for TWDB to assist with loans and funding. Aquifer studies throughout Texas was another area Kathleen briefly talked about and resources being provided to locate the Brackish Water.

Tom Barnett gave information on the Board approving the next round of Swift Funding, based on the 2017 State Water Plan. At the next TWDB Board meeting public comments will be taken on the Regional Water Plan area and boundaries, which is done every five years. Region F WPG had two deliverables by December 1, 2015 with the first one being the Adopted Regional Water Plan and the second is the Prioritization. Since the last meeting there was a contract executed by CRMWD making things ready for the next round of planning in 2016.

Planning Process

Simone Kiel with Freese and Nichols provided handouts and gave a brief summary on the following projects; IPP/Chapter 6 with Appendix I on Socioeconomic Impacts of Unmet Water Needs, Infrastructure Funding Recommendations/Chapter 9 with Appendix M on Survey Responses, Public Participation and Plan Adoption/Chapter 10 with Appendix K on Public Comments.

Consider Approval/Adoption of Region F 2016 Regional Water Plan and authorize CRMWD to Submit the Plan and related documents to the TWDB before the deadline.

Motion was made by Len Wilson and seconded by Carolyn Runge to adopt the Region F 2016 Regional Water Plan and authorize CRMWD to submit the plan and related documents to the TWDB prior to the deadline. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Authorizing the Executive Committee to approve minor revisions to the Final Region F 2016 Regional Water Plan.

Motion was made by Len Wilson and seconded by Carolyn Runge to authorize the Executive Committee to approve minor revisions to the Final Region F 2016 Regional Water Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider approval of IFR Survey Results and Submittal to TWDB before the deadline.

Motion was made by Len Wilson and seconded by Carolyn Runge to approve the IFR Survey Results and Submittal to TWDB prior to the deadline. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider approval of Implementation Survey Results and Submittal to TWDB before the deadline.

Motion was made by Len Wilson and seconded by Carolyn Runge to approve Implementation of Survey Results and Submittal to TWDB prior to the deadline. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider approval of Prioritization Results and Submittal to TWDB before the deadline.

Motion was made by Len Wilson and seconded by Carolyn Runge to approve the Prioritization Results and Submittal to TWDB prior to the deadline. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was left to the call of the Chair, John Grant.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Wendell Moody, Secretary
Region F Water Planning Group

John Grant, Chair
Region F Water Planning Group