

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
REGION F WATER PLANNING GROUP
10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017 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, February 2, 2017 at the Office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in Big Spring, Texas. Voting members present were: Len Wilson, Richard Gist, Charles Hagood, Tim Warren, Scott Holland, Kenneth Dierschke, Merle Taylor, John Grant, John Shepard, Ty Edwards, Raymond Straub, Gil VanDeVenter and Jerry Bearden. Designated Alternate voting members present were: Don Daniel, Bill Riley and Chuck Brown. Non-voting members present were: Tom Barnett, Ken Carver and Dan Daniel. Other interested parties present were: Bob Beal, Fort Stockton Pioneer; Robin Prewitt, Red Bluff WPCD; Ava Gerke, Ward 3 Irrigation District; Leroy Casey, Robert Lee; Diana Thomas, Sterling County UWCD; Chuck Brown, UCRA; Felix Romero, Wise Asset; Michelle Guelker, City of Colorado City; Simone Kiel, Freese & Nichols; Michelle Camp and Erik Anderson, Water Smart; Jimmy Carlile, Fasken Oil and Ranch; Raymond Partett, Wise Asset; Johnny Womack, City of Big Spring; Jim Polonis and Meredith Earwood, Sutton County UWCD; Tom Arsuff, TTU; Kevin Krueger, 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 10:04 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 September 17, 2015.

Motion was made by Kenneth Dierschke and seconded by John Shepard to approve the minutes. The 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 is needed to contract with the Water Development Board, manage funds and keep meeting minutes. The Administrative Fund has a balance of \$27,329.50 as of November 30, 2016. There is \$21,498.53 in the Planning Fund to develop their 2016-2021 Regional Water Plan for Region F. A motion was made by Jerry Bearden, seconded by Len Wilson to accept the Financial Reports.

Consider Voting Member Nominations

John addressed voting members and the positions that have expired. A Public Notice went out in March 2016 regarding those positions, several membership nomination forms were received to fill those positions.

John presented each nomination as follows:

Public – Tom Arsuffi - Motion was made by Kenneth Dierske, seconded by Charles Hagood. Motion passed unanimously.

Counties – Jerry Bearden – Motion was made by Charles Hagood, seconded by Raymond Straub, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

Municipalities – Population 10-50,000 - Merle Taylor – Motion was made by Gil Van Deventer, seconded by Kenneth Dierske. Motion passed unanimously.

Municipalities – Population <10,000 – Michelle Guelker – Motion was made by John Shepard, seconded by Scott Holland. Motion passed unanimously.

Industries – Jimmy Carlile – Motion was made by Gilbert Van Deventer, seconded by Raymond Straub, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

Agriculture – Ranching – Don Daniel – Motion was made by Jerry Bearden, seconded by Tim Warren. Motion passed unanimously.

Environmental – Gilbert Van Deventer – Motion was made by Ty Edwards, seconded by Chuck Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Electric Generation – Tim Warren – Motion was made by Gil Van Deventer, seconded by Richard Gist. Motion passed unanimously.

River Authority – Chuck Brown – Motion was made by Scott Holland, seconded by Kenneth Dierschke. Motion passed unanimously.

Water District – Regional Water Supplier – John Grant – Motion was made by Kenneth Dierschke, seconded by Ty Edwards. Motion passed unanimously.

Water District – Irrigation District – Ava Gerke – Motion was made by Ty Edwards, seconded by Scott Holland. Motion passed unanimously.

Water Utilities – Richard Gist – Motion was made by Tim Warren, seconded by Charles Hagood. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Election of Planning Group Officers

Jerry Bearden made a motion, seconded by Raymond Straub, Jr. to appoint John Grant as Chair, motion passed unanimously. Merle Taylor made a motion, seconded by Gil Van Deventer to appoint Chuck Brown as Vice-Chairman, motion passed unanimously. Gil Van Deventer made a motion, seconded by Ty Edwards to appoint Raymond Straub, Jr. as Secretary, motion passed unanimously. Raymond Straub made a motion, seconded by Ty Edwards to appoint Gilbert Van Deventer as At Large Member, motion passed unanimously. Scott Holland made a motion, seconded by Merle Taylor to also appoint Richard Gist as At Large Member, motion passed unanimously.

Consider Region F By-Laws

John Grant provided a handout on the Region F By-Laws for review and discussed the Terms of Office and Designated Alternates.

Consider Region F Membership

Voting membership positions were discussed and currently there are 22 members on the planning group.

The list of Required Non-Voting Members was discussed along with names of individuals holding positions: Staff Member - Thomas Barnett from the Texas Water Development Board; Staff Member - Nathan Rains from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Designated Liaisons between Region F Planning Group and from surrounding planning groups which include Regions O, J, K,

G, E; Entities with headquarters located in other RWPA; Staff Member – William Rice from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Consider Selection of Planning Consultant to assist Region F in developing the 2021 Regional Water Plan and authorize the Designated Political Subdivision to execute any necessary agreements on behalf of the Region F Planning Group

Gilbert Van Deventer made a motion seconded by Richard Gist to use Freese and Nichols, Inc. as the Planning Consultant for the 2021 Region F Planning Cycle, and to authorize the Designated Political Subdivision to execute any necessary agreements or documents. The motion passed unanimously.

TWDB Report

Tom Barnett presented a Power Point on the 2021 Region F Regional Water Plan.

Public Hearing on Scope of Work for the 2021 Region F Regional Water Plan

A Public Hearing was opened for comments from the general public or anyone wanting to comment. Bob Beal commented. Public Hearing was closed after Mr. Beal commented.

Consider authorizing the Designated Political Subdivision to submit a Grant Application for Financial Assistance to the TWDB, Publish Notice and Sign any and all Necessary Documents for Funds to carry out the planning activities to develop the 2021 Region F Regional Water Plan.

Ty Edwards made a motion seconded by Chuck Brown to approve authorizing the Designated Political Subdivision to submit a Grant Application for Financial Assistance to the TWDB, Publish Notice and Sign any and all Necessary Documents for Funds to carry out the planning activities to develop the 2021 Region F Regional Water Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Goldwater Project

John Grant provided information that the TWDB contracted with Averitt & Associates to survey entities across the state in each region to see how each city is doing on water conservation. Cities in Region F that will have the survey are Andrews, Ballinger, Brady, Bronte, Coleman, Junction, Menard, Odessa, Robert Lee, San Angelo, Snyder, Winters, Big Spring and Midland. They are calling this the Goldwater Project.

Funding

Mr. Grant also provided information on the Proposed Total Funding for the 5th Cycle Plan for Region F RWPG being at \$1,000,000.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is to be determined, it will be the third Thursday of the scheduled month and beginning at 10:00 A.M.

Adjourn

There was no further discussion and the meeting adjourned at 11:48 A.M.

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

John Grant, Chair
Region F Water Planning Group