

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
REGION F WATER PLANNING GROUP
10:30 A.M., THURSDAY, JULY 19, 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, July 19, 2018 at the Office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in Big Spring, Texas. Voting members present were: Tom Arsuffi, Allison Strube, Merle Taylor, Michelle Guelker, Jimmy Carlile, Kenneth Dierschke, Douglas Wilde, Don Daniel, Gil VanDeVenter, Tim Warren, Chuck Brown, John Grant, Richard Gist, Raymond Straub, Ty Edwards and Scott Holland. Non-voting members present were: Tom Barnett, Kim Carick, Dale Adams, Ryland Howard and Jon Cartwright. Other interested parties present were: Simone Kiel and Lissa Gregg, Freese & Nichols; Tommy Ervin, Ector County Utility District; Ben Wilde, State Soil and Water Conservation Board; Lance Overstreet, City of San Angelo; Elizabeth McCoy, TWDB; Dale Weaver, BCWID #1; John Allen, BCWID #1; Clint Williams, Concho County GCD; 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 10:33 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 March 15, 2018.

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

Financial Report

John Grant 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 Planning Fund had a balance of \$10,173.20 and there was a balance of \$27,709.22 in the Administrative Fund as of April 30, 2018. A motion was made by Ty Edwards, seconded by Gil VanDeVenter to accept the Financial Reports, motion passed unanimously.

Consider Voting Member Nominations

Voting members and positions available were addressed. A Public Notice went out in April 2018 regarding the following positions; (1) Public, (1) County, and (1) Small Business. Membership nomination forms were received to fill the County and Small Business positions.

Consider County Voting Member

Two nominations were received for County Voting Member, Raul B. Rodriguez the County Engineer in Reeves County and Kim Halfmann the County Judge in Glasscock County. Neither nominee was present at the meeting on March 15, 2018, also were not present at the meeting July 19, 2018 due to both being in training. Jerry Bearden requested Kim Halfmann be his designated alternate leaving one nomination for the County Voting Member, Raul B. Rodriguez. He is a Licensed Engineer and a former City Manager for Fort Stockton. Chuck Brown made a motion to accept Raul B. Rodriguez for the County Voting Member, seconded by Tim Warren. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Small Business Voting Member

One nomination was received for the Small Business Voting Member, Tommy Ervin. Small businesses are defined as corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships, or other legal entities that are formed for the purpose of making a profit, are independently owned and operated, have fewer than 100 employees or less than one million dollars in gross annual receipts. Tommy Ervin introduced himself and information about his accomplishments. Gil VanDeVenter made a motion to accept Tommy Ervin as the Small Business Voting Member seconded by Kenneth Dierschke. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Designated Alternate

One nomination for a Designated Alternate for Jerry Bearden was Kim Halfmann, County Judge in Glasscock County, Kim accepted the designated alternate position. Kenneth Dierschke made a motion to accept Kim Halfmann as the Designated Alternate for Jerry Bearden, seconded by Douglas Wilde. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Non-Voting Member

One nomination for a Non-Voting Member was received. Ryland Howard a retired attorney specialized in commercial and rural real estate and real estate planning and probate, introduced himself and gave information about his accomplishments and interests. Richard Gist made a motion to accept Ryland Howard for a Non-Voting Member, seconded by Raymond Straub. The motion passed unanimously.

TWDB Report

Introduction of Elizabeth McCoy, TWDB Project Manager

Elizabeth McCoy is the new TWDB Project Manager and Liaison between Region F and the TWDB. Elizabeth introduced herself, she is a native Texan and has a background in Geology.

Update on GMA 7 MAG Development

Elizabeth McCoy, TWDB Project Manager provided information and a PowerPoint on GMA 7 MAG Development.

TWDB Presentation on Recently Adopted Rules Revisions

Elizabeth McCoy, TWDB Project Manager gave information and along with a PowerPoint on Recently Adopted Rules Revisions.

Review of Surface Water Supplies in Region F from Subordination

Lissa Gregg presented a Power Point and information on Surface Water Supplies in Region F from Subordination along with a handout. The agenda item reviewed draft water supplies from the *Subordination of Downstream Water Rights*, a major water management strategy in the 2021 Plan.

Review and Consider Adoption of Hydrologic Variance Request for Surface Water Strategies

Lissa Gregg presented a Power Point and information on Hydrologic Variance Request for Surface Water Strategies. The TWDB rules require the use of the TCEQ Water Availability Model (WAM) Run 3 for evaluating supplies for water management strategies unless a hydrologic variance request is granted. Ty Edwards made a motion to consider adoption of hydrologic variance request for surface water strategies, seconded by Tom Arsuffi. The motion passed unanimously.

Review Draft Chapter 2

Simone Kiel provided a handout and gave information on Chapter 2 – Population and Water Demands. The agenda item reviewed Chapter 2, Population and Water Demands for inclusion in the Region F Initially Prepared Plan (IPP). Chapter 2 will be updated based on the Region's selection of Major Water Providers (MWPs).

Discuss and Consider Approval of Major Water Providers

Simone Kiel led the discussion on approving Major Water Providers. After discussion, Ty Edwards made a motion to consider approving Major Water Providers, seconded by Merle Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be Thursday, November 15, 2018.

Planning Group Comments

There were no Planning Group Comments.

Adjourn

There was no further discussion and the meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

FOR CONSIDERATION
November 15, 2018

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

John Grant, Chair
Region F Water Planning Group

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