

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
REGION F WATER PLANNING GROUP  
10:30 A.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 AT THE OFFICE OF THE  
COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
400 E. 24<sup>TH</sup> ST. BIG SPRING, TEXAS**

The Region F Water Planning Group (WPG) met at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at the Office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in Big Spring, Texas and via Zoom Meeting. Voting members present were: Allison Strube, Merle Taylor, Kim Halfmann, Kenneth Dierschke, Douglas Wilde, Gil VanDeVenter, Tommy Ervin, Henry Olstowski, John Grant, Richard Gist, Raymond Straub, Ty Edwards, Rhetta Yanez, Scott McWilliams and Ben Deishler. Non-voting members present were: Elizabeth McCoy and A. Ryland Howard, Tom Green County. Other interested parties present were: Simone Kiel, Lissa Gregg and Jordan Skipwith, Freese & Nichols; Kathleen Jackson and Sarah Backhouse, TWDB; James Beach, WSP; Mathew McAllen, Kevin Krueger, Audra Hoback, and Cole Walker from Colorado River Municipal Water District.

**Call to Order**

Chair, John Grant, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Introductions and Opening Remarks**

Voting and Non-Voting members and audience attendees introduced themselves. John Grant then introduced Kathleen Jackson, Director for the Texas Water Development Board.

**Consider Approval of Minutes of the Region F Meeting held on February 20, 2020.**

Motion was made by Merle Taylor and seconded by Tommy Ervin 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 Administrative Fund had a balance of \$28,665.57 as of December 1, 2019 with interest earned of \$161.61 bringing the balance to \$28,827.18. The Planning Fund had a balance of \$78,119.06 December 1, 2020 with interest earned of \$565.89 and expenditures of \$293,999.18 bringing the balance to \$45,720.77 as of June 30, 2020. A motion was made by Richard Gist, seconded by Kenneth Dierschke to accept the Financial Reports, motion passed unanimously.

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### **TWDB Report**

Elizabeth McCoy, TWDB Project Manager provided Region F TWDB update information including information on the upcoming Sixth Cycle Planning along with the TWDB website to access the information.

### **Planning Process**

Lissa Gregg with Freese & Nichols presented a summary of major changes between 2021 IPP and Final Plan along with the Infrastructure Financing Survey (IFR Survey).

### **Consideration of the proposed language to add the West Texas Water Partnership Project in the 2021 Regional Water Plan as presented**

Motion was made by Allison Strube, seconded by Kim Halfmann to add the West Texas Water Partnership project in the 2021 Plan with the language that had been proposed to the Planning Group. Motion passed with 12 in favor and Ty Edwards and Rhett Yanez voting against.

### **Consideration and adoption of accepting changes to Plan language on Pecos, Menard, Junction before final adoption of Plan**

Motion was made by Allison Strube, seconded by Merle Taylor to make suggested changes to language regarding Pecos, Menard and Junction to Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Consideration and adoption of accepting and including the Infrastructure Financing Survey (IFR Survey)**

Motion was made by Scott McWilliams, seconded by Merle Taylor to adopt, accept, and include the Infrastructure Financing Survey into the Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Prioritization of Region F Projects**

Jordan Skipwith with Freese & Nichols presented information on why and how projects are prioritized.

### **Review Responses to Agency and Public Comments**

Lissa Gregg with Freese & Nichols presented Agency and Public comments regarding the 2021 Plan as well as the response.

### **Consideration and adoption of the Final 2021 Region F Water Plan**

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Motion was made by Gil VanDeVenter, seconded by Kenneth Dierschke to consider adoption of the Final 2021 Region F Plan including changes adopted today and authorizing the Region F Executive Committee to make non-substantial edits and CRMWD to submit the final plan to the TWDB. Motion Passed with 12 in favor. Ty Edwards and Rhetta Yanez abstained from vote.

**Consideration and adoption of the final project prioritization list and authorize CRMWD to submit the prioritization list to the TWDB**

Motion was made by Allison Strube, seconded by Merle Taylor to adopt the final project prioritization list and authorizing CRMWD to submit the list to the TWDB. Motion Passed with 12 in favor. Ty Edwards abstained from the vote.

**Consideration of designating a Political Subdivision to administer the Region F RWPG for the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle of the Regional Water Planning**

Motion was made by Merle Taylor, seconded by Raymond Straub to nominate CRMWD as designated Political Subdivision, provided CRMWD Board approval and that all meetings be held in Big Spring to keep administrative costs down. Motion passed unanimously.

**Authorize the Region F Political Subdivision to provide public notice, submit a grant application to the TWDB, and execute a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the Region F RWPG for initial funding of the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle of Regional Water Planning**

Motion was made by Ty Edwards, seconded by Kenneth Dierschke to authorize the Political Subdivision to provide public notice, submit grant application to the TWDB and execute a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the Region F RWPG for initial funding of the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle of the Regional Water Planning. Motion passed unanimously.

**Authorize the Region F Political Subdivision to provide public notice and hold pre-planning public meeting to obtain input on development of the 2026 Regional Water Plan and 2027 State Water Plan**

Motion was made by Gil VanDeVenter, seconded by Tommy Ervin to authorize the Political Subdivision to provide public notice and hold pre-planning public meetings as it pertains to the development of the 2026 Regional Water Plan and 2027 State Water Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

**Authorize the Region F Political Subdivision to solicit a Request for Proposal for technical consultants for the 2026 Regional Water Plan**

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Motion was made by Merle Taylor, seconded by Raymond Straub to authorize the Region F Political Subdivision to solicit a request for proposal for technical consultants for the 2026 Regional Water Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date will be announced at a later date.

**Adjourn**

There was no further discussion and the meeting adjourned at 12:03 P.M.

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

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John Grant, Chair  
Region F Water Planning Group