

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
REGION F WATER PLANNING GROUP
10:30 A.M., THURSDAY, July 20, 2023 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 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at the Office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in Big Spring, Texas and. Voting members present were: Cole Walker, Kenneth Dierschke, Gil Van Deventer, Richard Gist, Raymond Straub, John Allen, Eli Torres, Schuyler Wight, Tommy Ervin, Scott McWilliams, Rhett Hector and Ty Edwards. Non-voting members present were: Heather Rose, TWDB; Dale Adams, Nolan County; JD Lawrence, Texas Department of Agriculture; Melanie Barnes, Regional Water Planning Area O; R. Deluna, Glasscock County; JJ Weatherby, Reagan County; and Diana Thomas, Sterling County. Other interested parties present were: Lissa Gregg and Jordan Skipworth with Freese & Nichols; Dale Weaver, BCWID #1; Jill Johnson, GMA 2; Teressa Todd, Region E; Linda Williams, ECUD; Kerry Kremor, City of Midland; and Audra Hoback and Mary Nelson from Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Call to Order

Chair, Cole Walker, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Introductions and Opening Remarks

Voting and Non-Voting members and audience attendees introduced themselves.

Voting Membership

Cole Walker presented the voting member resignation of Henryk Olstowski. Motion to accept resignation was made by Scott McWilliams and seconded Kenneth Dierschke. Motion passed unanimously.

Cole Walker presented the voting member nominations of:
Gene Carter – Electric Generating Utility.
Shane Kelton – Municipalities Greater than 50,000.
A motion to accept the nominations was made by Scott McWilliams and seconded by Kenneth Dierschke. Motion passed unanimously.

Region F Administrative Matters

- a. Consideration of the Minutes of the May 18, 2023 meeting:
Motion to accept made by Kenneth Dierschke and seconded by Richard Gist.
Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Financial Report: CRMWD is the designated Political Subdivision for Region F and contracts with the Water Development Board, manages funds and keeps meeting minutes. The Administrative Fund had a balance of \$29,733.91 as of April 30, 2023. The Planning Fund had a balance of \$3,281.15 as of April 30, 2023. Motion to accept made by Tommy Ervin and seconded by Rhetta Hector. Motion passed unanimously.

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Report

Heather Rose, TWDB Project Manager, provided Region F and TWDB updates and information on rule changes and revisions to the State Water Plan, changes to the regional water planning process, Sixth Cycle Planning updates, revisions to plumbing code savings projections and reminder of upcoming critical deadlines.

Planning Process

Jordan Skipworth, FNI, asked the group to review and consider adoption of the proposed changes to the draft population and municipal demands for the 2026 Region F Plan and authorize the consultants to work with the TWDB to make adjustments as needed. Motion to approve was made by Ty Edwards and seconded by Scott McWilliams. Motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Gregg, FNI, asked the group to review and consider adoption of hydrologic variance requests and authorize the consultants to work with the TWDB to make adjustments as needed. Motion to approve was made by John Allen and seconded by Tommy Ervin. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Updates were heard from Region O, Region G, and Region E.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be October 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Kenneth Dierschke and seconded by Richard Scott McWilliams. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

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

Cole Walker, Chair
Region F Water Planning Group