

**MINUTES OF THE
EAST TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP “T”
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006
1112 NORTH STREET, NACOGODOCHES, TEXAS**

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman David Alders called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

2. **Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Ernest Mosby opened the meeting with an invocation. David Alders led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2(a) David Alders introduced Ms. Mable Cannings as the new Liaison/Regional Planner for DETCOG to replace Gary Hanlon. Mr. Alders announced that Ms. Cannings’ professional career spans over two (2) decades as an entrepreneur and nine (9) years in the public sector including prior employment with City of Fort Worth, Joint Action in Community Service and DETCOG as a Program Director and that anyone desiring more information may request a copy of her resume via e-mail.

3. **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum (15 of 20)**

Voting Members Present

David Alders

David Brock

George P. Campbell

Jerry Clark

Josh David

Carl R. Griffith, Jr.

Michael Harbordt

William Heugel

Kelley Holcomb

Ernest Mosby

Hermon Reed

Monty Shank

Melvin Swoboda

Worth Whitehead

Dr. J. Leon Young

Proxies:

Jerry Clark for Dale Peddy

With a quorum being present, David Alders proceeded to conduct the meeting.

Other Guests Present:

Rex Hunt

Bob Bowman

Scott Hall

Simone Kiel

Robert Bradley

4. Approval of Minutes for the March 8, 2006 Meeting.

Gary Graham noted that item 10: TWDB Staff Report showed that Region “C” did not meet the TWDB deadline, but should have read, Region “L” instead. David Alders requested Mable to make those corrections and ruled the minutes approved with minor revisions by general consent.

5. Financial Report – Kelly Holcomb

Mr. Holcomb distributed financial packets. The reporting period is through the end of May 2006. Our contractual obligation between the TWDB and COG is \$1,242,575. On the Administrative Funding side \$15,559.00 is still to be collected. Working with DETCOG staff and Schaumburg & Polk toward final submittal so that contract can be closed out. Extensive dialogue ensued:

- He encouraged all individuals who are not supported by an entity to submit expense reports for mileage so that final accounting on the contract can be completed.
- Collection of local Administrative funds - Jefferson County still outstanding.
- He acknowledged the financial shortfalls resulting from the hurricanes and the impact they had on some of the counties’ resources.
- There are minor discrepancies existing in the dollar amount submitted for reimbursement, but when we go through the final accounting we will locate any discrepancy and will be able to clear this up.

6. Reports of Adjoining Regions activity

- a. Region C – no meeting
- b. Region D – Glenda Kindle not present.
- c. Region H – David Alders – no report

7. Reports by Standing Committees

- A. Executive Committee – no report
- B. Finance Committee – Kelly Holcomb – no report
- C. Bylaws Committee – Committee Chairman, Melvin Swoboda reported that the committee is in the process of reviewing the bylaws as it relates to the number of days in advance of a regular meeting the agenda and minutes are to be provided to members (10 calendar days vs. 7 days). He asked for a preference from the board, and the board accepted the 7 day notification period by consensus. The second issue under review is the Terms of Office. Currently, the language provides for staggered terms of two, four, and six years. However, since the members all are on staggered terms presently, the language should be changed to reflect six year terms only. The By-laws committee will bring back more structured revisions and draft recommendations by the next meeting
- D. Technical Committee – D. Leon Young – Reported no meeting

E. Nominations Committee – David reported there had been no meeting.

The Nominations Committee will meet before the next meeting. There are currently two positions available - County and Other. They will meet on these vacancies and report the next time.

8. Reports from other state agencies

A. Texas Departments of Parks & Wildlife – Terry Stelly. Reported on an upcoming meeting in Dallas. Referred interested persons to the TPW website.

B. Texas Department of Agriculture – Cliff Todd absent

9. DETCOG information – DETCOG staff. No report other than the previously noted introduction of Ms. Cannings.

10. Report from Texas Water Development Board Staff- Bill Roberts

Mr. Roberts presented the following key dates and deadlines to remember:

- a. Notice of intent to apply for next round Regional Water Planning funding Proposals due – 30 days – Sept 14, 2006
- b. Notice to solicit public input – 30 days

11. Invited Speaker from TWDB

Mr. Robert Bradley, Geologist, Texas Water Development Board.

Mr. Bradley gave an extensive Power Point Presentation on “Ground Water Management Area: Joint Planning and You”.

12. Report from Consultant Team – Gary Graham, Schaumburg and Polk, Inc.

A. Presentation of Errata for Region 1 Water Plan. Gary Graham indicated that a number of minor inconsistencies were discovered in the plan approved by the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group. Revisions were made, outlined and presented for approval. Mel Swoboda made a motion to accept the revisions to the plan proposed by Schaumburg & Polk in the letter dated June 20. Seconded by Mike Harbordt. The motion carried without opposition.

13. Public Comment – none

- 14. Unfinished Business** – Discuss and possibly take action to amend the Group’s By-laws concerning the number of days in advance of a regular meeting the agenda and minutes are to be provided to members

This item had been previously discussed during this meeting. Mr. Swoboda indicated that the By-Laws committee would meet and bring recommendations back to the group.

15. New Business

- A. Discuss and possibly take action to select DETCOG as the Region’s administrative entity for the third cycle of regional water planning
- B. Discuss and possibly take action to select Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. as the Region’s lead Consultant for the third cycle of regional water planning

Carl Griffith made a motion that the Executive Committee be directed to meet and negotiate with DETCOG to develop a Scope of Work to delineate the details of the work expected from DETCOG and that Schaumburg & Polk be chosen as the lead consultant for the third cycle of regional water planning. The motion was seconded by George Campbell. The motion carried unanimously without opposition.

16. Chairman’s Report Approval of Region I Water Plan by TWDB on May 16, 2006.

Mr. Alders stated that he and Mr. Graham had traveled to Austin on May 16 to present the Regional 1 Water Plan and it was unanimously approved by the Board. He complimented the group on their performance of the past five years which was found by the Texas Water Development Board to be commendable as evidenced by the approval of the 2006 Water Plan for Region 1.

Additionally, a Resolution of Approval by Texas Water Development Board was issued dated May 17, 2006. The resolution will be maintained in the official records. Mr. Graham stated that the plan was highly complimented for its legislative recommendations also.

17. General Discussion

- 1. Chairman Alders said that prior to the September meeting the Technical Committee would need to meet to look over options for proposals to be submitted to Austin. He also suggested that the Technical Committee and the Consultant have a joint meeting to prepare recommendations. Those recommendations will be prepared in draft form and communicated via e-mail and conference calls.

2. Chairman Alders appointed Monty Shank to fill Tom Mallory's place on the Technical Committee. A meeting date of July 13, 2006 was tentatively scheduled at the SFASU Ag Building @ 10:00am.
3. Chairman Alders announced that the next scheduled meeting of the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group would be September 13 and December 13, 2006.
4. Chairman Alders adjourned the meeting 12:02p.m.

Motion to Approve Minutes _____

Seconded by _____

Certification: _____

David Alders, Chairman

David Brock, Secretary