

MINUTES
March 8, 2006
East Texas Regional Water Planning Group “T”

Nacogdoches Recreation Center
1112 North Street
Nacogdoches, TX

1. **Call to Order** – David Alders called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. **Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance** – Ernest Mosby delivered the invocation. David Alders led the Group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**

Voting members present (17 of 20):

David Alders	David Brock
George Campbell	Jerry Clark
Josh David	Dr. Michael Harbordt
William Heugel	Dr. Leon Young
Kelley Holcomb	Bill Kimbrough
Glenda Kindle	Ernest Mosby
Dale Peddy	Hermon Reed
Monty Shank	Robert Stroder
Worth Whitehead	

Proxies

Dr. Michael Harbordt for Melvin Swoboda

Gary Hanlon reported the Group had a Quorum to conduct business.

Non-voting members present:

Terry Stelly, Texas Parks & Wildlife
Connie Standbridge, Region “C”

Other guests present:

Len Liscomb, Rusk County Groundwater
Don Montgomery, TXU Power
John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas A&M
Jack Tatum, Sabine River Authority
Christine Diamond, Lufkin Daily News
Bobby Praytor, City of Dallas
Connie Standbridge, Region "C"
Bob Bowman, Bob Bowman & Associates
James Beach, LBG-Guyton
Bill Tetley, Sierra Club
Brenda Vaughn, Judge Carl Griffith's staff
Rusty Phillips, DETCOG

4. Approval of Minutes:

December 14, 2005 – David Alders ruled the minutes be approved as presented, with the correction of minor typographical errors, by general consent

- 5. Financial Report:** Kelley Holcomb reported that he had been working with the DETCOG staff regarding the uncollected Administrative Funds. Holcomb had a discussion with Bill Roberts (TWDB representative) regarding TWDB's role in the collection of administrative funding. Holcomb recommended the Group:
1. Adopt an annual billing mechanism
 2. Give DETCOG a more detailed scope of work
 3. Adopt a fiscal year to coincide with TWDB

Glenda Kindle said she felt the Group needed better public relations to facilitate the collection of the administrative funding. Bob Bowman, Bob Bowman & Associates, stated the Group newsletter is being produced, but "you can't make them read it."

6. Reports from Adjoining Regions:

Region C: David Brock reported that Region “C” did not meet.

Region D: Glenda Kindle reported she had received a copy of the Region “D” plan.

Region H: David Alders reported the Region “H” met to re-elect officers

7. Reports from Standing Committees:

a. Executive Committee: No report.

b. Finance Committee: Kelley Holcomb made his report earlier

c. By-Laws Committee: Melvin Swoboda was not present, but David Alders questioned the number of meetings the Group is required to hold. It was determined the Group is required by the Legislature to hold at least one meeting quarterly.

d. Technical Committee: No Report

e. Nominations Committee: George Campbell reported the committee action was being deferred to Item 13 on the agenda.

8. Reports from other State agencies:

a. Texas Parks & Wildlife Department – Terry Stelly presented the Group with a copy of a letter dated Feb 12th from Larry D. McKinney, Director of Coastal Fisheries, regarding the water planning process. (*See Attachment A*)

b. Texas Department of Agriculture – No report.

9. DETCOG staff report: Gary Hanlon reported he had nothing to report

10. TWDB Staff Report: Bill Roberts noted there were a number of items to report:

1. All water planning regions, with the exception of Region “L” had submitted their plan by the TWDB deadline. Roberts explained there was a “legal question” about approval of the plan, which includes the City of San Antonio. Roberts also stated that the Region “I” plan was scheduled to go to the TWDB board for approval in May.
2. Roberts reported on the Chairs meeting on Feb. 13th in Austin. He said the main topic of discussion was what improvements could be made for the next round of planning. He said it was a “fruitful” meeting.
3. Roberts reported there would be a meeting on March 9th with consultants for the planning regions.
4. Roberts presented John Nielsen-Gammon, the State Climatologist, who made a presentation about droughts in Texas.

11. Report from consultant:

1. Gary Graham, of Schaumburg & Polk, said he had CDs of the plan available for members who required an electronic copy.
2. Graham echoes Roberts’ comments about the upcoming meeting of consultants regarding the next cycle of planning.
3. Graham reported that Schaumburg & Polk was in the process of developing a detailed webpage for Region “I” he gave members a slide show of the page and its many features.

GROUP broke for lunch at 11:40 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 12:40 p.m.

12. Public comments

13. New Business:

A. Discuss and possibly taking 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 was tables to the June meeting.

B. Worth Whitehead presented Don Montgomery, TXU representative, who made a presentation regarding the power company's intent to pump groundwater into Lake Martin (Panola County). Montgomery noted Lake Martin was about four feet low at this time and because of the TXU facility's importance on the lake to the power grid in Texas the company was looking at ways to make certain there was adequate water in the lake at all times. He said the process was in the planning stages and no action had been taken to date. TXU was awaiting the result of numerous studies before proceeding with a plan to drill water wells around the lake on TXU property. Whitehead and Len Liscomb, of the Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District also addressed the issue. James Beach, consultant from LBG-Guyton, discussed the potential withdrawal of groundwater from Lake Marin.

C. Election of officers. George Campbell stated the Nominations Committee had met prior to the regular meeting to discuss the election of officers. Campbell stated the committee, with the exception of Ernest Mosby and David Brock who had abstained, was recommending the following slate of officer:

David Alders – chairman
Melvin Swoboda - first vice-chairman
Worth Whitehead – second vice chairman
David Brock - secretary
Jerry Clark – assistant secretary
Ernest Mosby – at-large
David Brock – at-large

Rusty Phillips, DETCOG, officiated over the election and called for nominations from floor. Campbell nominated the slate recommended by the Nominations Committee, seconded by Glenda Kindle. The slate was elected unanimously. David Alders thanked the outgoing officers for their year of service.

14. Chairman's Report: David Alders gave a report of the Chairs' meeting on Feb. 13th in Austin.

15. Next meeting: David Alders said the following schedule was established For upcoming meetings:

June 14, 2006
September 13, 2006
December 13, 2006

16. Meeting adjourned at 1.28 p.m.

Motion to Approve Minutes_____

Seconded by_____

Certification: _____

David Alders, Chairman

David Brock, Secretary