

REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
INITIAL COORDINATING BOARD (ICB)  
SENATE BILL 1 REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP  
MEETING OF MARCH 25, 1998

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Initial Coordinating Board of Senate Bill 1 Regional Water Planning Group, met in regular session on the 25th day of March, 1998, at 1:00 p.m., at the Port of Beaumont, 1225 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas 77704.

Members present at this meeting were: Glenda Kindle, LaNell Larsen, Judge R. Chris vonDoenhoff, Judge Carl Griffith, Dick Nugent, Monty Shank, Michael Harbordt, Melvin Swoboda, David Alders, Hermon E. Reed, Jr., J. Leon Young, Ernest Mosby, Edward McCoy, Jr., Connie Slocomb, Sam Collins, Tommy Hebert, Tom Mallory, Nick Carter, Pat Armstrong, and Bill Kimbrough.

Guests present at this meeting were: Joe Berry, George Campbell, Ocie Westmoreland, Guy Goodson, Rusty Phillips, Todd Gallaher, Tom Burr, John D. Stover, John Johnson, Walter Diggles, Curt Goetz, Ernest Rebuck, J.D. Beffort, Misty Ross, Jeff Reed, Jim Sutherlin, Amy Kaariela, W. Joe Love, Carl Woodward, Terry Swan, Angela M. Wistner, Regina Bell, Patty Neild, and Mack Mitchell.

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Noting the presence of a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Bill Kimbrough at 1:00 p.m.

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Walter Diggles, Deep East Texas Council of Governments, introduced J. D. Beffort, the Region I representative from the Texas Water Development Board.

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Mr. Beffort discussed the issues that brought this board together and what the Legislature expects the board to do, and that today we need to go through the first seven items on the Major Milestones list. It was stated that the Initial Coordinating Board has two items of actual business to conduct today: add one or more members to the board, and to certify to the board that all of the interests have been represented and that they are now ready to move forward and become the Regional Water Planning Group.

Mr. Beffort called for nominations to appoint an interim Chairman for the Initial Coordinating Board to preside over the meetings until the by-laws are adopted.

Sam Collins made a motion to nominate Mr. Tommy Hebert, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

Judge Chris vonDoenhoff made a motion to nominate Judge Carl Griffith, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

Hermon Reed made a motion that the nominations be closed, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and the motion was approved.

The Chair was then relinquished to Walter Diggles, and a vote was taken by a show of hands as follows:

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| Tommy Hebert:  | 9 votes for |
| Carl Griffith: | 9 votes for |

Due to there being no structure for the Initial Coordinating Board because the by-laws have not yet been adopted, and the voting ending in a tie, it was decided that the Initial Coordinating Board meetings will be co-chaired by Tommy Hebert and Carl Griffith.

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Co-Chairman Hebert called for nominations of any interests that may have been overlooked and are not represented by the board.

Hermon Reed made a motion to add one new board member, seconded by Leon Young, and the motion was approved.

Glenda Kindle nominated Bob Gregg, who is a Cherokee County Commissioner and would represent Cherokee County and the East Texas Council Of Governments.

Mike Harbordt nominated George Campbell. He was the Project Manager for installing Lake Nacogdoches in Nacogdoches County, and in doing so has worked with the EPA, Corps of Engineers, TNRCC, and the Water Development Board. He also has resolutions of endorsement from the Commissioners' Courts of four out of the six counties with no representation.

John Stover, attorney from Lufkin, stated that he feels that the Angelina and Neches River Authority has been overlooked and would like to present Tom Burr, General Manager for the Angelina and Neches River Authority, as a candidate for nomination. Connie Slocomb then nominated Tom Burr.

Carl Griffith nominated Richard LeBlanc to represent the sportsmen and recreational interests.

A vote was then taken as follows:

Voting yes for Bob Gregg were: Sam Collins, Hermon Reed, Ed McCoy, Pat Armstrong, Nick Carter, Tom Mallory, Glenda Kindler, Monty Shank, and Bill Kimbrough.

Voting yes for George Perry Campbell were: Chris vonDeonhoff, LaNell Larsen, Ernest Mosby, Dick Nugent, Melvin Swoboda, David Alders, Michael Harbordt, Leon Young, and Carl Griffith.

Voting yes for Tom Burr was Connie Slocomb.

Since 19 of 20 votes were already cast, no more votes were taken. Two candidates had nine votes each, therefore, no one candidate could receive a two-thirds majority of the votes. Leon Young then made a motion to reconsider the original motion to add one additional member to the board and change it to add two new members, Bob Gregg and George Perry Campbell, to the board instead. The motion was seconded by Connie Slocomb and was unanimously approved.

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A motion was made by Sam Collins, seconded by Connie Slocomb, to submit a statement to the Texas Water Development Board certifying adequate interest representation (357.4(d)), and the motion was unanimously approved.

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After discussing the by-laws, Co-Chairman Hebert suggested that a committee study the by-laws and make recommendations to the board at the next meeting. Board members appointed to that committee were Leon Young, George Campbell, Connie Slocomb, Nick Carter, and Chris vonDoenhoff.

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Glenda Kindler made a motion, seconded by Leon Young, to name the board the East Texas Water Board, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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The next meeting was scheduled for April 22, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. It will be hosted by Connie Slocomb, and held at 1412 South Houston, Livingston, Texas 77351, phone number (409) 327-5303.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Carl Griffith, Co-Chairman

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Tommy Hebert, Co-Chairman