

East Texas Regional Water Planning Group

Carl R. Griffith, Jr.,
Chairman

**MINUTES
EAST TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING
GROUP**

Wednesday, April 22nd, 1998

10:00 AM

*** Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation * Hwy 190 *
Polk County, Texas**

- I. Call to Order:** Judge Carl Griffith, the interim co-chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and then called the meeting to order.
- II. Invocation:** Jerry Johnson of Nacogdoches gave the invocation.
- III. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum:** Chairman Griffith asked Andy Phillips of DETCOG to call the roll. Committee members present are as follows:

Glenda Kindle	David Alders
LaNell Larsen	Hermon Reed
Chris von Doenhoff	Leon Young
Carl Griffith	Ernest Mosby
Dick Nugent	Edward McCoy
Monty Shank	Connie Slocomb
Melvin Swoboda	Sam Collins

- denotes an action item

Roll Call (cont.)

Tommy Hebert
Tom Mallory
Nick Carter
Pat Armstrong
Bill Kimbrough
Bob Gregg
George Campbell

Absent member(s)

Michael Harbordt

IV. Presentation of By-laws Sub-committee: Chairman of the by-laws sub-committee, Chris von Doenhoff, reported the findings of the meeting held at SFA on March 31st, 1998.

Members of the by-laws sub-committee are:

Connie Slocomb
George Campbell
Nick Carter
Leon Young
Chris von Doenhoff – Chair

(Modifications to proposed by-laws are presented in their entirety in the attached version that was accepted.)

- Judge Chris von Doenhoff made a motion to accept by-laws as amended by the committee. Connie Slocomb offered a second. All voted aye and the motion carried.

V. Election of officers: Judge Carl Griffith opened the floor for nominations of officers.

Chris von Doenhoff nominated Carl Griffith as chairman

Monty Shank nominated Melvin Swoboda for the same office

- Herman Reed made the motion to close the nominations. He was seconded by Glenda Kindle. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Swoboda made remarks to the committee at large in reference to his qualifications as a chairman for this committee.

Judge Griffith then gave a statement to the group about his qualifications for the chairmanship of this committee.

The vote was then taken and Carl Griffith was elected to chair the ETRWPG by a vote of 11 – 9.

Campbell nominates Chris von Doenhoff as 1st vice-chairman

Pat Armstrong nominates Tommy Hebert for the same office

• Hermon Reed made the motion to close nominations, seconded by LaNell Larsen. All voted aye and the motion carried.

The vote was taken and Hebert and von Doenhoff were deadlocked at a 10 – 10 tie. A coin toss was used to break the tie. Hebert was pronounced the winner with von Doenhoff being offered the 2nd vice-chairman position. With no disagreement from von Doenhoff or the committee on method of selection, the results were allowed to stand.

Campbell nominates LaNell Larsen for secretary
Glenda Kindle nominates Pat Armstrong for the same office

• Hermon Reed made a motion to cease nominations. Edward McCoy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Pat Armstrong was elected secretary by a vote of 13 – 7.

Tom Mallory nominates Connie Slocomb for assistant secretary

Campbell nominates LaNell Larsen for the same office

Connie Slocomb wins by a count of 11 – 9.

Sam Collins nominates Melvin Swoboda as 1st member-at-large

Hermon Reed nominates Ernest Mosby for the same

Gregg nominates Kindle for the same

- Slocomb votes to cease nomination with Monty Shank seconding. All voted aye and the motion carried

First vote taken ends up with Swoboda 8 votes for, Kindle 7 votes for, Mosby 5 votes for. A run off was then conducted between the two top candidates. Swoboda wins this election 13 – 7 over Kindle.

Gregg nominates Kindle for 2nd member-at-large

Campbell nominates Reed for the same

Larsen nominates Alders for the same

First vote taken ends with Alders 7 votes for, Kindle 7 votes for, Reed 6 votes for. The run off had Alders winning 12 – 8.

Selection of authorized Political subdivision to apply for grant.

- Connie Slocomb nominates DETCOG as the authorized political subdivision for the ETRWPG. Larsen seconds the nomination. All voted aye and the motion carried.

- George Campbell makes a motion to set time limits for speaking at the public hearing (5 minutes). Alders seconds this motion and it carries unanimously.

Selection of Date, time, and place of next meeting.

The next meeting date was set by the consensus of the group. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the ETRWPG will be at the Pitsier Garrison Civic Center in Lufkin, Texas at 1:30 PM on June 22nd, 1998.

VIII. Other business:

It was decided by verbal assent that representatives to adjacent water planning groups will be decided upon at a later date.

It was also decided that a blanket news release should be sent to the media highlighting the results of this meeting. No formal action of the committee was taken on this item.

It was also brought to the attention of the group that a blank scope of services provided to the members, might be helpful.

A decision was made by the verbal consensus of the group that a meeting of the executive committee should be held prior to the next regularly scheduled group meeting in June. A date of May 18th at 1:30 PM at the Lufkin DETCOG office was set. A mailout to be provided by DETCOG staff.

IX. Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before this group, Judge Carl Griffith adjourned the meeting.