

MINUTES
East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
May 4, 1999, Tuesday, 10 AM
Nacogdoches Recreation Center
1112 North Street
Nacogdoches, TX

(ACTION ITEMS IN ITALICS)

- I. Call to Order: Mr. Nick Carter, ETRWPG Chairman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
- II. Invocation: Mr. David Alders delivered the invocation.
- III. Roll Call of Voting Members/Determination of Quorum: Mr. Carter asked Van Bush, the ERTWPG Coordinator, to call the roll of Voting Members and Non-Voting Members. It was determined a Quorum was present.

Voting Members present were as follows (16 of 22 present):

A.T. Hebert, Jr.	Chris von Doenhoff
Connie Slocomb	David Alders
George P. Campbell	Nick Carter
C. Michael Harbordt	Glenda Kindle
LaNell Larsen	Joe Love
Ernest Mosby	Dick Nugent
Hermon Reed	Monty Shank
Bob Gregg	Tom Mallory

Non-Voting Members present were as follows (3 of 8):

eroy Burch Robert McCarthy Jerry Mambretti

Others representing Members:

Ernie Rebeck for J.D. Beffort
John Johnson for Judge Carl R. Griffith
Cliff Todd for the Texas Department of Agriculture

Consultants present: Gary Graham of Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., Wayne Stolz of Everett Griffith & Associates, and Bob Bowman, Susan Larkin and Jimmy Bowman of Bob Bowman and Associates.

DETCOG staff present: Van Bush and Rusty Phillips.

- IV. Approval of Minutes of March 31, 1999.: *Mr. George Campbell offered a correction to page 3, line 3: replacing the name "Carter" with the name "Graham" the second time "Carter" appeared in the sentence. Ms. Connie Slocomb made a motion to approve the minutes as amended by Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hebert seconded that motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.*

V. Program Presentation: Mr. Carter introduced Mr. Danny Vance, General Manager of the Trinity River Authority. Mr. Vance made a presentation on the Trinity River Authority including a slide presentation of approximately 30 minutes.

Mr. Carter adjourned the meeting for 10 minutes.

Mr. Carter called the meeting back to order.

VI. Information dissemination by TWDB Staff: Mr. Ernie Rebeck announced he was substituting for J.D. Beffort today. Mr. Rebeck noted there was a teleconference for the RWPG Chairs. Mr. Carter stated Mr. Campbell would participate in the conference call for the ETRWPG. Mr. Rebeck noted that there would be periodic workshops for the various RWPG's consultants before every major task. Mr. Rebeck suggested that the ETRWPG discuss identifying the major water providers at one of the following two ETRWPG meetings. Mr. Graham stated it would be discussed at the following meeting.

VII. Report by Schaumburg & Polk, Inc.: Gary Graham announced he had just signed the Contract between DETCOG and Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. just prior to this meeting. He stated he anticipated Mr. Walter Diggles of DETCOG would execute the Contract within the next couple of days. He reported he had executed subcontracts with all the consulting team partners except for two, he added they would be executed shortly. Mr. Graham informed the ETRWPG that SPI had mailed out water use and population information to all the water providers and users and most manufacturers in Region I. Mr. Graham announced a mailing was going out today inviting participants of the focus group meetings. He provided the ETRWPG with a meeting schedule. He also noted forestry would be added to livestock and oil and gas would be added to the mining focus group. He stated he believed a second round of focus group meeting would be required. Mr. Carter asked that at least two voting members attend each focus group meeting. Mr. Carter passed around a sign up sheet. Mr. Graham stated a copy of the letters that accompanied the surveys to water users/providers would be mailed to the ETRWPG members. Mr. Carter instructed Van Bush to provide a copy of the executed contract between DETCOG and Schaumburg and Polk, Inc. to all ETRWPG voting members.

VIII. Report by DETCOG Staff: Van Bush reported that ETRWPG Public Notices was available at www.detcog.org/etrwpg. All meetings, agendas and approved minutes would be available at that site. He noted that he had passed out an updated ETRWPG contact list. He confirmed Walter Diggles would be executing the DETCOG/SPI contract within the next couple of days.

IX. Reports from Standing Committees:

a) Executive Committee: Mr. Carter reported the Executive Committee had met on April 20, 1999 in Nacogdoches. He stated the committee heard a presentation on population projects that would be repeated for the entire ETRWPG at the June meeting. He announced no changes would be made to the Standing Committees at this time. Mr. Carter noted that the Executive

Committee had voted to hold all regular ETRWPG meetings in Nacogdoches for the remainder of CY '99, with the exception of the October meeting, which will be held in the southern part of the region. He stated the Nacogdoches Recreation Center would be used for all meetings in Nacogdoches. He announced the regular meeting dates for the remainder of CY '99 as follows:

June 1, 1999 in Nacogdoches; July 6, 1999 in Nacogdoches; August 3, 1999 in Nacogdoches; September 9 or 14, 1999 in Nacogdoches; October 5, 1999 in a site TBA in the southern part of the region; and November 2, 1999 in Nacogdoches.

Mr. Carter stated the members would be polled as to their preference of dates for the September 1999 meeting. He also stated he did not anticipate a meeting in December 1999.

Mr. Carter discussed upcoming program presentations at ETRWPG meetings: June-population projections by TWDB, July-environmental issues by TPWD, and August-water rights.

Mr. Carter said the Executive Committee decided the Chair and Vice-Chairs would serve as official spokespersons for the ETRWPG.

Mr. Carter stated Tom Mallory would be providing legislative updates. He also added that most of the work of the Technical Committee would come later in the process, as needed.

- b) Finance Committee: Mr. Carter reported that 6 of the 20 counties had paid in full thus far for administrative funding. He discussed the counties that had not paid yet.

Anderson- No information.

Angelina- Van Bush said Walter Diggles had spoke with Judge Berry and they were working on it.

Hardin- Mr. Carter said industry had paid their share and the county would probably pay in the next couple of weeks.

Henderson- Ms. Kindle said she had talked to the Judge Smith and it should not be a problem.

Jasper- Mr. Carter said he had spoke with Judge Folk and they were working on it and that Mr. Carter would talk to industry.

Jefferson- Mr. Nugent stated Judge Griffith and all the City Managers in Jefferson County would be meeting to work out the details.

Nacogdoches- Mr. Campbell said Nacogdoches County would not be a problem.

Orange- Mr. Carter said Orange County would be paying the entire amount.

Polk- Van Bush said he would speak with Judge Thompson, and he didn't anticipate any problems. He noted Judge Thompson was at the meeting at Waterwood where it was discussed.

Rusk- County Judge Sandra Hodges, who was in the audience, stated Rusk County would not be a problem.

San Augustine- Van Bush said he would give Judge Goetz a call.

Shelby County- Van Bush said he would give Judge Watson a call. He noted Judge Watson was at the meeting at Waterwood where it was discussed.

Smith County- Monty Shank said he would give Judge Craig a call.

Tyler County- Van Bush said he would give Judge Owens a call.

- c) Technical Committee: Mr. Hebert stated the Technical Committee had not met.
- d) Bylaws Committee: Judge von Doenhoff reported the Bylaws Committee had not met.

X. Reports for Liaisons to Regions C, D and H:

- a) Region "C": Mr. Shank reported he had nothing to report on Region C.
- b) Region "D": Ms. Kindle reported she did not attend the last meeting, but would give Van Bush the minutes to distribute for the meeting of the 24th.
- c) Region "H": Ms. Slocomb passed out Minutes and Agenda from Region "H" and discussed activities taking place in Region "H".

XI. Discuss and take action, if necessary, on non-voting members: Mr. Carter reported that the Imperial-Calcasieu Regional Planning and Development Commission had requested that J.D. Allen be appointed as their non-voting member. *Ms. Slocomb made a motion to confirm Mr. Allen, Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.*

Mr. Campbell spoke to the group and suggested that each county without a voting member residing in their county be allowed to nominate a non-voting member. Mr. Alders suggested the Bylaws Committee address the suggestion in an amendment to Bylaws. He pointed out that when a county gained a voting member, it should no longer be entitled to a non-voting member. Mr. Alders suggested that the Bylaws Committee draft an amendment that roughly states the following
.....Commissioners Courts in counties, without a voting member residing in their county, be allowed to nominate a resident from their county to serve as a non-voting member for as long as they do not have a voting member residing in their respective county..... *Ms. Kindle made a motion that the Bylaws Committee be directed to draft an amendment to that effect, Mr. Alders seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.*

XII. Discuss and take action on approving locations and dates for meetings for the remainder of CY '99: *Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the Executive Committee report on meeting dates and that the Nacogdoches Recreation Center be the meeting site in Nacogdoches, Mr. Nugent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

New Business: *Mr. Alders made a motion to have "East Texas Regional Water Planning Group" precede "RWPA I" in the press releases issued by Bob Bowman & Associates, Mr. Reed seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*

Open Discussion: Mr. Carter asked if there were any questions or comments from those in the audience. There were none.

Adjournment: *Mr. Gregg made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Mr. McCoy, and passed unanimously. Mr. Carter declared the meeting adjourned.*

Minutes Approved by the East Texas Regional Water Planning group
on _____.

Constance Slocomb, Secretary

Date