

MINUTES
 East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
 June 1, 1999, Tuesday, 10 AM
 Nacogdoches Recreation Center
 1112 North Street
 Nacogdoches, TX

(Action Items In Italics)

- I. Call to Order: Mr. Nick Carter, ETRWPG Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
- II. Invocation: Mr. David Alders delivered the invocation. Mr. Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call of Voting Members/Non-Voting Members: Mr. Carter asked Van Bush, the ETRWPG 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):

David Alders	George P. Campbell	Nick Carter
Bob Gregg	Carl R. Griffith, Jr.	Michael Harbordt
Kelley Holcomb	Glenda Kindle	LaNell Larsen
Joe Love	Tom Mallory	Dick Nugent
Herman Reed	Connie Slocomb	Melvin Swoboda
Dr. J. Leon Young		

Non-Voting Members present were as follows:

Bart Bauer	J.D. Beffort	Leroy Burch
David Jenkins	Jerry Mambretti	

Others representing members:

David L. Robinson for Robert McCarthy

Consultants present: Gary Graham and Arnold Pierce of Schaumburg and Polk, Inc. and Bob Bowman of Bob Bowman and Associates.

DETCOG staff present: Van Bush

- IV. Approval of Minutes of May 4, 1999.- *Bob Gregg made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented, Joe Love seconded the motion and the Minutes were approved unanimously.*
- V. Program Presentation: Mr. Carter asked J.D. Beffort to introduce Butch Bloodworth of the Texas Water Development Board. Mr. Bloodworth made a presentation discussing Population and Water Use Projections. He described the methodology

used in developing the projections and explained the process for changing projections that are not considered accurate. He fielded several questions from the ETRWPG.

- VI. Information dissemination by TWDB Staff- J.D. Beffort discussed legislation and an upcoming meeting for the consultants.
- VII. Report by DETCOG Staff- Van Bush informed the group that the TWDB had approved the contract between DETCOG and Schaumburg and Polk, Inc. He stated DETCOG had started paying invoices from Schaumburg and Polk, Inc. He noted that LaNell Larsen, the ETRWPG independent reviewer, would be meeting with him and DETCOG financial staff later in the week to begin the process of reviewing financial records under the contracts with TWDB/DETCOG and DETCOG/Schaumburg and Polk, Inc.
- VIII. Report by Schaumburg and Polk, Inc. staff- Gary Graham discussed focus group meetings held thus far, water use by agriculture (rice growers in particular), and designation of water providers. He fielded several questions from the ETRWPG. A speakers bureau and visual aides for group members to use during presentations was discussed and approved. Mr. Graham stated SPI would prepare the visual materials.
- IX. Discuss and take action on designating Major Water Users- *David Alders made a motion to refer this item to the Technical Review Committee for a recommendation at the July 6 meeting. Glenda Kindle seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.*
- X. Reports from Standing Committees:
 - a. Executive Committee: Mr. Carter reported the Executive Committee had met by conference call and had appointed George P. Campbell to serve as the ETRWPG liaison with federal and state agencies.
 - b. Finance Committee: Mr. Carter reported roughly 25% of the administrative budget had been received by DETCOG. Follow up with the counties who have not paid was discussed. Ms. Kindle reported she had been in touch with Anderson and Henderson Counties. Judge Griffith reported the majority of Jefferson County's share would be coming from the City of Beaumont shortly. Mr. Carter stated Hardin County would be submitting most of their share shortly. Mr. Campbell stated he would check on Nacogdoches County. Van Bush stated Walter G. Diggles, the DETCOG Executive Director, was working with Angelina, Jasper, Polk, San Augustine, Shelby, Tyler Counties. Mr. Carter said he would follow up with Monty Shank regarding Smith County. Mr. Carter asked Mr. Harbordt to follow up on contributions from Temple-Inland. Mr. Carter said he estimated 60% of the funds would be received by DETCOG by the July meeting.
 - c. Technical Committee: Dr. Young reported the Technical Committee had not met, but would begin working with Gary Graham to develop recommendations

for the designations of Major Water Providers.

- d. Bylaws Committee: Judge von Doenhoff was not present. David Alders presented the amendment to the Bylaws drafted by Judge von Doenhoff.
- XI. Discuss and take action on amending Bylaws related to Non-Voting Members in counties without a Voting Member residing in their county. *Mr. Alders made a motion to accept the von Doenhoff draft to the Bylaws, Judge Griffith seconded the motion, and the Bylaws were amended without opposition. The amendment was considered as passing by a 2/3 majority, as specified by the Bylaws. (Attachment 1 contains the amendment to the Bylaws.)*
- XII. Report by Adjoining Regions Liaisons:
- a. Region C: Monty Shank was not present.
 - b. Region B: Connie Slocomb handed out material regarding Region H activities and David Jenkins reported on recent activities in Region H.
 - c. Region D: Glenda Kindle stated she had not attended the last meeting of Region D due to a schedule conflict. She noted she had given Van Bush a copy of the minutes for distribution with the next group packet.
 - d. Texas Water Foundation: Glenda Kindle stated to her knowledge the TWF had not met.
- XIII. Discuss and take action, on confirming non-voting members- Van Bush reported the only pending entity, Sabine River Compact Administration, would meet later the month to consider a nominee.
- XIV. New Business:

Glenda Kindle questioned whether portions of the City of Tyler and Smith County had been left out of the TWDB's population projections. Gary Graham will speak with Butch Bloodworth to get clarification.

Joe Love announced his resignation from the ETRWPG and his impending retirement from the Sabine River Authority. He introduced Jerry Clark, the new General Manager of the Sabine River Authority. Mr. Love asked that the ETRWPG consider electing Mr. Clark as a Voting Member representing River Authorities as soon as possible. Mr. Carter asked David Alders to work with Van Bush in fashioning an agenda item to consider Mr. Love's resignation and replacement for the next meeting.

The date of September 7, 1999 (Tuesday) was set as Regular Meeting date for the ETRWPG. The group will meet on the first Tuesday of each month from July through November 1999.

Mr. Carter asked Van Bush mail Texas Water Foundation materials to all ETRWPG members.

Judge Griffith asked Gary Graham to make a presentation of historical water levels at various rivers/lakes at a future meeting.

Mr. Campbell expressed concern that the time element had to be considered if Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. and the ETRWPG were to meet the deadlines. Mr. Graham responded he was confident SPI would meet the time deadlines.

Mr. Carter asked Mr. Graham when the population/water use revisions had to be considered. Mr. Graham replied they needed to be approved at the August meeting. He acknowledged that would not meet the August 1 deadline set by the TWDB, but he felt it would be sufficient to satisfy the TWDB. Butch Bloodworth of TWDB concurred.

XV. Open Discussion: Dr. Young announced several of his students were in attendance at today's meeting.

XVI. Adjournment- There being no further business, *Nick Carter adjourned the meeting.*

*MINUTES APPROVED BY THE EAST TEXAS
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP ON JUNE 1,
1999.*

Constance T. Slocumb, SECRETARY