

MINUTES  
 East Texas Regional Water Planning Group  
 September 7, 1999, 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/Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. David Alders delivered the invocation. Mr. Carter led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call of Voting Members/Non-Voting Members: Mr. Carter informed the group of Mr. Mallory's surgery, and then asked Van Bush to call the roll.

Voting Members present were as follows (17 of 22 present):

David Alders	Chris von Doenhoff	Leon Young
Michael Harbordt	Melvin Swoboda	Dick Nugent
Monty Shank	George Campbell	Jerry Clark
Bill Kimbrough	Glenda Kindle	Edward McCoy, Jr.
Tommy Hebert	Nick Carter	LaNell Larsen
Ernest Mosby	Carl R. Griffith, Jr	

Mr. Carter had Hermon Reed's proxy.  
 Ms. Kindle had Bob Gregg's proxy.

Non-Voting Members present were as follows:

Cliff Todd	J.D. Beffort	Robert McCarthy
James Alford	Leroy Burch	William Heugel
David Jenkins	Floyd "Dock" Watson	Bart Bauer

- IV. Approval of Minutes of August 3, 1999- *Dick Nugent made the motion to accept the Minutes as presented, Glenda Kindle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Program Presentation: Mr. Jerry Clark and Mr. Albert Gray gave a presentation, including a video, for the Sabine River Authority. They discussed the 50-year history of the SRA and future plans for meeting the water needs of the Sabine River Basin. Mr. Clark and Mr. Gray fielded several questions from ETRWPG members. Mr. Carter announced the Lower Neches Valley Authority would be next meeting's presentation.
- VI. Reports by Adjoining Regions Liaisons:

- a. Region C: Monty Shank stated he did not attend the last meeting of Region C, but discussed the availability of Region C minutes on the Internet, and offered to provide the URL to those interested. Leroy Burch stated Region C would meet again on September 14, 1999 to discuss population projections, which had not been submitted to date.
- b. Region H: David Jenkins discussed recent meetings of Region H, and the current status of water use projections. He reported the group had not acted to date on unique estuary sites. Mr. Carter appointed David Alders as the new ETRWPG liaison to Region H replacing Connie Slocomb.
- c. Region D: Glenda Kindle reported Region D had not met since last meeting.

VII. Report from Standing Committees:

- a. Executive Committee: Mr. Carter asked George Campbell to discuss the conference call with the RPG chairs. Mr. Campbell reported 12 regions had requested water use/population changes. He discussed the limits set by the TWDB on contingency funding (short-term \$250,000 & long-term \$750,000). He reported the 75%/50% stream flow was out, and that the drought of record would be used. Mr. Campbell also encouraged the group to consider establishing its own criteria for unique estuaries. He noted the other region's chairs were looking at Region I for water.
- b. Finance Committee: Mr. Carter discussed collections for the local match administrative fund. He noted that 76% of the budget had been raised. He stated those entities not paying by the end of the year would receive a letter discussing the requirement of "participation", in order to be included in the regional water plan.
- c. Bylaws Committee: Judge von Doenhoff reported the Bylaws Committee had not met.
- d. Technical Committee: Dr. Young reported the Technical Committee had not met.

VIII. Information dissemination by TWDB Staff: J.D. Beffort discussed population/water demand projections, stating that the reviews were under progress by TWDB. He stated that some contingency funds might have to be used to resolve conflicts between regions. Mr. Beffort stated he was discussing a groundwater study with Gary Graham, which would use contingency funds. He noted there was legislation being discussed at the federal level that would effect plumbing fixture conservation. Gary Graham stated he had a draft proposal under way for additional groundwater work. Mr. Campbell noted TNRCC was also undertaking some groundwater studies within Region I. Mr. Beffort stated the progress made by region on the TWDB progress report had been slowed by population/water use figures.

IX. Report by DETCOG Staff: Van Bush stated he had nothing to report.

X. Report by Schaumburg and Polk Staff: Gary Graham reported the Task 1 and Task 2 memorandum should be forthcoming shortly. He stated he and Mr. Carter would be

working on their presentation for the joint meeting with Region H. He noted the consultants were currently working on available water supply.

- XI. Discuss and take action, if necessary, on accepting Connie Slocomb's resignation as a voting member and secretary of the executive committee: *Mr. Hebert, stated with deep regret, that he would make the motion to accept Ms. Slocomb's resignation; Ms. Larsen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.* Mr. Carter stated he would write Connie a letter expressing the ETRWPG's appreciation for Connie's work.
- XII. Discuss and take action on replacing Ms. Slocomb as a voting member representing electric generating utilities and secretary of the executive committee. Mr. Carter noted that Glenda Kindle had expressed support for Bart Bauer, and that ENTERGY and the group Connie previously worked for had expressed interest in replacing Connie. The group elected to not take action on replacing Ms. Slocomb as a voting member until the November meeting. The group elected to accept nominations, including allowing presentations by potential replacements. *Judge von Doenhoff made a motion to act on filling the position at the next meeting, Ms. Kindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*
- Mr. Campbell nominated LaNell Larsen to serve as secretary of the executive committee and Mr. Swoboda seconded the nomination. Judge Griffith made a motion to close nominations, which was seconded by Mr. Alders, and was passed unanimously. Ms. Larsen was elected by acclamation.*
- XIII. Discuss and take action, if necessary, granting or confirming non-voting membership: *Mr. Alders made a motion to confirm Mr. Jim Hughes as a non-voting member representing Newton County, Judge von Doenhoff seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.* Mr. Carter told the group he had received a letter from Toledo Bend Bi-state Alliance requesting non-voting membership. The group took no action on the Toledo Bend Bi-state Alliance's request. The executive committee will review their application and will have a recommendation at the next meeting.
- XIV. Discuss and take action on setting meeting date and location for joint meeting with Region H: Mr. Carter announced the meeting would take place at Waterwood National Resort in San Jacinto County on September 29, 1999. He stated Van Bush would mail an announcement, including a detailed map. Mr. Carter noted the Lower Neches Valley Authority and the Sabine River Authority had agreed to sponsor the meeting and luncheon.
- XV. New Business: Mr. Carter reminded the membership that the meeting scheduled for October 5, 1999 would be held in the southern part of the region. He stated Van Bush would mail an announcement, including a detailed map.
- XVI. Public Comments: Albert Gray of SRA said SRA would oppose any unique ecological sites that conflict with unique reservoir sites. He added the ETRWPG would ultimately have to show a need for the water to prevent inter-basin transfers.
- XVII. Open Discussion: Judge Griffith asked that the letter to "non-participating counties" be drafted in advance of the next meeting. Glenda Kindle asked that a certificate be

prepared for members that leave the group. Monty Shank asked about drought contingency plans. Mr. Carter asked that Gary Graham send a list of drought contingency plans that have been received by the ETRWPG to the members, so they can review any they would like to see.

XVIII. Adjournment: There being no further business, *Mr. Carter declared the meeting adjourned.*