

MINUTES  
 East Texas Regional Water Planning Group  
 November 2, 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 asked Van Bush to call the roll.

Voting Members present were as follows (14 of 22 present):

David Alders	George Campbell	Nick Carter
Ken Deshotel	Michael Harbordt	Tommy Hebert
LaNell Larsen	Edward McCoy	Ernest Mosby
Dick Nugent	Hermon Reed	Monty Shank
Melvin Swoboda	Leon Young	

Van Bush informed Mr. Carter that a quorum was present, and informed the group that Mr. Mallory had a doctor's appointment.

Non-Voting Members present were as follows:

J.D. Beffort	Leroy Burch	William Heugel
Jim Hughes	Robert McCarthy	Jerry Mambretti
Floyd "Dock" Watson	Cliff Todd	

Persons in attendance representing voting/non-voting members:

John Johnson for Carl R. Griffith, Jr.  
 James Porter for J.D. Allen

Mr. Carter introduced Mr. Ken Deshotel as the newest voting member of the group.

- IV. Approval of Minutes of October 5, 1999- *David Alders made the motion to accept the Minutes as presented, LaNell Larsen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Program Presentation: Mr. Carter asked J.D. Beffort to introduce today's program:

John Ashworth with LBG-Guyton, Inc. discussed a wide variety of ground-water issues. Mr. Ashworth fielded a number of questions from members of the ETRWPG.

- VI. Reports by Adjoining Regions Liaisons:
- a. Region C: Leroy Burch reported Region C submitted their population/water use numbers to TWDB on October 18, 1999. Population=9.5 mil in 2050; Water Use=2.6 mil acre feet. An increase of 7% in population and 30% water use over TWDB numbers.
  - c. Region D: Ms. Kindle & Mr. Rabicoff were not present to report.
  - b. Region H: Mr. Alders reported he had attended his first meeting of Region H. Ernie Rebeck stated Region H had decided in principal to include environmental needs. Mr. Alders said he asked Dr. Young to attend the Region H meeting tomorrow.
- VII. Report from Standing Committees:
- Executive Committee: Mr. Carter reported the executive committee had met by conference call a couple of times since the last meeting to discuss population & water use projections with Gary Graham.
- Mr. Campbell reported the Chairs of the RWPGs had a conference call on October 28, 1999. He stated discussion between groups was discussed, and meeting with the federal agencies. He stated the dates for the meeting with the frdral agencies would take place sometime in January. He discussed recent legislation clarifying the RWPG authority to contract. He noted DETCOG, the ETRWPG's designated political subdivision, had contracted with TWDB and Schaumburg and Polk, on behalf of the ETRWPG.
- Finance Committee: Mr. Carter reported on local funds raised for administration. He stated Angelina County was making process. He said some work remained to be done in San Augustine and Smith County.
- Ms. Larsen reported she had met with DETCOG, and they were in the process of preparing the request for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> advance from TWDB. She passed out a worksheet detailing the TWDB/DETCOG (state funds) and DETCOG/SPI (state funds) financial status. She noted she had asked DETCOG to prepare a report of the administrative funds (local funds) and would present it at the next meeting.
- Bylaws Committee: had not met.
- Technical Committee: had not met.
- VIII. Information dissemination by TWDB Staff: J.D. Beffort gave the group an overview of calculating inflow.

Ernie Rebeck stated the federal coordination with the water groups was moving forward. Mr. Carter told the group to letter to federal agencies inviting their participation would be mailed shortly.

- IX. Report by DETCOG Staff: Van Bush stated he had nothing to report.
- X. Report by Schaumburg and Polk Staff: Gary Graham reported on negotiations with the TWDB staff regarding population and water use projections. He stated the TWDB staff had accepted the population projections. In the water use projections, there were three areas of disagreement between the ETRWPG approved numbers and the TWDB staff numbers. Mr. Graham recommended the following revisions:
  - (a.) Irrigation- revised down to 302,800 acre feet per year
  - (b.) City of Nacogdoches- revised down to 276 gallons per day per capita prior to conservation
  - (c.) Angelina County- revised down to 45,000 acre feet for manufacturing water use

The Group discussed environmental water needs and water demands, as they relate to water use projections. Several members expressed concern about environmental needs being included in demand numbers.

- XI. Discuss and take action, if necessary, on approving consultant's recommendations for revised population and water use projections:

Mr. Carter stated the revised population projection was 1,560,996, and that the revised water use projection was 180,148,553 acre feet.

*Tommy Hebert made a motion to accept the revisions, Melvin Swoboda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*

- XII. Discuss and take action, if necessary, granting or confirming non-voting membership: Mr. Carter reported that the executive committee had reviewed the Toledo Bend Reservoir Alliance request for non-voting membership, and recommended that the request be denied. Mr. Carter stated the executive committee felt the group's focus was too narrow for non-voting status. *LaNell Larsen made a motion to support the executive committee's recommendation, Leon Young seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.* Mr. Carter said he would get in touch with the group's leadership to inform them of the decision, and to invite their input at the meetings.
- XIII. New Business: *The ETRWPG agree the next meeting would be held on January 4, 2000, at the Stephen F. Austin State University Agriculture Building, in Nacogdoches, TX, at 10 AM.*
- XIV. Public Comments: No public comments were made.
- XV. Open Discussion: There was no additional discussion.
- XVI. Adjournment: *There being no further business, Mr. Carter adjourned the meeting.*

