

**REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Bailey, W.R. Baker, John Bartos, Robert Bruner, Mark Evans, Bob Hebert, Art Henson, Jace Houston, Robert Istre, Ivan Langford, Glenn Lord, William Teer, Michael Turco, and Pudge Willcox.

DESIGNATED ALTERNATES: Alisa Max for John Blount, Aaron Abel for Brad Brunett, Veronica Osegueda for Yvonne Forrest, Ken Kramer for Carl Masterson, Jun Chang for Jimmie Schindewolf, Robert Thompson for Marvin Marcell, and Jim Sims for Kevin Ward.

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Comin and James Morrison.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristen Lambrecht, Glen Sutton, and Lann Bookout.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were not introductions.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2019 MEETING

Mr. Hebert made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bartos and carried unanimously.

4. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS 5 THROUGH 12

There were no public comments.

5. DISCUSS VACANCIES ON THE REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP (RHWPG) AND CONSIDER TAKING ACTION TO APPROVE MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE PLANNING GROUP

Mr. Evans announced that Ruth Stultz resigned her position representing Small Business and reiterated the current vacancy for Electric Generating Utilities. Mr. Evans stated that the vacant positions needed to be posted on the website and that the discussion related to filling the two vacancies would be discussed and possibly considered at the next meeting.

6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY TO CONSIDER AND EXECUTE A TWDB CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO INCREASE COMMITTED FUNDS

Mr. Bookout explained the process for the biennial disbursement of TWDB funds and stated that the funds would be disbursed following the execution of an amendment to the contract. Mr. Bookout projected the funds to be approximately \$332,000. Mr. Hebert made a motion to authorize the San Jacinto River Authority to execute a contract amendment with TWDB to increase committed funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lord and carried unanimously.

7. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING THE SCHEDULE AND MILESTONES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2021 REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLAN (RWP)

Mr. Taucer provided information related to the milestones for the development of the 2021 Region H Regional Water Plan by stating that they are currently in the WMS stage of the project. He reviewed upcoming due dates for scheduled events and tasks.

8. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING STATUS OF INVESTIGATION OF WATER SUPPLY ALTERNATIVES FOR THE 2021 REGION H RWP

Mr. Taucer provided an overview of the water supply alternatives for the 2021 Region H RWP. He provided information for each strategy, summarizing pertinent information for each.

9. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

Mr. Taucer explained that each WPG prioritizes all recommended Water Management Strategy Projects (MSPs) in their regional water plan using uniform standards. He explained that the minimum criteria to be considered by the RWPGs regarding prioritization are the decade of need, and the feasibility, viability, sustainability, and cost-effectiveness of each project. He explained that the list of recommended WMSPs for each RWPG is submitted to the TWDB along with the final adopted regional water plan and the regional prioritization of each project is incorporated into the state prioritization based on its relative percentile within the overall rankings of all other projects within the region.

10. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM REGION H LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Evans stated that Mr. Marcell was not in attendance but will discuss specific legislation at the next meeting. Mr. Evans provided a brief overview of Senate Bills 7 and 8, related to flood planning, mitigation, and infrastructure projects and state and regional flood planning, respectively. Mr. Bookout commented on HB 807 relating to the state and regional water planning process. Mr. Evans stated that a more in-depth update by the Legislative Committee will take place at the next meeting.

11. RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING RECENT AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE RHWPG

Mr. Taucer reported on meetings with the HGAC Natural Resources Advisory Committee providing an update to the 2021 Region H Plan and the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District presenting Regional Water Planning: What Exactly Is It?

12. AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Mr. Bookout provided information related to the Unified Costing Model. He also stated that the Drought Preparedness Council approved recommendations of the RWPG.

13. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Laura Norton and Mr. Neil Gainer spoke in reference to the recent changes in the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District.

14. NEXT MEETING

Mr. Evans announced that the next Region H Water Planning Group meeting will take place on September 4, 2019.

15. ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.