

**MINUTES
REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP MEETING
10:00 A.M.
JANUARY 5, 2011
SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1577 DAM SITE ROAD
CONROE, TEXAS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: John R. Bartos, John Blount, Robert Bruner, Jun Chang, Reed Eichelberger, Mark Evans, Art Henson, John Hofmann, John Howard, Robert Istre, Gena Leathers, Ted Long, Marvin Marcell, Ron Neighbors, Jimmie Schindewolf, William Teer, Steve Tyler, Danny Vance, C. Harold Wallace, and Pudge Willcox

DESIGNATED ALTERNATES: Mike O'Connell for Bob Hebert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roosevelt Alexander, Glynn Leiper, and James Morrison

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Temple McKinnon and Jamie Schubert

PRESIDING: Mark Evans, Chair

CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC MEETING AT 10:35 A.M.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2010 MEETING

Consideration and approval of the minutes for the October 6, 2010, meeting was deferred.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF ROOSEVELT ALEXANDER AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC

Mr. Houston stated that Mr. Alexander submitted a letter of resignation as a voting member of the Region H Water Planning Group. Mr. Bartos recognized Mr. Alexander's role as one of the original members of the Group. Motion was made by Mr. Wallace; seconded by Mr. Henson. The motion carried to accept the resignation of Mr. Roosevelt Alexander as a voting member of the Region H Water Planning Group representing the public.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS 4 THROUGH 6

Mr. Dan Davis, representing the Lake Conroe Communities Network (LCCN) stated that he met with Judge Sadler and they both wanted to express appreciation for the Group's efforts in working to update the population data in the effort of acquiring additional water supplies. He stated that *Lone Star Water Smart* information, including the Montgomery County Water Conservation Study is posted on the websites of Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 8 and the LCCN. Mr. Davis briefly discussed the main recommendations of that study.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM AECOM REGARDING STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS TO PREPARE REGIONAL WATER PLAN FOR THE REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP

Mr. David Parkhill with AECOM discussed their current role and commitment to Region H. He then introduced Mr. Jason Afinowicz. Mr. Afinowicz discussed AECOM's project experience, including AECOM's understanding of the program, challenges, objectives identified to provide a comprehensive plan and approach and strategies to prepare the 2016 Regional Water Plan for the Region H Water Planning Group. Mr. Parkhill wrapped up the presentation by discussing AECOM's commitment to Region H and the desire to continue the opportunity. Mr. Parkhill and Mr. Afinowicz responded to questions from the Group members.

Mr. Evans announced that there would be a ten minute recess before proceeding to the next presentation.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC., REGARDING STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS TO PREPARE REGIONAL WATER PLAN FOR THE REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP

Mr. Jeff Taylor and Mr. Mike Reedy were introduced to the Group. Mr. Taylor began with an overview of Freese and Nichols and their team. Mr. Reedy continued by discussing their project experience, along with the firm's capabilities and available resources. Mr. Taylor supplemented Mr. Reedy's comments by highlighting staff's experience and leadership capabilities. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Reedy responded to questions from the Group.

Mr. Evans announced that there would be a five minute recess.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO SELECT A CONSULTANT TEAM TO PREPARE THE 2016 REGIONAL WATER PLAN FOR THE REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP

Mr. Houston explained the voting process that would be used to select the consultant team to prepare the 2016 Regional Water Plan for the Region H Water Planning Group. He stated that the Scoping Committee wanted to ensure a fair process, so careful consideration was given to establishing a method of voting that did not create a bias in favor of either firm. Mr. Houston explained that the process had been discussed with the Attorney General's office and received a favorable response. All members were given two cards – one card for AECOM and one for Freese and Nichols. All voting members voted simultaneously by holding up the card of the firm they wished to select, and a count of the votes was taken. The count was confirmed by Mr. Houston and his staff. The result of the vote was eighteen votes for Freese and Nichols and three votes for AECOM, thus selecting Freese and Nichols as the consultant team to prepare the 2016 Region Water Plan for the Region H Water Planning Group.

AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Temple McKinnon gave the agency report for the TWDB. She briefly discussed funds remaining at the conclusion of the planning efforts, the release of same, and the application process to pursue the remaining funds.

NEXT MEETING:

Tentatively set for April 6, 2011
San Jacinto River Authority
General and Administration Building
1577 Dam Site Road
Conroe, Texas 77304

ADJOURNED AT 12:45 A.M.