

**MINUTES  
REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP MEETING  
10:00 A.M.  
AUGUST 8, 2008  
SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY OFFICE  
LAKE CONROE DAM  
1577 DAM SITE ROAD  
CONROE, TEXAS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roosevelt Alexander, John Baker, John R. Bartos, John Blount, Robert Bruner, Reed Eichelberger, Mark Evans, Robert Istre, Ronald Neighbors, Jimmie Schindewolf, Jeff Taylor, William Teer, Danny Vance, and Pudge Willcox.

**DESIGNATED ALTERNATES:** Tom Michel for Marvin Marcell, Glynn Leiper for James Murray, Gena' Leathers for Mike Uhl, Jace Houston for Jack Harris, and D'Neal Krisch for Bob Hebert.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jason Fluharty, Jack Harris, Bob Hebert, John Howard, Marvin Marcell, James Morrison, James Murray, Steve Tyler, Mike Uhl, and C. Harold Wallace.

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matt Nelson for Temple McKinnon.

**PRESIDING:** Mark Evans, Vice-Chair

**CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC MEETING AT 10:12 A.M.**

**MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2008 MEETING**

A motion was made by Ron Neighbors to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2008 meeting; seconded by Danny Vance. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 4 – 13**

No public comments.

Jeff Taylor now presiding.

**ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JAMES MURRAY AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP REPRESENTING INDUSTRIES**

A motion was made by Danny Vance to accept the resignation of James Murray; seconded by Robert Bruner. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE NOMINATION OF MS. GLYNNA LEIPER TO SERVE AS A VOTING MEMBER ON THE REGION H REGIONAL WATER**

**PLANNING GROUP REPRESENTING INDUSTRIES AND REPLACING JAMES MURRAY**

After a brief introduction of Glynn Leiper, motion was made by Ron Neighbors on the nomination of Glynn Leiper to serve as a voting member on the Region H Regional Water Planning Group representing industries; seconded by Danny Vance. The motion carried unanimously.

**ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JASON FLUHARTY AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP REPRESENTING ELECTRIC GENERATING UTILITIES**

Motion was made by John Baker to accept the resignation of Jason Fluharty as a voting member of the Region H Regional Water Planning Group; seconded by Danny Vance. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE NOMINATION OF MR. TED LONG TO SERVE AS A VOTING MEMBER ON THE REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP REPRESENTING ELECTRIC GENERATING UTILITIES AND REPLACING JASON FLUHARTY**

After a brief introduction of Ted Long, Danny Vance made a motion to accept the nomination of Ted Long to serve as a voting member on the Region H Regional Water Planning Group representing electric generating utilities; seconded by Ron Neighbors. The motion carried unanimously.

**RECEIVE PRESENTATION BY PUDGE WILLCOX, GENERAL MANAGER, CHAMBERS LIBERTY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT, ON STATUS OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT OF A PROPOSED SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN WEST CHAMBERS COUNTY AND THE PROPOSED PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE 2006 REGION H RWP**

Pudge Willcox gave an overview of Chambers Liberty County Navigation District's covered areas and functions. He discussed the project to develop a regional surface water treatment plant and the necessity to amend the 2006 Region H Plan.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION, IF NEEDED, ON THE PROPOSED PLAN AMENDMENT RELATED TO ITEM ABOVE**

A brief discussion ensued on the procedure for requesting a plan amendment. Matt Nelson with the Texas Water Development Board and Mike Reedy with TCB outlined the amendment procedure. Discussion continued on who is responsible for the costs related to the preparation of the amendment request. It was determined that Pudge Willcox will get with the Chambers Liberty County Navigation District to conclude whether or not they will fund the preparation of the amendment. Danny Vance moved to table this item until the funding can be determined; seconded by Ron Neighbors. The motion carried unanimously.

**RECEIVE PRESENTATION BY MELINDA SILVA WITH BROWN & GAY ENGINEERS ON THE STATUS OF CURRENT AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE NORTH FORT BEND WATER AUTHORITY**

Melinda Silva with Brown & Gay Engineers gave a presentation on the status of current and planned activities associated with the North Fort Bend Water Authority. Her presentation included an overview of the North Fort Bend Water Authority and the surface water conversion scheduled for 2013 and funding for same. She then received questions regarding the project and a brief discussion followed.

**RECEIVE UPDATE FROM MATT NELSON WITH THE TWDB ON THE STATUS OF ONGOING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE BOARD'S DRAFT REPORT "WATER DEMAND PROJECTIONS FOR POWER GENERATION IN TEXAS"**

Matt Nelson gave a presentation regarding the water demand projections for power generation in Texas. Discussion followed regarding potential plants, the availability of water resources, and the costs related to same.

**RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM CONSULTANT ON THE CURRENT STATUS AND PROGRESS OF REGIONAL WATER PLANNING**

Mike Reedy with TCB began with an administrative update on the status and progress of regional water planning. This included an update on the grant for the 2011 plan preparation, which was submitted on June 13, 2008 to Texas Water Development Board. Matt Nelson with TWDB gave a brief update on the review status for all regional planning grant applications. Mike Reedy continued with an update on the status of the Bay and Estuary Study and the Instream Flows Study. He discussed the development of critical stream segments for field study and the study methodology and goals of the study. Mr. Reedy presented field observations collected at selected locations and graphs showing potential impacts of Region H management strategies on stream flows in selected stream segments. Mike Personett with KBR continued with an update on the Drought Management Study. This included an overview of the proposed study, a summary of the scope of work, and the concept of drought management and the impacts that droughts have on water suppliers. He presented the initial observations and results of the study.

**RECEIVE UPDATES BY LOCAL WATER AGENCIES OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES REGARDING ANY WATER RELATED INITIATIVES OR PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY OR PLANNED**

Mike Reedy gave an update on the Environment Flows Advisory Group, which included the adoption of boundaries for the bay/basin areas, the adoption of the statewide Science Advisory Committee, the adoption of the stakeholder groups for the Trinity and San Jacinto rivers/Galveston Bay and Sabine and Neches rivers/Sabine Lake area, and the adjustments made to the timelines for the environmental flows process.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**NEXT MEETING**

November 5, 2008  
San Jacinto River Authority  
Lake Conroe Dam  
1577 Dam Site Road  
Conroe, Texas 77304

**ADJOURNED AT 1:35 P.M.**