

MINUTES
REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP MEETING
10:00 A.M.
August 6, 2014
SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1577 DAM SITE ROAD
CONROE, TEXAS

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Bailey, John R. Bartos, John Blount, Robert Bruner, Jun Chang, David Collinsworth, James Comin, Mark Evans, Gene Fisseler, Art Henson, Jace Houston, John Howard, Robert Istre, Kathy Jones, Gena Leathers, Marvin Marcell, Ron Neighbors, Jimmie Schindewolf, William Teer, J. Kevin Ward, Pudge Willcox

DESIGNATED ALTERNATES: Mike O'Connell for Bob Hebert, Ken Kramer for Carl Masterson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Tyler, James Morrison

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Lann Bookout for Temple McKinnon, Dave Scholler, Wayne Ahrens

PRESIDING: Judge Mark Evans, Chair

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING AT 10:05 A.M.

A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Evans welcomed everyone and alternates were announced. Mr. Evans recognized a new, elected official, Judge Butch McDaniel from Madison County.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2014 MEETING

The minutes for the May 7, 2014, meeting was presented. Motion was made by Mr. Neighbors, seconded by Mr. Fisseler, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS 4 THROUGH 20

No public comments.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN HOFFMAN AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE REGION H WPG REPRESENTING RIVER AUTHORITIES

Motion was made by Mr. Henson to accept the resignation of John Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Blount. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE SELECTION OF DAVID COLLINSWORTH AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE REGION H WPG REPRESENTING RIVER AUTHORITIES

Mr. Schindewolf, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the committee's recommendation of David Collinsworth with Brazos River Authority to replace John Hofmann as a voting member of the

Region H WPG representing river authorities.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE SELECTION OF JAMES COMIN AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE REGION H WPG REPRESENTING INDUSTRIES

Mr. Schindewolf also presented the committee's recommendation of James Comin with Exxon Mobile to replace Glynna Leiper as a voting member of the Region H WPG representing Industry.

RECOGNIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVE SCHOLLER AS NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE REGION H WPG REPRESENTING NORTH FORT BEND WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Evans explained the appointment by the North Fort Bend Water Authority of Dave Scholler as a mandatory, non-voting member.

ELECT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE REGION H WPG

Mr. Schindewolf then presented the committee's recommendation for the members of the Executive Committee as follows: Mark Evans, Chair; Ron Neighbors, Vice Chair; Jace Houston, Secretary; John Bartos, member; and Jun Chang, member. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve all the recommendations from the Nominating Committee, including the appointment of Dave Scholler as a non-voting member, David Collinworth and James Comin as voting members, and the five recommended members of the Executive Committee. Seconded by Mr. Bruner. The motion carried unanimously.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING THE PROPOSED APPLICATION BY BRAZOSPORT WATER AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE 2011 REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLAN AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO TWDB FOR THE DETERMINATION OF MINOR AMENDMENT STATUS

Mr. Evans clarified this as being a proposed application to TWDB to make a determination of a major or minor amendment. TWDB would report back to the water planning group with their evaluation for the November meeting.

Susan Roth, representing the Brazosport Water Authority, presented an overview of their request for minor amendments to the 2011 Region H Water Plan and the 2012 State Water Plan, highlighting a facility study and giving a summary of the proposed water management strategy. Discussion ensued about the environmental impact, permitting, pricing, and concerns regarding subsidence. Motion was made by Mr. O'Connell, seconded by Mr. Ward, to submit the requests to TWDB for their determination of minor or major amendments, and, if determined to be a major amendment, allowing the consultants to proceed with the notification process prior to the November meeting. The motion carried. Mr. Neighbors, Mr. Marcell, and Mr. Kramer voted nay.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING THE PROPOSED APPLICATION BY DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY TO AMEND THE 2011 REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLAN AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO TWDB FOR THE DETERMINATION OF MINOR AMENDMENT STATUS

David Dunn, from HDR on behalf of Dow Chemical Company, made a presentation on Dow's water supply system, drought susceptibility, and depiction of the Harris Reservoir expansion project reflecting the need for a proposed amendment to the 2011 Region H Water Plan. They requested that the package be sent to TWDB for determination of minor amendment status and asked that any necessary

action be authorized to take place prior to the November meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Istre, seconded by Mr. Collinsworth, to submit the application package to TWDB for their determination of minor or major amendment status, and, if determined to be a major amendment, allowing the consultants to proceed with the notification process prior to the November meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING THE SCHEDULE AND MILESTONES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2016 REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Mr. Afinowicz gave updates on project prioritization, reporting the June 1, 2014, draft was submitted. No action taken.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RATIFYING THE TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO TWDB BY THE CONSULTANT TEAM DETAILING POPULATION AND WATER DEMAND PROJECTIONS, EXISTING WATER SUPPLIES, AND IDENTIFIED NEEDS

Mr. Afinowicz gave a summary on the technical memorandum and recommended ratification and acknowledgment of submittal to TWDB. Motion was made by Mr. Neighbors, seconded by Mr. Marcell for ratification of the technical memorandum. Motion carried.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM THE CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING THE DRAFT COPY OF CHAPTER 1: DESCRIPTION OF REGION FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2016 REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Mr. Afinowicz gave a presentation of Chapter 1: Description of Region for inclusion in the 2016 Region H Regional Water Plan. No action taken.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM THE CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING THE DRAFT COPY OF CHAPTER 2: PROJECTED POPULATION AND WATER DEMANDS FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2016 REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Mr. Afinowicz gave a presentation of Chapter 2: Projected Population and Water Demands for inclusion in the 2016 Region H Regional Water Plan. No action taken.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM THE CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING THE DRAFT COPY OF CHAPTER 3: ANALYSIS OF CURRENT WATER SUPPLIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2016 REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Mr. Afinowicz gave a presentation of Chapter 3: Analysis of Current Water Supplies for inclusion in the 2016 Region H Regional Water Plan. No action taken.

RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSULTANT TEAM AND WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES COMMITTEE REGARDING THE PRIORITIZATION OF WATER PLAN PROJECTS FOR USE BY THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN ADMINISTERING LOAN FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT WATER PROJECTS

Mr. Afinowicz gave an update on the prioritization of 2011 RWP projects from the submitted scoring draft and the comments received from TWDB.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON AUTHORIZING THE CONSULTANT TEAM TO FINALIZE AND SUBMIT THE FINAL TWDB PRIORITIZATION SCORING TEMPLATE FOR REGION H WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES INCLUDED IN THE 2011 REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Neighbors, to authorize the consultant team to finalize and submit the TWDB prioritization scoring template for Region H water management strategies included in the 2011 Regional Water Plan. Motion carried.

RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING DRAFT RULES DEVELOPED BY TWDB RELATED TO THE STATE WATER IMPLEMENTATION FUND FOR TEXAS (SWIFT) AND THE STATE WATER IMPLEMENTATION REVENUE FUND FOR TEXAS (SWIRFT) AND PROPOSE COMMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO TWDB BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2014

Mr. Reedy gave a presentation regarding the draft SWIFT/SWIRFT rules. Comments to TWDB regarding the prioritization scoring will be accepted up to September 1, 2014. A discussion ensued regarding whether Region H should submit comments on the draft rules. A recommendation was made that the Executive Committee receive comments from the planning group until August 15, 2014, and then draft a submittal to the TWDB. Motion made by Mr. Fisseler for the Region H Executive Committee to submit comments to TWDB based on input from planning group members submitted by August 15, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Henson. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER SUBMITTAL OF A SEPARATE REPORT SUMMARIZING EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES THAT MAY BE USED FOR INTERCONNECTIONS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SHORTAGE OF WATER

Motion made by Mr. Blount to authorize the Executive Committee to review and consider submittal of a separate report summarizing existing water infrastructure facilities that may be used for interconnections in the event of an emergency shortage of water. Seconded by Mr. Collinsworth. Motion carried.

AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Mr. Bookout recapped the September deadline for the final 2011 project prioritization to TWDB and also comments due on the proposed SWIFT Rules.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

NEXT MEETING

November 5, 2014
San Jacinto River Authority
General & Administration Building
1577 Dam Site Road
Conroe, TX 77304

ADJOURNED AT 12:05 P.M.