

Minutes
Plateau Water Planning Group
Regular Meeting - Leakey, Texas
November 9, 2017
10:00 AM

Notice having been duly given the Plateau Water Planning Group (PWPG) conducted a Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2017, beginning at 10:00 A.M. at The Frio Canyon Baptist Church, 919 US-83, Leakey, Real County, Texas. Present at the meeting were: Ray Buck, Kerr County; Jonathan Letz, Kerr County; Joel Pigg, Real County; Gene Williams, Kerr County; Rene Villarreal, Kinney County; Feather Wilson, Bandera County; Scott Loveland, Kerr County; Jody Grinstead; John Ashworth, WSP and LBG-Guyton & Associates.; Jennifer Herrera, WSP and LBG-Guyton & Associates; Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board; William Alfaro, Texas Water Development Board Chad Norris, Texas Parks and Wildlife; Joseph McDaniel, Aqua America; Carl Schwing; Charlie Wiedenfeld, Kerr County; David Jeffery, Bandera County; Homer Stevens, Bandera County; Michael Redman (for David Mauk), Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District; Roland "Tooter" Trees, Zack Davis (for Wes Robinson), Tully Shahan, Kinney County; Lee Sweeten, Real-Edwards County, Jerry Simpton, Val Verde County; Sky Lewey, E.A. Hoppe, City of Kerrville; Tom Moser, Kerr County and Chris Childs

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Certification of Quorum in Compliance with Texas Open Meetings Law.

II. Public Comments.
No public comments were made.

III. Approval of minutes from the July 27, 2017.
Motion by Ray Buck to approve the minutes of July 27, 2017; second by Joel Pigg. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

IV. Reports.

a. Report from Chair.

Bank Statements - June, July, August & September. Balance of \$12,870

b. Report from Secretary.

No report was given.

c. Report from Political Entity.

No report was given.

d. Report from Liaisons.

e. Report from GMA representatives.

Mr. Schwing gave an update on Region M

Mr. Wilson gave an update on Region K

Mr. Pigg gave an update on GMA7

Lann Bookout spoke briefly regarding SB1511

Chad Norris informed the Group that Representative Nevarez has directed the Water Development Board along with Parks and Wildlife and TCEQ to prepare a report regarding the possibilities for water management. The report is scheduled to be released the of 2018

- V. **Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to approve invoices.**
Motion by Joel Pigg to pay the following invoices: \$3,998.60 – LBG-Guyton (6/1/17-6/30/17), \$14,159.27 – LBG-Guyton (7/1/17-7/31/17), \$4,640/25 – LBG-Guyton (8/1/17-8/31/17), \$2,850.50 - LBG-Guyton (9/1/17 – 9/30/17), \$273.55 – Transcripts for 7/27/17 Meeting (reimbursed to Kerr County) and \$49.00 – Postage; **second by David Jeffery. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**
- VI. **Discussion regarding required open meetings act training (SB 347).**
It was determined that certificates were still needed from: Otila Gonzales, Tommy Qualia, Tully Shahan & Homer Stevens. Ms. Gonzales was not present at the meeting, but previously stated she would mail the certificate to Jody. Mr. Letz stated that he did not think Mr. Qualia still had an interest in being a member. Mr. Shahn stated that he would turn his in soon. Mr. Stevens presented his certificate at the meeting.
- VII. **Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to re-announce vacancy for Water Utilities (Kerr County) previously held by Jerry Heffley.**
Mr. Letz stated that the vacancy for Mr. Heffley would be posted again.
- VIII. **Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to announce vacancy for Municipalities (Val Verde County) currently held by Mitch Lomas.**
Mr. Letz stated that Mr. Lomas no longer worked for the City of Del Rio, so he announced the vacancy for that position. Mr. Letz stated that he spoke to Jerry Simpton and Mr. Simpton is going visit with the City of Del Rio about who they'd like to represent them. He said that he would also send the City a letter announcing that there's a vacancy, and ask them to appoint somebody.
- IX. **Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to discuss attendance records and policy regarding meeting attendance.**
Mr. Letz stated that Jody (Administrative Assistant) reviewed the meeting attendance records and noted that a small number of members had missed numerous meetings. Of those members, the only one that is believed not to have an interest in continuing is Tommy Qualia. Mr. Letz said an agenda item would be placed on the next agenda to announce that vacancy.
- X. **Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to have Joseph McDaniel replace Charlie Wiedenfeld as the Liaison for Region L.**
Motion by Charlie Wiedenfeld to appoint Joseph McDaniel as the Liaison for Region L; second by Joel Pigg. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- XI. **Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to appoint Jody Grinstead as the Public Information Coordinator for the Plateau Water Planning Group.**
Motion by Joel Pigg to appoint Jody Grinstead as the Public Information Coordinator for the Plateau Water Planning Group; second by Rene Villarreal. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- XII. **Texas Water Development Board Updates. (William Alfaro, Project Manager)**
Mr. Alfaro introduced himself to the Group (he will be the new Project Manager for the region) and gave a little background on himself. He stated that the deadline for project revisions is January 12th. He encouraged the planning groups and consultants to submit their information early in order to allow time for feedback regarding the revisions. He also stated that the Water

Development Board is seeking input for the proposal of the new rules and a draft of the new rules should be available in December.

XIII. LBG-Guyton Update on TWDB Work Session – Potential Changes to the Regional and State Water Planning.

Ms. Herrera gave a brief presentation regarding Senate Bill 347 (Public Opening Meetings Act), House Bill 2215 (RE: Joint Planning between GMA's and Water Planning with regards to DFC's – and simplified planning) and Senate Bill 1511 (feasible strategies)

XIV. LBG-Guyton Update on Regional Water Planning Schedule.

Ms. Jennifer Herrera informed the Group that LBG-Guyton had been acquired by a new company named WSP. She gave a brief history on WSP and said that the change will not have any impact on the work that she and John do for the Group. She said the WSP is very interested in water planning activities.

Ms. Herrera briefly reviewed what action the Group had taken at the last meeting. She then discussed the upcoming January 12th submittal date that Mr. Alfaro referred to earlier and gave a brief summary of what needed to be accomplished at today's meeting.

XV. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to approve the population projections.

Ms. Herrera discussed her handout entitled "Table 1. 2021 *Draft* Water User Group (WUG) Population". The Group briefly discussed the numbers listed for the City of Kerrville, population projects done by the TWDB. Mr. Sweeten discussed transient populations and how they are not accounted for in the population estimates as well as absentee land owners. The Group went on to discuss the projections for Bandera County and Kinney County. **Motion by Gene Williams to approve population projections with the exception of the City of Kerrville and authorize the City of Kerrville, the consultants and the Chair to modify that number as appropriate; second by Joseph McDaniel. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.** It was agreed that another meeting will be called if any of the changes will cause a detriment to some other entity.

XVI. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to approve the municipal and county-other water demand projections.

Ms. Herrera discussed her handout entitled "Table 2. 2021 *Draft* Municipal and County-Other Water Demands (Acre-Feet per Year)". She stated this was the same information that was presented two meetings ago. The Group briefly discussed the Edwards County, Real County, Kerr County, Bandera County, City of Kerrville, Kinney County and Val Verde County numbers. Mr. Ashworth stated that the numbers came directly from the Water Development Board. **Motion by Lee Sweeten to appoint Joel Pigg, Scott Loveland, Gene Williams, Ray Buck and Jonathan Letz to a committee to look at the numbers for Kerr, Edwards, and Real Counties, along with the consultants, and allow that committee the flexibility to determine the final demand numbers; second by Jerry Simpton. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

XVII. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to approve the non-municipal demand projections.

Ms. Herrera briefly discussed the following handouts:

Table 3. Plateau Region County-Other Water Supply Entities (Acre-Feet per Year). Ms. Herrera stated that this information was discussed at the last meeting. The current handout lists all the Sub-WUG's that were turned in by the September 1st deadline.

Table 4. Differences within Irrigation Water Demand Projections (2016 & 2021 Plans)(Acre-Feet per Year); Ms. Herrera stated that she has been working with Ms. Hobbs (Kinney County) to work on resetting Kinney County's irrigation numbers back to the true metered numbers.

5. Differences within Livestock Water Demand Projections (2016 & 2021 Plans)(Acre-Feet per Year). Ms. Herrera stated that these numbers were also submitted at a previous meeting and upon review at that time, there wasn't anything there that would require a revision. A brief discussion ensued regarding wildlife and exotics. Ms. Herrera stated that they will continue to stress to the Water Development Board that this is definitely happening in this region because to that degree, the draft numbers don't incorporate all of that breakout. The methodology behind livestock doesn't include all of that study in 2010. Mr. Sweeten said that the Real Edwards Water Conservation District did a study in 2009-2010 that did a full projection of those numbers and turned it into the planning group and it was addressed in the narrative of the Plan at that time. Mr. Letz stated the big concern was whether or not exotics are included in the livestock numbers. Ms. Herrera said she had that methodology and would email it to Mr. Letz.

Table 6. Differences within Manufacturing Water Demand Projections (2016 & 2021 Plans)(Acre-Feet per Year). Mr. Ashworth said the table only shows manufacturers that are producing their own water, not those that are buying from the cities.

Motion by Zach Davis to approve the irrigation demand projections with the exception of Kinney County that is being worked on by the Kinney Groundwater Conservation District and the manufacturing demand projections as presented: second by Ray Buck. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Motion by Lee Sweeten to authorized the previously appointed committee to make modifications to the livestock demand projections as they deem appropriate; second by Tully Shahan. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

XVIII. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action on designation of Major Water Providers (MWPs).

Ms. Herrera briefly discussed the definition of a Wholesale Water Provider in the 2016 Plan and stated that in the 2021 Plan, the Water Development Board has offered planning groups flexibility by identifying a Major Water Provider. She said the Board's definition of a Major Water Provider is a water user group or a wholesale water provider with particular significance to the region's water supply as determined by the regional water planning group. She proposed that the Group alter the Board's definition to identify an entity that currently provides significant water supply greater than 10,000 acre feet per year to other users and which will continue to develop new supplies to meet the future needs of those whom they supply and in selecting greater than 10,000 acre feet.

Motion by Jerry Simpton to define a Major Water Provider the same a Wholesale Water Provider was defined in the previous plan; second by Lee Sweeten. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

XIX. Discuss remaining planning activities.

Ms. Herrera stated that the next deadline is January 12, 2018 when the draft demand revisions are due to the TWDB

XX. Set next meeting.

The next meeting will be February 15, 2018 in Kerr County. Exact location is to be determined.