

Minutes
Plateau Water Planning Group
REGULAR MEETING
Initiated and Chaired at
Guadalupe Basin Natural Resources Center (GBNRC)
125 Lehmann Drive - Auditorium
Kerrville, Texas
January 30, 2025
10:00 AM

Notice having duly been given the Plateau Water Planning Group (PWPG) conducted a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 30, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The meeting was initiated and chaired at GBNRC, 125 Lehmann Drive, Auditorium, Kerrville, TX 78028. **Present in person:** Tara Bushnoe, Kerr County; Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board; Matthew Wilkinson, UGRA (hosted the meeting); Jody Grinstead, Admin. Asst.; Tammy Thompson, UGRA; Carlos Velarde, Val Verde County; Gene Williams, Kerr County; Jess Erlund, Kerr County; David Jeffery; Bandera County/GMA9; Charlie Wiedenfeld, Kerr County; David Mauk, Bandera County; Marty Graham, Edwards County; Tim Marlin, Real-Edwards Reclamation and Conservation District. **Present via Zoom:** Jennifer Jackson, Carollo Engineering; Max Martin, Edward/Val Verde/Kinney County; Feather Wilson, Bandera County; Darlene Shahan for Tully Shahan, Kinney County; Dell Dickinson, Val Verde County and Kendria Ray (TSSWCB).

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

It was determined that a quorum was present.

II. **Public Comments.**

No public comments were received.

III. **Approval of minutes from the December 5, 2024 Regular Meeting.**

Motion by Charlie Wiedenfeld to approve the December 5, 2024 minutes; second by David Mauk. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

IV. **Reports.**

a. **Report from Chair.**

Ms. Bushnoe stated that the balance in the administrative account is \$10,755.12.

b. **Report from Secretary.**

No report was given.

c. **Report from Political Entity.**

Ms. Bushnoe stated that there are invoices from Carollo that have not been paid because reimbursement funds have not yet been received from TWDB.

d. **Report from Liaisons.**

Feather Wilson gave a brief report regarding the Edwards along IH35 with regards to Regions K and L.

e. **Report from GMA representatives.**

No report was given.

V. **Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to approve new invoices.**

Motion by Gene Williams to approve the following invoices: GMR Transcription (12/5 meeting transcripts) - \$308.00, Carollo Engineers (11/1/24 – 11/30/24) - \$16,587.80 and Carollo Engineers (12/1/24 – 12/31/24) - \$10,007.78; second by David Jeffery. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

VI. **Texas Water Development Board Updates.**

Mr. Bookout stated the next step is to approve the IPP at the February meeting followed by the public hearing.

VII. **Report from Carollo on the schedule of regional water planning.**

Ms. Jackson reviewed the timeline and schedule for the upcoming deadline of March 3rd to submit the IPP to the TWDB. She reviewed what was discussed at the December 5, 2024 meeting. She noted what must be accomplished before the IPP can be submitted and stated that the deadline for feedback on the chapters would be February 3rd.

Ms. Jackson said a hyperlink to the IPP will be provided to UGRA no later than February 20th and hardcopies would be in their possession by February 25th.

VIII. **Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action to approve the draft IPP Chapters 8, 9 and 10 and authorize Carollo to work with the WUGs and/or TWDB on any final modifications.**

Ms. Jackson noted that the planning group reviewed the chapters at the December 5th meeting and stated that the feedback that was provided to her had been addressed. She reviewed some of the changes that were made. **Motion by David Mauk to approve the draft IPP Chapters 8, 9 and 10 and authorize Carollo to work with the WUGs and/or TWDB on any final modifications; second by Charlie Wiedenfeld. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

IX. **Consider, discuss, and review draft Chapters 5, Appendix 5A & 5B and 6 of the 2026 Plateau Water Plan.**

Ms. Jackson encouraged the members to review the material for their counties in each of the chapters. She stated that the consultants have been dealing directly with the sponsors of the water management strategies for the ones that would have to seek the funding to make the strategies a reality. She stated that Chapter 5 is dedicated to water management strategies and conservation recommendations. She reviewed information contained within Chapter 5, Chapter 5A, 5B and 6 in detail. Discussion ensued regarding: vegetative management and land stewardship, reduced rainfall during drought of record and aquifer recharge potential, the list of recommended strategies (70 total) and unmet water needs.

X. **Report from Carollo on other regional planning efforts.**

Ms. Jackson requested that the planning group help choose the cover for the 2026 water plan. The group chose the photo provided by Max Martin of the southwest corner of Edwards County.

Ms. Jackson reviewed the timeline:

February 3rd – Due date for any comments on the chapters

March 3rd – IPP deadline

October 25th – Final Plan deadline

XI. **Set next meeting.**

Ms. Bushnoe confirmed that the next meeting will be Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in Kerrville.