

MINUTES
REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP
FEBRUARY 28, 2017
SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1577 DAM SITE ROAD
CONROE, TEXAS 77304

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Bailey, John Bartos, Robert Bruner, James Comin, Mark Evans, Gene Fisseler, Judge Art Henson, Jace Houston, Robert Istre, Kathy Jones, Ivan Langford, Glenn Lord, Marvin Marcell, Carl Masterson, James Morrison, Ruth Stultz, William Teer, Michael Turco, J. Kevin Ward, and Pudge Willcox

DESIGNATED ALTERNATES: Alisa Max for John Blount, and Mike O'Connell for Bob Hebert

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Collinsworth, John Howard, and Jimmie Schindewolf

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Backhouse

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2016 MEETING

Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2016, Region H Water Planning Group meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fisseler with all present voting aye.

3. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS 4 THROUGH 12

There were no public comments.

4. RECEIVE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE REGION H WPG

Mr. Evans reported that the members of the Nominating Committee participated in a conference call to discuss nominations related to officers and members to the Executive Committee. Mr. Evans stated that the Acting Chair, Mr. Hebert sent correspondence, in his absence, recommending the following nominations: Mark Evans, Chair; Marvin Marcell, Vice Chair; Jace Houston, Secretary; John Bartos, At-Large Member; and Pudge Willcox, At-Large Member. With no further

discussion, Mr. Turco made a motion to accept the nominations as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Masterson and carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGION H BYLAWS

Mr. Houston provided a brief overview of the proposed amendments to the Region H Bylaws, as previously presented at the November 2, 2016, Region H meeting. He briefly reviewed each amendment and discussed the determination to exceed the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act by holding all committee meetings open to the public and providing notice above and beyond current practices, of same. With no further discussion, Mr. Fisseler made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to the Region H Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lord and carried unanimously.

6. RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON REGIONAL WATER PLANNING IN TEXAS - INTRODUCTION TO THE 5TH CYCLE

Ms. Backhouse presented information related to regional water planning in Texas and introduced the fifth cycle. She provided background information related to regional and state water planning in Texas, an overview of regional water planning groups, fundamentals of water planning, and the foundation of the State Water Plan. Mr. Willcox commended the Texas Water Development Board for its ability to compile sixteen water plans into one concise plan.

7. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING THE SCHEDULE AND MILESTONES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2021 REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Mr. Philip Taucer reviewed the timeline related to the development of the 2021 Region H Regional Water Plan, providing a list of scheduled events and tasks.

8. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSULTANT TEAM AND NON-POPULATION DEMANDS COMMITTEE REGARDING TWDB NON-MUNICIPAL DEMAND PROJECTION METHODOLOGY

Mr. Taucer reviewed the non-population methodologies related to manufacturing, steam-electric power, and irrigation. He provided details of the revised methodologies, stating that further review is anticipated by the committee. Further, he stated that the draft projections from TWDB are anticipated in June, 2017, and that recommendations from the Regional Water Planning Group are due by November, 2017.

9. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSULTANT TEAM AND NON-POPULATION DEMANDS COMMITTEE REGARDING TWDB DRAFT NON-MUNICIPAL DEMAND PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2021 REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Mr. Taucer provided an overview of the non-municipal demand projections related to irrigation,

livestock, manufacturing, and steam-electric power. He stated that TWDB recently released the draft 2022 SWP Mining Water Demand Projections for Region H. He briefly reviewed various data within the report and stated that the deadline for Region H to submit requested changes is November 15, 2017.

10. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSULTANT TEAM AND POPULATION DEMANDS COMMITTEE REGARDING TWDB DRAFT MUNICIPAL POPULATION AND WATER DEMAND PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2021 REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Mr. Taucer stated that the draft projections from TWDB were received and he provided an overview of the information related to same. Mr. Taucer reviewed various timelines stating that the deadline for regions to submit requested changes is November 15, 2017.

11. RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING RECENT AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE REGION H PLANNING GROUP

Mr. Taucer spoke in regards to a presentation at the Gulf Coast Water Authority that took place on January 12, 2017.

12. AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Ms. Backhouse stated that contract amendments to complete the fifth cycle of regional water planning would be considered at the April 6, 2017, TWDB Board meeting. She stated that Ms. Temple McKinnon is now the Director of Water Use, Projections, and Planning, and that Mr. Kevin Kluge is now the Director of Conservation and Innovative Water Technologies.

13. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Jill Savory spoke in regards to agenda item 6. She opined that voters should have an opportunity to vote for upcoming projects if the voters will have to pay for same.

14. NEXT MEETING: JUNE 7, 2017

Mr. Evans announced that the next meeting will take place on June 7, 2017.

15. ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.