

**REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 1, 2020**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Ashmore, David Bailey, John Bartos, Robert Bruner, Mark Evans, Bob Hebert, Jace Houston, Robert Istre, Glenn Lord, Carl Masterson, Michael Turco, and Pudge Willcox.

**DESIGNATED ALTERNATES:** Alisa Max for John Blount, Aaron Abel for Brad Brunett, Veronica Osegueda for Yvonne Forrest, Brandon Wade for Ivan Langford, Jun Chang for Jimmie Schindewolf, and Jim Sims for Kevin Ward.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** W.R. Baker, Carl Burch, James Comin, Art Henson, Marvin Marcell, James Morrison, and William Teer.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no introductions.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2020 MEETING**

Mr. Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hebert and carried unanimously.

**4. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS 5 THROUGH 12**

There were no public comments.

**5. ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF IVAN LANGFORD AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP REPRESENTING WATER UTILITIES, DECLARE A VACANT POSITION, AND CONSIDER TAKING ACTION TO APPOINT A NEW VOTING MEMBER REPRESENTING WATER UTILITIES**

Glenn Lord made a motion to accept the resignation of Ivan Langford and to declare the position vacant. The motion was seconded by John Bartos and carried unanimously. Mr. Hebert made a motion to appoint Mr. Brandon Wade to the vacant position previously held by Ivan Langford representing Water Utilities. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turco and carried unanimously.

**6. RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT ON THE JOINT REGULATORY PLAN REVIEW**

Mr. Turco stated that the purpose of this effort was to develop the science and information necessary to make modifications or to develop regulatory plans. Mr. Jason Afinowicz of Freese and Nichols, provided an overview of the four project elements: the development of new subsidence prediction models, determination of future population change and water demand, evaluation of regulatory scenarios to prevent subsidence, and assessment of alternative water supplies. He provided a timeline and schedule of upcoming events as well as upcoming milestones for the third and fourth quarters of 2020.

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

Mr. Taucer provided information related to the milestones for the development of the 2021 Region H Regional Water Plan by providing upcoming due dates for scheduled events and tasks.

**8. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING THE INITIALLY PREPARED PLAN (IPP) PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL REVISIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FINAL 2021 REGION H RWP**

Mr. Taucer provided an overview of the public comment process and the potential revisions to the final RWP. He stated that the next steps are to consider input from the RWPG related to the various comments, incorporate in the RWP as necessary, prepare responses to the comments, adopt the Final RWP at the September meeting, and submit the Final Regional Water Plan to TWDB.

**9. RECEVE PRESENTATION FROM CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING SURVEY DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION OF RESPONSES**

Mr. Taucer explained the process related to the infrastructure financing survey distribution and responses, stating that Region H had over 800 projects totaling approximately \$20.8 billion in capital costs. He stated that the financing survey is distributed by each RWPG during the planning cycle after the IPP and the responses to the survey are a criterion for SWIFT eligibility and funding. He summarized that the survey was sent to 374 participants with 21 responses received; 73 projects were identified in the approximate amount of \$5.5+ billion; with quite of bit of funding support needed over the next twenty years.

**10. REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2021 REGION H RWP**

Mr. Taucer explained that the amendment is simply a budget reallocation to task 5A. He stated that this would provide more flexibility to the RWPG to complete the RWP and simplify the budget. Mr. Bartos made a motion to amend the budget for the development of the 2021 Region H RWP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Masterson and carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Taucer stated that in May, Mr. Afinowicz virtually presented information on regional water planning to the Alliance of Chemical Engineers.

**12. AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

Mr. Bookout provided information related to upcoming deadlines, future meetings, and other pertinent topics related to the Texas Water Development Board.

**13. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**14. NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Evans announced that the next Region H Water Planning Group meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2020.

**15. ADJOURN**

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

