

Minutes
Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Meeting
February 10, 2016
LCRA Dalchau Service Center
3505 Montopolis Drive
Austin, Texas
10:00 a.m.

Members Signing In:

Jim Barho, Environmental
Jim Brasher, GMA 15
John Burke, Water Utilities
Ron Fieseler, GMA 9
Lauri Gillam, Municipalities
Karen Haschke, Public Interest
Barbara Johnson, Industries
Donna Klaeger, Counties
Teresa Lutes, Municipalities
Doug Powell, Recreation
Mike Reagor, Municipalities
Billy Roeder, Agriculture
Robert Ruggiero, Small Business
Charles Shell, GMA 8

James Sultemeier, Counties
Jim Totten, GMA 12
Paul Tybor, GMA 7
David Van Dresar, Water Districts
Jennifer Walker, Environmental
David Wheelock, River Authorities
Lann Bookout, Non-voting, TWDB
Dan Hunter, Non-voting, TDA
Robin Gary, GMA 10 Alternate
Neil Hudgins, Small Business Alternate
Peggy Travis, Electric Generating Utilities
Alternate
Brent Batchelor, Agriculture Alternate

Voting Members Absent:

John Dupnik, GMA 10, Alternate Attended
Ronald Gertson, Small Business, Alternate
Attended

Haskell Simon, Agriculture, Alternate
Attended
Byron Theodosis, Counties

Consultants/Support/Visitors/Other:

Dianne Wheeler, Public Interest Alternate
Ryan Murdoch, MWH
Katy Phillips, City of Sunset Valley
Charles Flatten, HCA,, Environmental
Alternate
David Villarreal, TDA
Daniel Berglund, Wharton County
Ginger Faught, City of Dripping Springs

Bill Foulds, City of Dripping Springs
Chris Lane, SAMCO
Cindy Smiley, Smiley Law Firm
Sarah Richards, CGMF
Rudi Rosengarten, Sunset Valley
Jaime Burke, AECOM Region K consultant
Jeff Fox, COA, Municipalities Alternate
Gary Gold, COA

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 24

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of 25: 13

Formal Actions Taken:

1. Approved motion to adopt the November 12, 2015 meeting minutes.
2. Approved motion to accept and re-appoint Karen Haschke as a Region K Planning Group voting member representing the Public interest category. (This will be for a 5-year term)
3. Approved motion to accept the slate of candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee for the Region K Executive Committee.
4. By consensus it was decided that the required public meeting to take input on the scope of work for the 5th planning cycle would take place as part of the next regular Region K Planning Group meeting scheduled for April 13, 2016.

Regular Meeting:

1. Call to Order – Chairman John Burke called the meeting to order.
2. Welcome and Introductions – Chairman John Burke welcomed all to the meeting and all voting members present introduced themselves.
3. Attendance Report – Teresa Lutes called attention to the attendance report that was included in the members' packets.
4. Discuss term expiration for 2 member representatives and take action as needed – A motion to accept and re-appoint Karen Haschke as a Region K Planning Group voting member representing the Public interest category was made and approved. This will be for a 5-year term. John Burke indicated that he will contact Byron Theodosis to see if he is interested in being considered for reappointment as a Region K Planning Group voting member.
5. Report on Nominating Committee Recommendations
 - a. Discuss and take action on election of Executive Committee and Officers – Ronald Fieseler read the Nominating Committee's slate of recommended candidates for the Region K Executive Committee, as follows:

John Burke, Chair, Bastrop County, Water Utilities

Jim Barho, Vice-Chair, Burnet County, Environmental

Teresa Lutes, Secretary, Travis County, Municipalities

Paul Tybor, At-Large, Gillespie County, GMA 7

Mike Reagor, At-Large, Llano County, Small Municipalities

John Hoffman, At-Large, Matagorda County, Electric Generating Utilities

A motion to accept the slate of candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee for the Region K Executive Committee was made and approved.

6. Consent Agenda (5 minutes):
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the November 12, 2015 meeting – A motion to approve the Minutes from the November 12, 2015 meeting as presented was made and approved.
 - b. Financial/Budget Report – David Wheelock gave the financial/budget report which stated that there is a current balance of \$24,128 in the Grant Account prefunded for planning cycle number 5 and \$3,921 in the Members' Account.
7. Weather Outlook – Bob Rose provided an update on the weather outlook for the basin that included a summary of weather statistics for 2015, an update on the El Nino forecast, and temperature and precipitation information.
8. Texas Water Development Board Update: update on regional water planning activities, schedules and planning group grant funding status and notifications – Lann Bookout provided an update on Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) activities regarding the regional water planning process. The update included information on SWIFT applications and crafting of the 2017 State Water Plan. Mr. Bookout mentioned a new methodology for projecting water demand to be considered in the new planning cycle. A TWDB representative will be available to make a presentation for the planning group on the new methodology at a future Region K meeting.
9. Administrative Agency update: Discuss close out of cycle 4 planning and contracting for planning cycle 5; update on Region K website – David Wheelock mentioned that cycle 4 has been closed out and the final payment is being processed with AECOM. Mr. Wheelock indicated that contracting with AECOM for cycle 5 is underway but not yet complete. Stacey Pandey (LCRA) presented a proposed revised layout to the Region K website, which was generally well-received by planning group members.
10. Initial discussion of scope and schedule for cycle 5 planning round – Jaime Burke (AECOM) presented the Conceptual 5th Planning Cycle Schedule and Initial Scope of Work for the fifth planning cycle. Ms. Burke discussed potential changes in TWDB methodology for developing the next population and municipal water demand projections based upon water provider service areas rather than political boundaries. Planning group members were provided a handout on the new proposed methodology. There was a follow-up discussion about the timeline and funding for developing the scope of work for the fifth planning cycle. Lann Bookout provided clarification on the major tasks and typical schedule for the regional planning process. Jaime Burke presented the Potential Projection Distribution Timeline for the 2021 Regional water Plan provided by TWDB.
11. Discuss and Take Action regarding the required public meeting to take input on the scope of work for this 5th planning cycle, to include setting the date for the public meeting – There was discussion on scheduling of a required public meeting to take input on the scope of work for the 5th planning cycle. By consensus it was decided that the required public meeting to take input on the scope of work for the 5th

planning cycle would take place as part of the next regular Region K Planning Group meeting scheduled for April 13, 2016.

12. Discuss and take possible action on City of Dripping Springs water project – Robert P. Callegari (CMA Engineering) presented information on the City of Dripping Springs “Regional Wastewater Service Planning” project. There was discussion amongst planning group members about the project and the potable reuse component. John Burke instructed the City of Dripping Springs to speak with TWDB and consider the potential timeline for applying for SWIFT funding. No action was taken at this time. Chairman Burke indicated that, if desired by the project’s representatives, the project could be revisited by the regional planning group at a later date.
13. Bylaws update: Discuss Region K bylaws and determine if any updates are needed and take action as needed – Barbara Johnson discussed her review of the current bylaws and potential updates that may need to be made. If needed, Ms. Johnson will plan to draft language for potential updates to be reviewed by planning group members at the April 13, 2016 planning group meeting.
14. Discuss Region K Committee appointments and take action as necessary – John Burke went over the appointments for all Region K Committees for the 5th planning cycle.
15. Informational item: "Water 101" orientation for Region K members to take place on March 9th – Jim Barho discussed the “Water 101” orientation for Region K members that will take place on March 9th at the LCRA Dalchau Service Center. Additional information will be sent to planning group members at a later date.
16. 16. Agenda items for next meeting
 - a. Location of next meeting – The next Region K Planning Group meeting will be held on April 13, 2016 at the LCRA Dalchau Service Center.
17. New / Other Business – None.
18. Public Comments – None.
19. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned.