

Minutes
Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Regular Meeting
July 13, 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
John Dupnik, GMA 10
Ron Fieseler, GMA 9
Ronald Gertson, Small Business
Lauri Gillam, Municipalities
Karen Haschke, Public Interest
Jason Ludwig, Electric Gen. Utilities
Barbara Johnson, Industries
Donna Klaeger, Counties
Teresa Lutes, Municipalities

Doug Powell, Recreation
Mike Reagor, Municipalities
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

Voting Members Absent:

Billy Roeder, Agriculture
Haskell Simon, Agriculture
Byron Theodosios, Counties

Consultants/Support/Visitors/Other:

Ricky Anderson, RSAH20, LLC
David Lindsay, Recreation Alternate
Daniel Berglund, CBGWCD, Alternate
Kevin Conlon, SAM, LLC
Charlie Flatten, Hill Country Alliance
Environmental Alternate

Christianne Castleberry, CE&C, Alternate
Marisa Flores Gonzalez, COA
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: 23

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

Formal Actions Taken:

1. Approved a motion to elect Daniel Berglund to replace retiring member Ronald Gertson as representative for Small Business Interest Group, Wharton County.

2. Approved a motion to approve minutes from the April 13, 2016 regular and public meetings as presented.
3. Approved a motion to approve the “Draft Region K Initial Consideration of Public Input on Planning Process for 5th Cycle” document with the additional comments and edits as discussed at the July 13th, 2016 Region K Regular meeting.
4. Approved a motion to refer the list of municipal water user groups (WUGs), as released by the TWDB for the 5th planning cycle, to the Population and Demand Committee to develop and send a response to TWDB.

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.
3. Attendance Report – Teresa Lutes called attention to the attendance report that was included in the members’ packets.
4. Discuss and take action on election of voting member to replace retiring member Ronald Gertson as representative for the Small Business interest group – A motion to elect Daniel Berglund to replace retiring member Ronald Gertson as representative for Small Business Interest Group, Wharton County, was approved. Ronald will act as Daniel Berglund’s alternate. Chairman John Burke introduced Christianne Castleberry as his alternate as a representative of Water Utilities.
5. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the April 13, 2016 regular and public meetings – A motion to approve minutes from the April 13, 2016 regular and public meetings, as presented, was made and approved.
 - b. Financial/Budget Report – David Wheelock reported that \$98,900 remains in the budget for the Consultant Scope of Work, of which \$17,156 has been prefunded. Mr. Wheelock reported that there is a current balance of \$3,920 in the Members’ Account.
6. Texas Water Development Board –
 - a. Presentation on the State Water Plan –Director Kathleen Jackson, Board Member of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), presented information on the 2017 State Water Plan. Information presented by Board Member Jackson included projected population growth and water use, an update on SWIFT funding for Program Year 2015, and the recently launched texasflood.org tool. Board Member Jackson also mentioned the 2017 Water for Texas Conference being hosted by TWDB January 23-25, 2017 at the AT&T Conference Center in Austin.
 - b. Update on regional water planning activities – Lann Bookout (TWDB) provided an update on regional water planning activities including information regarding the process for proposed revisions to administrative

rules, SWIFT funding cycles and applications, the financial workshops schedule which is posted on the TWDB website, and the methodology to evaluate irrigation, manufacturing, and power projections. The Population and Demand Committee plans to convene to discuss the proposed methodology to evaluate irrigation, manufacturing, and water for steam-electric power projections at a date to be determined and report back to the Region K Planning Group.

7. Presentation of plaques honoring members retired from Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group – John Burke presented plaques to honor former members Bill Neve, Ronald Gertson and Sandy Dannhardt who have retired as members from the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group.
8. Consultant Status Report – - Jamie Burke, AECOM, provided an update on the Consultant status report. The update included information on the status of tasks listed in the Scope of Work, a summary of work conducted since the April 13th meeting, and information on upcoming efforts.
9. Presentation and discussion of Region K Water Management Strategies (WMS) Committee efforts to consider public input for the 5th planning cycle. Take action, as needed - The Region K Water Management Strategies Committee's efforts to consider public input for the 5th planning cycle were presented and discussed. The Region K Planning Group discussed the "Draft Region K Initial Consideration of Public Input on Planning Process for 5th Cycle" document provided to planning group members in the July 13th, 2016 planning group meeting packet. Planning group members had an opportunity to go through each comment. A motion to approve "Draft Region K Initial Consideration of Public Input on Planning Process for 5th Cycle" document with the additional comments and edits as discussed at the July 13th, 2016 Region K Regular meeting was approved.
10. Discuss list of municipal water user groups (WUGs), as released by the TWDB for the 5th planning cycle. Take action, as needed –The Region K Planning Group discussed the list of municipal water user groups (WUGs), as released by TWDB for the 5th planning cycle. The group discussed the "Potential Municipal WUGs from TWDB" document provided to planning group members in the July 13th, 2016 planning group meeting packet. A motion to refer the list of municipal water user groups (WUGs), as released by the TWDB for the 5th planning cycle, to the Population and Demand Committee to develop and send a response to TWDB was approved.
11. Discuss list of potential municipal water user groups (WUGs), as released by the TWDB for the 5th planning cycle. Consider authorizing the Population and Demand Committee, on behalf of Region K, to identify, recommend, and convey to the TWDB by September 30th a list of private utilities, facilities, or CRUs that meet the required criteria and demonstrate interest in participating in the current planning process. This item was taken up with Item 10.
12. Committee updates as needed - Daniel Berglund was added as a member of Population and Demand Committee.

13. Region K website update live demonstration – Stacy Pandey, LCRA, presented an update and gave a live demonstration of the newly updated Region K website.

14. Agenda items for next meeting

- a. Location of next meeting – The location and date of the next meeting will be determined at a later date.

15. New / Other Business (time permitting) – None.

16. Public Comments – limit 3 minutes per person – None.

17. Adjourn- The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.