

**Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
March 23, 2011 – 1:00 P.M.
Mount Pleasant Civic Center
1800 N. Jefferson
Mount Pleasant, Texas**

The Region D Water Planning Group (NETRWPG) met in an open meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 N. Jefferson, in Mount Pleasant, Texas. Notice of the meeting was legally posted.

Chairman Bret McCoy called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Twenty of twenty-four voting members were present in person or by an authorized alternate. Invocation was given by Bret McCoy.

The following voting members were present:

Michael K. Brown	Sam V. Long
Greg Carter	Bret McCoy
Nancy Clements	Sharron Nabors
Darwin Douthit	Linda Price
Charles Gillis	Shirley Shumake
Darrell Grubbs	Bob Staton
Troy Henry	Don Patterson
Don Hightower	Robert Holt
Jim Eidson	

The following alternates were present:

John Bradley for Adam Bradley
Dwight Slaback for Jeremy DuMond
Sheri New for Doug Wadley

The following non-voting members were present:

Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Temple McKinnon, TWDB
Robert McCarthy, representing NTMWD
Troy K. Sellers, representing Luminant

The following non-voting members were absent:

Curtis Campbell	Marcia Hackett
Jerry Clark	Bobby Praytor
David Inman	Worth Whitehead
Mike Rickman	

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The following voting members were absent:

Mike Dunn
Jim Nickerson
Ken Shaw
Kevin Spence

Don Hightower made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting for January 18, 2011. Shirley Shumake seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The subject of a grant application to the TWDB was discussed. The group considered a draft notice and revisions to the draft notice were suggested. It was noted that the amount of funding could be less than the amount provided in previous planning cycles. Linda Price made a motion to authorize the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District to submit a grant application and to provide notice. Sharron Nabors seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

A public hearing for the upcoming Round 4 plan development was discussed. It was noted that the public hearing would be a proper time to raise topics that should be addressed by the plan to be developed in Round 4. It was noted that there is not likely to be any funding available for special studies and that a major part of the Round 4 plan will be to address the effects of the 2010 US Census populations on the projected water usage. The group reviewed a proposed notice of that public hearing. Bob Staton made the motion to set the date of the public hearing for May 10, 2011, in Mount Pleasant at 1:00 p.m. and to authorize that notice of the hearing be sent. Sam Long seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

It was acknowledged that there is a pending Request for Qualifications. It was noted that a copy of the Request is available at <http://www.netmwd.com>. The group went over the contents of the Request. It was noted that the deadline to submit a response to the Request is April 11, 2011. It was acknowledged that the group would likely take action on the responses on May 10, 2011.

Sharron Nabors provided a liaison report for Region C regional water planning group and Groundwater Management Area # 8. During her report, she mentioned that there were pending bills that could affect groundwater oversight. She mentioned that environmental flows continues to be a topic of interest in planning. She noted that Region C had selected its Administrator and consultant team for the fourth round of planning.

There were no further liaison reports given.

Walt Sears informed the planning group that there were no funds for planning until the grant application authorized by the planning group is approved by the TWDB. He indicated that it

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would be several months before there would be an invoice presented for consideration for payment.

The next meeting of the regional water planning group was tentatively set for May 10, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Public comments were given by:

Rita Beving
Larry Dunbar
Brittany McAllister
Allen Heidt
Charles Riley
Lynn Melton

Motion to adjourn was made by Don Hightower. Darwin Douthit seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.



Bob Staton, Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.	NETMWD
Lee Thomas	NETMWD
Joe Harrison	Atlanta
Bob Bowman	Lufkin
Richard LeTourneau	Longview
Pat Hammond	Canton
Nina Holt	Bogata
Sally Garza	Grand Saline
Brandy Chewning	Texarkana Gazette
Max Shumake	Dekalb
J. Bajnok	Keystone Pipeline
B. Henry Estess	Dallas
Eileen Collins	Bloomburg
Jerry Collins	Bloomburg
Charleen Granberry	Douglasville
Gary Cheatwood	Bogata
Dolores Cheatwood	Bogata
Marlene Bohr	Westward Communications
Richard Garza	Grand Saline
Field Sutton	Tyler – CBS 19
Stan Fletcher	Tyler – CBS 19

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Jim Prescott
David Neeley
Reeves Hayter
Adrian VanDellen
Patricia Wommack
Robert Duncan
Lawrence Greer
Lou Antonelli
Greg Dunbar
Richard Garza
→ Dr Jane Morris
Judy Barton

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