

Minutes
Plateau Water Planning Group
REGULAR MEETING
Zoom Video Conference
Initiated and Chaired at
Guadalupe Basin Natural Resources Center (GBNRC)
Previously known as the
Upper Guadalupe River Authority Building
125 Lehmann Drive, Ste. 100
Kerrville, Texas
July 27, 2021
10:00 AM
(Immediately following the Pre-Planning Public Meeting)

Notice having been given, a Regular Meeting of the Plateau Water Planning Group (PWPG) was held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The meeting was initiated and chaired at UGRA, 125 Lehmann Drive, Ste. 100, Kerrville, Texas. **Present in person:** Ray Buck, Kerr County; Jonathan Letz, Kerr County; Charlie Wiedenfeld, Kerr County; Brian Leiker, Real County; Dell Dickinson, Val Verde County; Genell Hobbs, Kinney County; David Jeffery, Bandera County; Jennifer Herrera, WSP; Andrew Feigenbaum, WSP; Tony Smith, Carollo Engineers; Jody Grinstead; Tara Bushnoe, UGRA (hosted the meeting); **Present via Zoom:** Dave Mauk, Bandera County; Gene Williams, Kerr County; Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board; Feather Wilson, Bandera County; Max Martin, Edward/Val Verde/Kinney County; Scott Loveland, Kerr County; Hayli Phillips, Bandera County; John Ashworth, Alyssa Balzen and Frances Lovett.

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call, Certification of Quorum in Compliance with Texas Open Meetings Law.**
Mr. Letz determined that a quorum was present.
- II. **Public Comments.**
No public comments were received.
- III. **Approval of minutes from the May 13, 2021 Regular Meeting.**
Motion by Charlie Wiedenfeld to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2021 meeting; second by Dell Dickinson. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- IV. **Reports.**
 - a. **Report from Chair.**
Mr. Letz stated the he attended the Chairs' Conference call but there was nothing to report from that meeting. He stated that as of September 1, 2021 Zoom meetings will no longer be allowed for meetings that are required to meet the Open Meeting requirements. Some members may be able to attend future meetings via Zoom, but a quorum must be present at the meeting location and members must be present in order to vote.
 - b. **Report from Secretary.**
No report was given.
 - c. **Report from Political Entity.**
Mr. Buck stated that the contract with WSP for this planning cycle has been executed.
 - d. **Report from Liaisons.**
Mr. Wilson gave a brief update on Region L and Region K.
 - e. **Report from GMA representatives.**
No reports were given.

V. **Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to approve invoices.**
Motion by Charlie Wiedenfeld to approve invoices for: GMR Transcription for \$114.75 (transcription fees for last meeting); Kinney County Post for \$94.00, Hill Country newspaper for \$240.00, and Texas Mohair Weekly \$73.40 (last three invoices are related to posting requirements for today's public hearing); second by Genell Hobbs. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

VI. **Texas Water Development Board Updates.**

Mr. Bookout gave updates regarding:

Mining Water Use Study – TWDB has contracted with the Bureau of Economic Geology to assess mining water use and update the demand projections for use in this planning cycle. This includes sand and gravel operations along with fracking information. The report should be finalized by December.

TWDB will be sending out a member survey (this is done every five years).

TWDB just completed some rulemaking and will complete additional rulemaking later this year to address legislatively required changes.

The guidance principles and water supply planning rules for the sixth planning cycle are open for comments. Any comments received will be incorporated into any rule revisions.

The 2020 State Water Plan was approved on the 7th of July. It can be found on the TWDB website.

Legislative update regarding Bills that affect Regional Water Planning (all Bills are effective September 1st):

House Bill 119 - relieves regional water planning groups of certain duties including:

Duties associated with submitting an infrastructure financing survey with any application for financial assistance.

Relieves planning groups from submitting a prioritization of projects list

Eliminates the need for the uniform standard stakeholder committee related to that prioritization process.

Senate Bill 669 - relates to certain reports created by the Water Development Board that are no longer required.

House Bill 225 – relates to the powers and duties of Parks and Wildlife regarding the Texas Water Trust. Parks and Wildlife was given more authority to manage water rights in the Trust under the agreement with any water right holder. It does not authorize Parks and Wildlife to exercise any authority related to the Water Trust which is expressly granted to the Water Development Board. TWDB's role in the Water Trust remains the same.

He reminded the members that there is extensive data on the TWDB website related to round six of the planning cycle.

Mr. Letz asked how the census numbers will impact the water demand numbers. He stated that during the Chairs conference call it was stated that TWDB is going to use the old numbers to start with if the census numbers got delayed to long. Mr. Bookout stated that as soon as TWDB gets the numbers from the state demographer they will immediately begin breaking them down and providing them to the planning groups. Though he is not aware of the schedule at this point. He noted that this is typical for census years. Mr. Letz asked if TWDB plans to adjust the schedule if needed so the new census numbers can be used. Mr. Bookout said they will adjust the dates where they can. Mr. Letz said he would appreciate an update on the schedule for the demand analysis.

VII. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to announce the resignation of Joseph McDaniel, announce vacancy for “Industries” position, and post as appropriate.

Mr. Letz stated that Mr. McDaniel has been transferred by Aqua Texas to another area. Mr. McDaniel requested that his replacement at Aqua Texas take his position on the PWPG Board. However, Mr. Letz stated that the vacancy must be posted.

VIII. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to reappoint officers.
Motion by Ray Buck to reappoint current officers (Chair – Jonathan Letz / Vice Chair – Genell Hobbs / Secretary – Gene Williams); second by Charlie Wiedenfeld. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

IX. Set next meeting date.

No meeting date was set, as more data is needed from the Water Development Board which will not be ready until after the Census Bureau releases there information. If the data comes in on time, the next meeting will be set for the end of October.