

Study Commission on Region C Water Supply
MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
September 24, 2009

The Study Commission on Region C Water Supply (Study Commission) met in an open public meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Great Room of the Truman Arnold Center at Texarkana College in Texarkana, Texas. Notice of the meeting was legally posted.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Senator Florence Shapiro called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 P.M.

II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

The following members were in attendance:

The Honorable Florence Shapiro	Mr. Thomas Duckert
The Honorable Stephen Frost	Mr. Richard LeTourneau
The Honorable Jodie Laubenberg	

Mr. Mike Rickman attended as Jim Park's previously designated alternate.

Also in attendance were: Eric Cain and Marjorie Chandler from Congressman Ralph Hall's office and Dee Farmer from Senator Kevin Eltife's office.

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff attending included: Carolyn Brittin and Temple McKinnon. David Harkins attended as a representative of Espey Consultants.

The registration lists signed by guests in attendance are attached.

III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2009, MEETING

On a motion by Richard LeTourneau it was the consensus of the Study Commission to adopt the minutes from the January 12, 2009 meeting.

b. REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PHASE I DRAFT REPORT AS PREPARED BY ESPEY CONSULTANTS, INC.

Dr. David Harkins gave a synopsis of the Phase I draft report. Dr. Harkins anticipated a recommendation that Phase II focus on data gaps associated with Lake Wright Patman and Lake o' the Pines. However, he asked that the

Commission first provide counsel to Epsey in order to improve the Phase I draft for completion and approval.

On a motion by Representative Jodie Laubenberg it was the consensus of the Study Commission to appoint Jim Parks and Tom Duckert to provide this counsel to Epsey.

Dr. Harkins indicated that with this counsel, Epsey would be able to turn around a draft for the Commission's approval within a month.

- c. REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WORK FOR PHASE II CONTINGENT UPON FUNDING AVAILABILITY FROM THE WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB).

Senator Shapiro called on Carolyn Brittin of the TWDB to give her comments on Phase I. Ms. Brittin, at the request of Senator Shapiro and Representative Stephen Frost, agreed to coordinate with Mr. Parks, Mr. Duckert, and Epsey on the Phase I report's completion. Ms. Brittin also agreed, at Representative Frost's request, to would look into resources that the Commission could use to complete its tasks without expending additional money.

Senator Shapiro asked Mr. John Jarvis, Executive Director of Riverbend Water Resources, to discuss the results of Senate Bill 1223 (80R) as it pertains to Lake Wright Patman. Mr. Jarvis expressed his optimism that the creation of Riverbend Water Resources will facilitate the expanded use of Wright Patman as a water source for Region C.

Mr. LeTourneau asked that speakers from the Sabine River Authorities of Texas and Louisiana be invited to make presentations. Senator Shapiro agreed that these presentations could occur at the Commission's next meeting.

- d. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MAXIMUM NOT-TO-EXCEED ENGINEERING FEE FOR PHASE II AS AUTHORIZED BY THE STUDY COMMISSION

The Commission agreed to defer this item until the next meeting, after the Phase I report is completed and approved.

- e. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR GRANT FUNDS TO CARRY OUT THE LEGISLATIVE CHARGES IN SENATE BILL 3 SECTION 4.04 OF THE 80th LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR PHASE II AS AUTHORIZED BY THE STUDY COMMISSION

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- f. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH ESPEY CONSULTANTS, INC TO CARRY OUT THE LEGISLATIVE CHARGES IN SENATE BILL 3 SECTION 4.04 OF THE 80th LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR PHASE II AS AUTHORIZED BY THE STUDY COMMISSION

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IV. DISCUSSION/ SELECTION OF DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The Commission agreed to schedule a meeting on November 5, 2009, at a location to be determined in Region C. The meeting will take place at 1:00 PM and notice of the meeting will be legally posted with further details.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received from the following individuals:

- i. John McConnell
- ii. Red Birdsong
- iii. George Frost
- iv. Nancy Clement
- v. Barney Krebs
- vi. Gary Cheatwood
- vii. Jim Thompson
- viii. David Nabors
- ix. Dr. Jane Morris
- x. Jerry Boatner, Mayor of Mt. Pleasant
- xi. Ann Rushing, Mayor of Clarksville
- xii. Ron Hufford
- xiii. Sharon Nabors

VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting of the Study Commission on Region C Water Supply adjourned at approximately 2:55 P.M.

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