

MINUTES
Plateau Water Planning Group
Regular Meeting
Zoom Video Conference
Initiated and Chaired at
Upper Guadalupe River Authority
125 Lehmann Drive, Ste. 100
Kerrville, Texas
May 13, 2021
10:00 AM

Notice having been given that a Regular Meeting of the Plateau Water Planning Group (PWPG) was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The meeting will be initiated and chaired at UGRA, 125 Lehmann Drive, Ste. 100, Kerrville, Texas. **Present in person:** Ray Buck, Kerr County; Jonathan Letz, Kerr County; Joseph McDaniel Kerr County; Charlie Wiedenfeld, Kerr County; Tooter Trees, Real County; Brian Leiker, Real County; Dave Mauk, Bandera County, Carl Schwing, Jody Grinstead; Travis Linscomb, UGRA (hosted the meeting); **Present via Zoom:** Gene Williams, Kerr County; William Alfaro, Texas Water Development Board; Feather Wilson, Bandera County; Max Martin, Edward/Val Verde/Kinney County; Scott Loveland, Kerr County; Genell Hobbs, Kinney County; Hayli Phillips, Bandera County; Otila Gonzalez, Del Rio/Val Verde County; Wes Robinson, Kinney County; Jennifer Herrera, WSP; Sarah Backhouse, TWDB; Andrea Croskrey, TWDB; Tony Smith, Adam Yablonski, John Ashworth, Marty Kelly, Evan Strickland, Sky Lewey, Stuart Barron, Atri Sen, Wes Robinson and Rohit Gaswami with WSP.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Certification of Quorum in Compliance with Texas Open Meetings

Law.

The meeting was called to order.

II. Public Comments.

No public comments were received.

III. Approval of minutes from the October 22, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Motion by Charlie Wiedenfeld to approve the October 22, 2020 minutes; second by Tooter Trees. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

IV. Reports.

a. Report from Chair.

Mr. Letz stated that the bank account balance at the end of April was \$10,498.02

b. Report from Secretary.

No report from the Secretary.

c. Report from Political Entity.

Mr. Buck informed the Group that

-A 6th amendment was done for the 5th round of planning (funds were moved from voter member travel to subcontracting)

-The Application for the initial grant for the 6th round of planning (in the amount of \$90,000) was submitted. The requested funds are to cover: Task 1.) Planning area description, Task 2.) Population and water demand projections, Task 2b.) Population and demand. Task 8.) Unique stream segments. Task 10.) Public participation of plan adoption. Out of that \$90,000, \$10,000 is for other expenses (examples: transcribing our meeting minutes and required mail outs)

d. Report from Liaisons.

No reports were given.

e. Report from GMA representatives.

Feather gave an update on GMA12 and GMA13

V. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to approve invoices.

Motion by Charlie Wiedenfeld to approve the following invoices: WSP - \$5,116.07 (8/29/20 – 11/27/20), WSP - \$8,792.21 (8/29/20 – 11/30/20), GMR Transcription - \$146.25 (10/22/20 meeting) – paid via JP Morgan credit card, Affordable Printing - \$110.00 (envelopes for upcoming Pre-Planning Meeting mail out); second by Ray Buck. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

VI. Texas Water Development Board Updates. (William Alfaro, Project Manager)

Mr. Alfaro had the following updates:

PWPG's application for the 6th Planning Cycle was received on March 29th. All applications will be reviewed at the June Board meeting at which time the Planning Groups will be given the authority to negotiate and execute the contracts for the sixth cycle. The contract execution date will be no August 1st.

At the beginning of each planning cycle the planning group is required to hold a pre-planning meeting to obtain input from the public for the development of the next plan. Changes from the previous cycle include: planning groups are required to identify water management strategies that will provide opportunity for coordinating with the regions. They are also required to identify some potential conflicts for this strategy with other regions. The meeting requires a 30 day notice.

TWBD has information on their website for the new planning cycle. The page includes various documents related to the planning of the cycle (contract documents, scope for the initial applications, location of materials, communications that has been sent to the planning groups and the Chair's Meeting notes)

The Public Hearing for the State Water Plan is set for May 24th. Public Comments will be accepted until May 26th. It is anticipated that the plan will be adopted at the July board meeting.

The Board adopted some changes to the water planning notice requirements and grant rules including: (1) public notice for regular and committee meetings has been increased from three to seven days. (2) The requirement for the thirty-day public notice associated with the applications for the plan development has been removed. (3) Divisions will be allowed funding for some direct labor related to the development of the plan. The rules are effective beginning May 31st.

The inter-regional planning council will dissolve upon adoption of the 2022 statewide plan. TWDB will start working with planning groups to coordinate nominations for the next council. More information can be found on the TWDB website.

TWDB is working with the University of Texas in a study for mining water projections. It will be an assessment of the mining water use across the state, and will develop the projections of mining for the next regional water plan. The study progress will be reported on TWDB webpage.

VII. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to review Statements of Qualifications received, and procure technical consultant for the 6th cycle of planning.

WSP was the only consultant to submit a Statement of Qualification. **Motion by David Mauk to accept the qualifications received from WSP to be the technical consultant for the sixth planning cycle; second by Charlie Weidenfeld. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

VIII. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to authorize the political subdivision (UGRA) to enter into a contract with technical consultant.

Mr. Letz stated that he and Ray Buck will work with WSP regarding the new contract. He also stated that minor changes will be made related to reporting and accounting in this contract. **Motion by Charlie Wiedenfeld to authorize the political subdivision (UGRA) to enter into a contract with the technical consultant (WSP); second by David Mauk. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

IX. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action for fill the vacancy for Public Interest – Bandera/Kerr/Real Counties (previously held by Charlie Flatten); vacancy was posted on 1/24/20.

Mr. Letz stated that nominations were received from Jim Brown, Skip Newsom, Jay Horry and Brian Leiker. He noted that the nominations for Skip Newsom and Brian Leiker were received after the posted deadline. He also stated that Mr. Horry withdrew his name. A discussion ensued regarding the nominations that were received late. Tooter Trees believes that the planning group can consider the late nominations as well and go forward with the appointment. It was determined the bylaws do not require that a deadline be put on the notice and that the deadline was self-imposed so the late nominees can be considered. **Motion from Joseph McDaniel to approve Brian Leiker as the public representative for Bandera, Kerr, and Real counties; second by Ray Buck. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.** Brian introduced himself to the planning group members and briefly described his background.

X. Presentation on Statewide Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR) Study. (Andrea Croskrey, P.G. Innovative Water Technologies, TWDB)

Ms. Croskrey gave her presentation.

XI. Set next meeting date.

The next meeting date was set for July 27, 2021 at 10:00 AM in Kerrville. Zoom will be available for those members who are unable to attend in person.