

Minutes
Plateau Water Planning Group
REGULAR MEETING
Initiated and Chaired at
Guadalupe Basin Natural Resources Center (GBNRC)
125 Lehmann Drive - Auditorium
Kerrville, Texas
January 11, 2024
10:00 AM

Notice having been given, a Regular Meeting of the Plateau Water Planning Group (PWPG) was held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The meeting was initiated and chaired at GBNRC, 125 Lehmann Drive, Ste. 100, Kerrville, Texas. **Present in person:** Jonathan Letz, Kerr County; Tara Bushnoe, Kerr County; Charlie Wiedenfeld, Kerr County; Gene Williams, Kerr County; David Mauk, Bandera County; David Jeffery, Bandera County; Jess Erlund, Kerr County; Tammy Thompson, UGRA; Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board; Matthew Wilkinson, UGRA (hosted the meeting); Jody Grinstead, Admin. Asst. **Present via Zoom:** Max Martin, Edward/Val Verde/Kinney County; Feather Wilson, Bandera County; Dell Dickinson, Val Verde County; Jerry Simpton, Val Verde County; Jennifer Jackson (Herrera), WSP; Monica Jacobs and Tony Smith, Carollo Engineering.

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

It was determined that a quorum was present.

II. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to approve letter to terminate current pass-through agreement between UGRA and WSP for the current regional water planning cycle.

Chairman Letz stated that there was no termination clause in the current contract, so based on advice of counsel the planning group should request that the WSP agree to a termination based on a material change to the contract in that the personnel that we originally contracted with, and the reason for choosing WSP, are no longer with the firm, and that primarily being Jennifer Jackson. WSP will be encouraged to respond to the new solicitation for Technical Consultant. **Motion by David Mauk to allow Chairman Letz and Tara Bushnoe to draft a letter to WSP asking them agree to a termination of the contract; second by Charlie Wiedenfeld. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

III. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to authorize UGRA, Political Subdivision for PWPG (Region J) to solicit Technical Consultants to complete the 2026 Regional Water Plan.

Chairman Letz stated that the new solicitation would not be released until there was a resolution with WSP regarding the current contract. Once it is posted it will be open for at least two weeks. **Motion by David Jeffery to authorize UGRA to solicit technical consultants for a new RFQ, and that the RFQ be open for two weeks from the date of posting; second by David Mauk. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

IV. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to authorize a request to the TWDB for a 60-day extension to the deadline for submission of the Technical Memorandum currently due March 4, 2024.

Mr. Letz stated that due to the current situation with the technical consultant it is appropriate to request a 60-day extension for the submission of the Technical Memorandum. **Motion by David Mauk to request a 60 extension from the Water Development Board for the Technical Memorandum; second by Gene Williams. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

V. **Consider, discuss and take appropriate action to approve all feasible strategies listed in the previous Regional Water Plan to remain in the current plan.**

Chairman Letz reminded the group that this item was discussed at the last meeting and that if any changes to the strategies were made then the Plan would need to be amended. **Motion by Charlie Wiedenfeld that all the feasible strategies listed in the previous plan to remain in the current plans; second by David Mauk. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

VI. **Discuss next meeting date.**

No future date was set.