

**MINUTES OF MEETING
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BRAZOS G REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP**

January 28, 2004

In accordance with notice sent to each member of the Regional Water Planning Group and posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (copy attached as Exhibit A), a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group convened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 28, 2004, in the central office of the Brazos River Authority, 4600 Cobbs Drive, Waco, Texas. Attendance was as follows:

| <u>VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT</u> | <u>OTHERS PARTICIPATING</u> |
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| <p>Tony Jones, Chair Phil Ford, Secretary/Treasurer Mike Morrison Kent Watson</p> | <p>Truman Blum, Brazos G Voting Member Mark Bryson, Brazos G Voting Member Jon Burrows, Brazos G Voting Member Horace Grace, Brazos G Voting Member Terry Kelley, Brazos G Voting Member Scott Mack, Brazos G Voting Member Wiley Stem, Brazos G Voting Member</p> <p>Terry Lopas, Brazos G Non-Voting Member</p> |
| <p><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></p> <p>Steve Sanford</p> | <p>Teresa Clark, Brazos River Authority Kimberly Goolsby, Brazos River Authority Lisa Tschirhart, Brazos River Authority</p> |
| | <p><u>PUBLIC PRESENT</u></p> <p>See attached sign-in sheet (Exhibit B)</p> |

Notice of Meeting –

Chair Jones said that each member of the Regional Water Planning Group received notice of this meeting and a copy of the meeting agenda by e-mail dated January 16, 2004, (copy of agenda attached as Exhibit C). He noted that the public meeting notice had been properly posted as required by law and that confirmations of timely posting were received.

Attendance and Announcements –

Chair Jones recalled that Steve Sanford had resigned due to personal reasons. He said that Mr. Sanford's vacancy on the Executive Committee will be addressed at the February 11, 2004, regularly scheduled meeting.

Chair Jones noted the presence of a quorum.

Chair Jones recognized Brazos G members Mark Bryson, Wiley Stem, Truman Blum, and Horace Grace.

Consider approval of draft minutes – November 12, 2003 -

Chair Jones stated that the draft minutes of the November 12, 2003, Executive Committee meeting were distributed to each member pursuant to the Bylaws. He asked if there were any changes or questions regarding the minutes.

It was then moved by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Ford:

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2003,
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING BE APPROVED
AS PREPARED IN PRELIMINARY FORM.**

The **MOTION CARRIED** with no dissenting votes.

Public Input –

Public questions and comments on agenda items (limited to 5 minutes each) –

Chair Jones reminded everyone of the Open Meetings Act limitations. He noted that the Regional Water Planning Group is limited in its ability to participate in discussions or deliberations by provisions of the Open Meetings Act. He stated that the Group could not deliberate or discuss issues that are not posted on the meeting notice.

Keith Hansberger, with Lost Pines GCD, spoke on behalf of nominee Michelle Gangnes, City of Lexington.

Review solicitation process for new voting members –

Chair Jones noted that due to the increased interest in the regional water planning process and the turnover of one-third of the voting members in 2004, it would be beneficial to the members and staff to clarify the current solicitation process.

A copy of the proposed solicitation process is attached as Exhibit D.

It was then moved by Mr. Ford that the proposed solicitation be approved and that Group use a cutoff date of 30 days prior to the Executive Committee meeting for review of the nominees. Mr. Ford suggested that the bullet for Support letters be changed to read "Support letters (Recommend six)".

Chair Jones clarified the recommendation to be that the proposed solicitation be approved and that Group use a cutoff date 30 days prior to the Executive Committee meeting for review of the nominees, and that the Group recommends six support letters.

It was then moved by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Morrison, that the proposed solicitation be approved and that Group use a cutoff date 30 days prior to the Executive Committee meeting for review of the nominees, and that the Group recommends six support letters.

The **MOTION CARRIED** with no dissenting votes.

Discuss solicitation process for voting members whose terms expire in November 2004 –

Chair Jones noted that six member's terms will expire in November 2004 (includes Jim Nuse's vacancy) and one member has resigned (Steve Sanford) with the term expiring in November 2007. In order to provide a smooth transition, it is recommended that these vacancies be posted effective March 1, 2004, for sixty (60 days) ending April 30, 2004. The recommendations from the Executive Committee would be made at the June 9, 2004, regularly scheduled meeting. Those nominees selected would be required to attend all meetings including an orientation until they officially become a member after the November 2004 meeting.

It was then moved by Chair Jones and seconded by Mr. Morrison that the Executive Committee recommends the following resolution for adoption by the Group:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Brazos G RWPG solicitation for vacancies begin March 1, 2004, for sixty (60 days), ending April 30, 2004. The recommendations from the Executive Committee will be made at the June 2004, regularly scheduled meeting. The nominee selected for the agricultural vacancy would become a member after the June 2004 meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT remaining nominees selected be required to attend all meetings including an orientation until they officially become a member after the November 2004 meeting."

The **MOTION CARRIED** with no dissenting votes.

A copy of the Brazos G RWPG voting membership by interest and a map showing voting member hometowns are attached as Exhibit E.

Review nominations received for a new voting member representing Municipalities -

Chair Jones noted that Mr. Clay Roming has removed his name as a nominee (copy of letter attached as Exhibit F); Mr. Jim Briggs added his name as a nominee (packet distributed); and Mr. Frank Salvato was added as a nominee at the November 12, 2003, meeting (resume distributed).

At the request of Chair Jones each member provided their nominees in order of preference.

Chair Jones said that the top three nominees for discussion are Tom Clark, Jim Briggs, and Michele Gangnes.

It was then moved by Mr. Morrison that the Executive Committee submit Tom Clark to the Group as its nominee, no second was offered.

It was then moved by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Watson that the Executive Committee submit Jim Briggs to the Group as its nominee.

The vote was as follows: two in favor, and two against.

Mr. Grace asked if the Executive Committee could send two nominees to the Group for decision.

It was then moved by Mr. Morrison and seconded by Mr. Watson that the Executive Committee submit Jim Briggs and Tom Clark to the Group as its nominees.

Chair Jones noted that the Executive Committee had narrowed the nominees to three and asked if the Committee wanted to consider submitting all three or just the two.

Mr. Watson said that he would not be opposed to submitting all three nominees.

Mr. Morrison amended his motion to include Michele Gangnes and Mr. Watson seconded the motion.

The **MOTION CARRIED** with no dissenting votes.

New business to be considered at the next meeting; confirmation of next meeting date –

Chair Jones asked if anyone had new business to discuss at the next meeting.

Mr. Grace noted that he had recently attended a water law conference where he was approached by several groundwater districts that are in Region G. He said that there continues to be a strong desire that one of the voting members be from a groundwater district. He urged the Group to consider having a groundwater district as a voting member.

It was then moved by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Watson that the Brazos G RWPG discuss and consider the addition of a groundwater voting member at the next meeting.

The **MOTION CARRIED** with no dissenting votes.

Adjournment – There being no further business before the Group, Chairman Jones adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

TONY JONES
Chair