

**Agenda Item 7a. Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on
November 18, 2021**

This agenda item is to review and consider approval of the meeting minutes from November 18, 2021.

Attachments:

1. Meeting Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
REGION F WATER PLANNING GROUP
10:30 A.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 AT THE OFFICE OF THE
COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
400 E. 24TH ST. BIG SPRING, TEXAS**

The Region F Water Planning Group (WPG) met at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 24, 2021 at the Office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in Big Spring, Texas and. Voting members present were: Allison Strube, Kenneth Dierschke, Gil VanDeVenter, Tommy Ervin, Henry Olstowski, John Grant, Rhetta Yanez and Scott McWilliams. Non-voting members present were: Elizabeth McCoy, TWDB; Melanie Barnes, Region O. Other interested parties present were: Simone Kiel and Lissa Gregg with Freese & Nichols; Camille Allen with City of Andrews; John Allen and Dale Weaver with BCWID #1; and Leon Braden with Lipan-Kickapoo WCD; Audra Hoback, Mary Nelson and Cole Walker from Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Call to Order

Chair, John Grant, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. A quorum was present.

Introductions and Opening Remarks

Voting and Non-Voting members and audience attendees introduced themselves

Public Comment

No comments/questions were made.

Public Meeting – Pre-Planning Meeting for the 2026 Region F Water Plan

Public Comment on issues to be addressed in the development of the 2026 Region F Water Plan

John Grant made the suggestion that Water Quality should be addressed in the 2026 plan. Ryland Howard provided comment via a letter submission stating he would like to see the effects of groundwater withdrawals from aquifers taken into account, specifically, those that feed spring fed discharges into river and streams and would like to see more conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water (letter attached to minutes). Gil VanDeVenter stated he would like to look into recycling produced water. Allison Strube suggested flood plan projects be incorporated with the Region F plan. Scott McWilliams questioned population estimates and how the TWDB looks at demographics to get their estimates. Kenneth Dierschke raised concern on mining numbers with the amount of water being used for the oilfield.

Planning group discussion on the process of conducting interregional coordination regarding water management strategies during the development of the 2026 Region F Water Plan

Allison Strube suggested coordination with other Regions on any project that might affect the other, respectively. John Grant discussed how subordination between Region F and Region K is already in place as an example of the coordination effort that is needed across the board.

The planning group agreed Freese & Nichols, as Region F consultants, should continue to be liaisons for the Region F group for the purpose of interregional coordination.

TWDB Report

Elizabeth McCoy, TWDB Project Manager, provided Region F and TWDB updates and information including information on rule changes and revisions, the 2022 State Water Plan, changes to the regional water planning process, the Sixth Cycle Planning updates, and resources found on the TWDB website.

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Motion was made by Ken Dierschke and seconded by Gil VanDeVenter to approve the minutes, motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

John Grant presented the financial reports for the Planning and Administrative Funds. CRMWD is the Designated Political Subdivision for Region F and contracts with the Water Development Board, manages funds and keep meeting minutes. The Administrative Fund had a balance of \$28,855.00 as of September 30, 2021. The Planning Fund had a balance of \$39,478.00 as of September 30, 2021. A motion was made by Allison Strube, seconded by Scott McWilliams to accept the Financial Report, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on Region F By-Laws (adopted March 15, 2011)

John Grant advised the board to consider any revisions and updates that might need to be made to the current by-laws. No action was taken.

Discussion and Action on Voting Membership (minutes of March 15, 2011)

John Grant discussed with the planning group the challenges of keeping membership positions filled and the process to which the planning group would go about to revise voting membership. No action was taken.

For Consideration
November 3, 2022

Election of Officers and Executive Committee

Ken Dierschke made a motion for current officers to remain the same. (John Grant, Chair; Scott McWilliams, Vice Chair; Raymond Straub, Secretary; Richard Gist, At Large Member; Gilbert VanDeventer, At Large Member). Allison Strube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action regarding a Planning Consultant to Assist Region F with the 2026 Regional Water Plan

Lissa Greg with Freese & Nichols presented to the planning group as the only consultants to submit a Statement of Qualifications. Scott McWilliams motioned to accept Freese & Nichols as the Region F Planning Consultant. Ken Dierschke seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action to nominate planning group members to serve as a member and alternate to the Interregional Planning Council

Gilbert VanDeventer nominated Allison Strube as Member and Scott McWilliams as Alternate. Ken Dierschke seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Group Members Comments

No further comments were made.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be announced at a later date.

Adjourn

There was no further discussion and the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Raymond Straub, Jr., Secretary
Region F Water Planning Group

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Region F Water Planning Group