

**REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Ashmore, David Bailey, and Jun Chang

MEMBERS ABSENT: Glenn Lord, Michael Turco

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Evans

CONSULTANT TEAM: Philip Taucer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Chang welcomed the committee members to the meeting. Mr. Evans noted that Mr. Turco had contacted him earlier in the day to inform the committee he would unexpectedly be unable to attend due to illness but was listening to the meeting by phone. Mr. Evans noted that Mr. Turco would therefore not count as present for purposes of the quorum or be able to vote during the meeting.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2018 NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes from April 4, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ashmore and carried unanimously.

4. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS 5 AND 6

There were no comments related to this item.

5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP (WPG) REGARDING THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DESIGNATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee reviewed the current officers and Executive Committee membership, noted the vacancy on the Executive Committee created when Pudge Willcox stepped down from the Planning Group, and discussed requirements in the Region H bylaws regarding these roles.

Mr. Chang noted that Region H Municipal representative Yvonne Forrest had expressed a willingness to serve in the vacant position. Mr. Bailey made a motion to recommend to the WPG that Ms. Forest fill the vacant Executive Committee Position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ashmore and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ashmore made a motion to recommend to the WPG that current officers and members of the Executive Committee be reappointed for 2022, with the addition of Ms. Forrest in the vacant Executive Committee position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REGION H WPG REGARDING VACANT WPG POSITIONS.

Mr. Chang discussed the vacancy for a voting member of the WPG representing Counties created when John Blount stepped down from the WPG. He noted that Mr. Blount had recommended Loyd Smith, previous alternate for the position and current Interim County Engineer for Harris County. The Committee also discussed a Harris County Commissioners Court order nominating Mr. Smith for the position. Mr. Bailey made a motion to recommend to the WPG that Mr. Smith fill the vacant Counties position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ashmore and carried unanimously.

Mr. Chang discussed the vacancy for a voting member of the WPG representing Public created when Carl Masterson stepped down from the WPG. He noted that Mr. Masterson had recommended Ken Kramer, previous alternate for the position and former director of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club. Mr. Kramer had also submitted a letter expressing interest in serving in the position. The Committee noted that Mr. Kramer had a long association with the WPG and valuable perspectives on water and planning in Texas. Mr. Ashmore made a motion to recommend to the WPG that Mr. Kramer fill the vacant Public position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried unanimously.

Mr. Chang discussed the vacancy for a voting member of the WPG representing Agriculture created by the passing of long-time WPG member Robert Bruner. Mr. Evans noted that he had spoken with Mr. Bruner's wife, Toni, who has been a frequent attendee of the WPG's meetings since the early years of the Regional Planning process. Mrs. Bruner recommended Judge Danny Pierce, previous alternate for the position and current Walker County Judge, and indicated that she anticipates reaching out to him regarding his interest in filling the vacancy; Mrs. Bruner also expressed a willingness to serve in the position if Mr. Pierce is unable to do so. Mr. Bailey made a motion to recommend to the WPG that Mr. Pierce fill the vacant Agriculture position, with Mrs. Bruner to be recommended if Mr. Pierce indicates that he is not able to serve in the role. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ashmore and carried unanimously.

7. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

8. ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.