

# PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

## Minutes

December 11, 2001

A meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at USDA/ARS-Bushland Facility, Potter County, Texas. C.E. Williams, Chairman, presided.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Looper, City of Canadian, Vernon Cook, Roberts County; Dan Coffey, City of Amarillo; David Landis, City of Perryton; Bill Hallerberg, Amarillo, Denise Jett, Phillips Petroleum; Rudie Tate, McLean; Nolan Clark, USDA-ARS; Grady Skaggs, Oldham County; Inge Brady, Amarillo; Gale Henslee, SPS; Richard Bowers, North Plains Ground Water Conservation District; C.E. Williams, Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District; John Williams, CRMWA; Charles Cooke, TCW Supply; John Sweeten, TAES/TAMU Agriculture Research and Extension; Ronald Bertrand, TDA; Mickey Black, USDA-NRCS; Rusty Gilmore, Rita Blanca Well Service; Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA; Charles Munger, TWPD.

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Janet Tregellas, Booker; B. A. Donelson, Stratford; Jim Derington, Palo Duro River Authority; Frank Simms, Panhandle; Bobbie Kidd, Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority; Stefan Schuster, TWDB.

OTHERS PRESENT: Roy Brady, PGCD; Tammy Sullivan, FNI; Simone Kiel, FNI; Steve Stevenson, Mesa Water, Inc.; Thomas Marek, TAES; Steve Amosson TAES; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bureson, Cole Camp, Llano Environmental; Rick Storm, AGN; Alan Dutton, UT-BEG; Robert Mace, TWDB.

### STAFF PRESENT:

Jarrett Atkinson, Local Government Services Director, PRPC; Chris Sharp, Local Government Services Program Coordinator, PRPC.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

C. E. Williams called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

#### **2. ESTABLISH ATTENDANCE AND RECOGNIZE DESIGNATED ALTERNATES**

A quorum was established and one designated alternates was recognized: Dr. Robert Mace representing Stefan Schuster, TWDB.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Judge Vernon Cook made the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of the PWPG held on September 5, 2001. Richard Bowers seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

**4. CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MR. MIKE PAGE (PHILLIPS PETROLEUM INDUSTRIAL REPRESENTATIVE)**

Jarrett Atkinson reported that Mr. Page has resigned from Phillips Petroleum and is no longer able to serve on the Water Planning Group.

Mr. Rusty Gilmore made the motion to accept Mr. Page's resignation. Mr. Dean Looper seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

**5. CONSIDER FILLING POSITION HELD BY MR. MIKE PAGE (PHILLIPS PETROLEUM – REPRESENTATIVE) WITH RECOMMENDED NOMINEE OR BY INSTITUTING FORMAL SELECTION PROCEDURES**

Jarrett Atkinson stated that Ms. Denis Jett from Phillips Petroleum has been nominated to fill the vacant board position.

Mr. Charles Cooke made the motion to elect Ms. Jett to the position, Mr. Richard Bowers seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

**6. REVIEW DRAFT FINAL REPORT ON INTERIM STUDIES GAM UNPDATE TO REGIONAL OGALLALA GROUNDWATER MODEL**

Mr. Alan Dutton presented groundwater map of the Ogallala region in its updated form.

**7. RECEIVE AND CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENT AND INPUT ON DRAFT FINAL REPORT ON INTERIM STUDIES GAM UPDATE TO REGIONAL OGALLALA GROUNDWATER MODEL**

No public comments.

**8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINAL REPORT ON INTERIM STUDIES GAM UPDATE AND SUBMISSION TO TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Mr. John Williams made the motion for the approval and submission to the Texas Water Development Board of the final report on interim studies GAM update. Mr. Dan Coffey seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

**9. REVIEW FINAL PROGRESS ON INTERIM STUDIES METERING PROJECT**

Jarrett Atkinson made a brief comment on the metering project stating that the Texas Panhandle has the highest number of meters throughout the state. He also stated that this program was highly complemented upon by the Texas Water Development Board. A presentation was made by Mr. Ray Brady as to the progress of the metering program.

**10. RECEIVE AND CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENT AND INPUT TO INTERIM STUDIES METERING PROJECT**

No public comment was made.

**11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERIM STUDIES METERING PROJECT AND SUBMISSION TO TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Mr. Charles Cooke made a motion to approve the interim studies metering project and for submission to the Texas Water Development Board. Mr. Bill Hallerberg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

**12. SCOPE OF WORK PREPARATION DISCUSSION AND RELATED TIMELINE**

Jarrett Atkinson related the timeline for scope of work preparation. A February 5, 2002 date was set for a public hearing. Dr. Nolan Clark made the motion for this timeline. Mr. Vernon Cook seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

**13. FINACIAL REPORT AND RELATED ITEMS**

Dr. Nolan Clark reported on the Independent Financial Report. Dr. Clark made a motion to approve the Independent financial Report. Mrs. Inge Brady seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

**14. COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

Consider necessary actions regarding Committees of the Panhandle Water Planning Group:

A motion was made by Mr. Bill Hallerberg for the committee to request \$10,000 for interregional coordination. Motion seconded by Mr. Charles Cooke, motion carried by unanimous vote.

**15. OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Report from Region B – no report

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- B. Report from Texas Water Development Board – Dr. Mace reported on a potential delay in the approval of the State Water Plan due to additional environmental concerns that were still being addressed.
- C. Public Comment – Mr. Andy Burleson, Sherman County, presented his concerns to the Planning Group regarding proposed Seaboard Hog Farms. His comments concerned water use and CAFO lagoons and the potential for contamination. Mr. Burleson noted that Hutchinson County had over 88,000 hogs approved by permit and that there could be 2 million hogs in Hansford, Moore, and Sherman Counties. He noted that this Planning Group should be concerned about possible water quality issues and thanked the Group for the opportunity to speak.
- D. Other Business – none
- E. Next Meeting Date – not set

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.