

PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

Minutes

May 21, 2001

A meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group was held on Monday, May 21, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. in the PRPC Board Room, 415 West Eighth Avenue, Amarillo, Potter County, Texas.

Mr. C.E. Williams, Chairman, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vernon Cook, Roberts County; Dan Coffey, City of Amarillo; David Landis, City of Perryton; Frank Simms, Panhandle; Rudie Tate, Memphis; Janet Tregellas, Booker; Nolan Clark, USDA-ARS; Grady Skaggs, Oldham County; Rusty Gilmore, Rita Blanca Well Service; Gale Henslee, Southwestern Public Service Company; Jim Derington, Palo Duro River Authority; C.E. Williams, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District; John Williams General Manager, CRMWA; Charles Cooke, Co-Owner, TCW Supply; John Sweeten, Texas Agriculture Experiment Station - TAMU; Ronald Bertrand, Texas Department Of Agriculture; Charles Munger, TWPD Canyon Fisheries Lab; Kent Satterwhite; CRMWA; Stefan Schuster, Texas Water Development Board; Danelle Barber, Designated Alternate - Richard Bowers; Obie Kelley, Designated Alternate - Mickey Black; Inge Brady, Amarillo (arrived at Item 4); Dean Looper (added after Item 4).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mickey Black, USDA-NRCS; Mike Page, Phillips Petroleum Company; Bobbie Kidd, Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority; B. A. Donelson, Stratford; Richard Bowers, North Plains Ground Water Conservation District; Bill Hallerberg, Amarillo; Therese Abraham, Canadian

STAFF PRESENT: Jarrett Atkinson, Water Planning Director, PRPC; Janice Blandford

OTHERS PRESENT

Mitzi McClelland; Representative David Swinford's office; Nicole Coronado, Representative David Swinford's office; Steve Stevens, Mesa Water, Inc.; Tammy Sullivan, Freese & Nichols, Inc.; Tommy Puryear, Wheeler County; Jay Goodwin, Wheeler County; Ben Weinheimer, TCFA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. C. E. Williams called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present.

2. ESTABLISH ATTENDANCE & RECOGNIZE DESIGNATED ALTERNATES

Two Designated Alternates were recognized: Danelle Barber representing Richard Bowers and Obie Kelley representing Mickey Black.

3. MINUTES

Vernon Cook made the motion to accept the minutes as amended by adding Ms. Tammy Sullivan, FNI, Inc. to the list of those present. Charles Cooke seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. CONSIDER ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF MRS. THERESE ABRAHAM AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION ON SELECTING A REPLACEMENT MEMBER

C.E. Williams explained that PWPG Group member, Therese Abraham, had tendered her resignation to the Board. He stated that a copy of her letter of resignation was included in the agenda packet and that she had recommended Dean Looper, City Manager of Canadian, as a possible replacement. He asked for recommendations.

David Landis made the motion to appoint and designate Dean Looper as a representative of the general public to fill the slot left vacant by Mrs. Abraham. Rusty Gilmore seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. CONDUCT DRAWING TO SELECT TERMS OF CURRENT MEMBERS

C.E. Williams told the Group that the length of their terms, according to the Bylaw, had been to this point, undefined. He further explained that according to the Bylaws, the membership will serve staggered terms of one, two or three-years. Each voting member drew in order to determine the length of his/her term. The following is a breakdown of the membership and length of term drawn:

Member's Name		Term Drawn
Richard	Bowers	2 Years
Inge	Brady	2 Years
Nolan	Clark	1 Year
Dan	Coffey	3 Years
Vernon	Cook	2 Years
Charles	Cooke	2 Years
Jim	Derington	3 Years

Member's Name		Term Drawn
B.A.	Donelson	2 Years
Rusty	Gilmore	2 Years
Bill	Hallerberg	2 Years
Gale	Henslee	3 Years
Bobbie	Kidd	2 Years
David	Landis	1 Year
Dean	Looper	1 Year
Mike	Page	3 Years
Frank	Simms	3 Years
Grady	Skaggs	1 Year
John	Sweeten	1 Year
Rudie	Tate	1 Year
Janet	Tregellas	1 Year
C.E.	Williams	3 Years
John	Williams	3 Years

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND APPROVE CONTRACT FOR SCOPE OF WORK DEVELOPMENT

Jarrett Atkinson explained that the PRPC was notified on May 2, 2001, that the Texas Water Development Board would award up to \$10,000 to the region to develop the Scope of Work. He presented the proposed budget and a Detailed Statement of Purpose.

Rudie Tate made the motion to authorize the Executive Committee, along with Inge Brady and Gale Henslee to review and approve the contract. Frank Simms seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR SCOPE OF WORK DEVELOPMENT

C.E. Williams stated that this is a follow-up to the previous item on the agenda. He explained that this item will formally authorize the PRPC to execute the contract with the Texas Water Development Board for the Scope of Work development funds.

Gale Henslee made the motion to ask the PRPC Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Texas Water Development Board for Scope of Work funds. Vernon Cook seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. COMMITTEE ACTIONS

C.E. Williams stated that while the PWPG is charged with carrying out certain tasks, the Group is faced with raising its own funds for the on-going work. Last year, PWPG Group members were appointed to contact private businesses and public entities and businesses were asked to donate. A flat rate was set for cities and counties. Special Districts and several businesses also contributed such as CRMWA, City of Amarillo, High Plains Groundwater District, North Plains Ground Water Conservation District and Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District as well as Southwestern Public Service, Texas Cattle Feeders Association and Phillips Petroleum. Jarrett Atkinson reported that \$115,000 was collected from 116 different sources. After some discussion, it was determined that the PWPG should raise \$75,000 per year.

Charles Cooke made the motion to collect in the same manner as last year, but to make it an annual project. John Sweeten seconded the motion. David Landis asked to amend the motion to include all Economic Development Corporations in the Region. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

C.E. Williams visited Senate Bill 2 (on the floor at this time) as well as other issues being addressed in this legislative session.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Kent Satterwhite reported that Region O is working on an Amendment to their Plan.

Stefan Schuster of the Texas Water Development Board reported that he has been developing the process for putting the State Water Plan together. Staff is planning to meet with people from across the state for input. Staff met last week with the first Policy Advisory Stakeholder Group. There were 13 policy issues addressed and the State asked the Stakeholders for ranking. He said that a (State) staff member will be assigned to each topic in order to coordinate the group and facilitate discussion. They will summarize those issues for the State Plan. Most groups will meet

electronically. There will be three or four more meetings with the Stakeholders this year.

At, this time C.E.. Williams asked for Public Comment. Tommy Puryear, Wheeler County, asked about the status of HCR270, concerning Sweetwater Creek Reservoir. Mr. Williams reported that it has been pulled and will not come back up, unless rules are suspended.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Group, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.