

PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

Minutes

December 18, 2002

The regular meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2002, 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:

Ronald Bertrand, Texas Department of Agriculture; Richard Bowers, North Plains Ground Water Conservation District; Inge Brady; Nolan Clark, USDA-ARS; Dan Coffey, City of Amarillo; Vernon Cook, County of Roberts; Charles Cooke, TCW Supply, Inc.; Jim Derington, Palo Duro River Authority; Rusty Gilmore, Rita Blanca Well Service; William Hallerberg; Denise Jett, Phillips Petroleum; David Landis, City of Perryton; Dean Looper, City of Canadian; Charles Munger, TWPD Canyon Fisheries Lab; Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA; Frank Simms; Comer Tuck, Texas Water Development Board; Grady Skaggs, County of Oldham; John Sweeten, Texas Ag. Experiment Station - TAMU Ag. Res. & Ext; Rudie Tate; Janet Tregellas; John Williams, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority; C.E. Williams, Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Stevens, Mesa Water; Simone Kiel, Freese-Nichols, Inc.; Stefan Schuster, Freese-Nichols, Inc.; Richard Morris, City of Pampa; Fran Bretz, TAES; Cole Camp, L.P. Environmental; Rick Storm, Amarillo Globe-News; David Bowser; Ben Weinheimer, TCFA; Janet Guthrie, Hemphill UWCD

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mickey Black, USDA-NRCS; Bobbie Kidd, Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority; B. A. Donelson; Gale Henslee, XCEL Energy

STAFF PRESENT:

Jarrett Atkinson; Janice Blandford

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: Obie Kelly representing Mickey Black and Rick Gibson representing Gale Henslee.

3. **MINUTES**

In the minutes of the August 30, 2002 meeting under Item 10 minutes read as follows: "Kent Satterwhite made a motion to appoint Randy Criswell, City of Canyon to the Municipal Committee. Richard Bowers seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote." Jarrett Atkinson stated that Mr. Criswell will be a non-voting member of that Committee and that should have been reflected in the minutes.

Bill Hallerberg made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting held August 30, 2002 as amended. Charles Cooke seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF INTERREGIONAL COORDINATION APPLICATION**

Comer Tuck, Interim Liaison from the Texas Water Development Board, stated that the Texas Water Development Board has indicated that small amounts of funding will be made available to the 16 regions to use for interregional coordination. Staff anticipates that this will amount to approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 per region. The purpose of these funds is to allow planning groups to coordinate and to share information regarding items that may impact both regions.

Grady Skaggs made the motion to make application for interregional coordination funds and to post a 30-day notice of intent to apply in the regional newspapers as well as scheduling an additional meeting by the PWPG to approve the final application. Rusty Gilmore seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE REQUESTS FOR POPULATION REVISIONS**

Jarrett Atkinson explained that just as in the first round of planning, the PWPG has the opportunity to modify population projections. He stated that staff at PRPC has developed a form for each city and county in the region containing their current projected population from the year 2000 to 2060. Any entity can request a change in its projection. The City of Cactus has made a formal request and Mr. Atkinson presented it at this time. Inge Brady made the motion to consider and approve changes to the City of Cactus' request. Judge Vernon Cook seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

C.E. Williams stated that there is a question as to what will be done with the 5,510 population that falls out of the Cactus projection.

Charles Cook made the motion to apply all the 5,510 population to Moore County. John Sweeten seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF MODELING COMMITTEE TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR GROUNDWATER CONSULTANTS AND PROVIDE COMMENTS TO PWPG

Stefan Schuster of Freese-Nichols, Inc. explained that currently his firm and Texas A & M University System work as consultants for the development of the Regional Water Plan. He explained that it will be necessary to secure the services of a groundwater modeling consultant. Services needed from the groundwater consultant are limited primarily to the development of the water quality model that will be focused on Roberts County. Mr. Schuster requested that in the interest of time and efficiency that the PWPG authorize the Modeling Committee to review the RFQ's submitted by the interested firms and to formulate recommendations to the PWPG.

Janet Tregellas made the motion that the PWPG authorize the Modeling Committee to review the RFQ's submitted by the interested firms and to formulate recommendations to the PWPG. Bill Hallerberg seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. REVIEW AND DISCUSS DESIGNATION OF WHOLESALE WATER PROVIDERS

Jarrett Atkinson stated that in the first planning cycle, the PWPG was charged with designating what is termed "Major Water Providers" in our area. Identified providers in the first plan were:

- CRMWA
- City of Amarillo
- Greenbelt

In the second round of planning, this designation has changed to "Wholesale Water Providers" and additional definitions have been added. A preliminary list (from the TWDB) of Wholesale Water Providers (WWPs) has been released. They are:

- CRMWA
- City of Amarillo
- City of Borger
- City of Cactus
- Greenbelt
- Phillips Petroleum

He went on to say that this Group must provide the TWDB with an approved list of WWPs in this region by March 1, 2003. No action was taken at this time.

8. COMMITTEE ACTIONS

C.E. Williams made a motion to appoint Janet Guthrie, Hemphill County UWCD, to serve as a non-voting member of the Modeling Committee. Vernon Cook seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT AND RELATED ITEMS

No financial report was available. The item will be addressed at the next meeting.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Report from Region O – Kent Satterwhite reported for Region O, no report was presented for Region B
- B. Report from the Texas Water Development Board – Comer Tuck reported that Water Demand Projection Drafts will be out by Friday, December 20, 2002.
- C. Public Comments – Simone Keel, Freese-Nichols, Inc., reported that Stefan Schuster will be replacing her as our contact with that firm.
- D. Consider Next Meeting Date – January 22, 2003

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Planning Group, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.