

PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

Minutes

March 21, 2002

A meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group was held on Thursday, March 21, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Amarillo, Texas. C.E. Williams, Chairman, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Looper, City of Canadian, Dan Coffey, City of Amarillo; David Landis, City of Perryton; Bill Hallerberg, Amarillo, Denise Jett, Phillips Petroleum, Rudie Tate, McLean; Nolan Clark, USDA-ARS; Inge Brady, Amarillo; Gale Henslee, Xcel Energy; 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; Janet Tregellas, Booker; Bobbie Kidd, Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority; Stefan Schuster, TWDB; Jim Derington, Palo Duro River Authority; Cole Camp, Designated Alternate for Rusty Gilmore; Chris Blount, Designated Alternate for Grady Skaggs; Ben Weinheimer, Designated Alternate for Frank Simms; Hank Coffey, Designated Alternate for Vernon Cook; Obie Kelley, Designated Alternate for Mickey Black.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vernon Cook, Roberts County; Ronald Bertrand, TDA; Mickey Black, USDA-NRCS; B. A. Donelson, Stratford; Frank Simms, Panhandle; Rusty Gilmore, Rita Blanca Well Service; Grady Skaggs, Oldham County; Charles Munger, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tammy Sullivan, FNI; Simone Kiel, FNI; Steve Stevenson, Mesa Water, Inc.; Steve Amosson TAES; B.A. Stewart, WTAMU; Lal Almas, WTAMU, Ag. Ed.; Larry Lemons, KACV-TV.

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 1:40 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

2. ESTABLISH ATTENDANCE AND RECOGNIZE DESIGNED ALTERNATES

A quorum was established and five alternates were recognized: Chris Blount representing Grady Skaggs, Harold "Hack" Coffee representing Vernon Cook; Ben Weinheimer representing Frank Simms; Obie Kelley representing Mickey Black; Cole Camp representing Rusty Gilmore.

3. MINUTES

Bill Hallerberg made the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of the PWPG held on December 11, 2001. Dan Coffey seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. REVIEW COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC HEARING ON SCOPE OF WORK DEVELOPMENT AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Jarrett Atkinson reviewed comments from the public hearing on February 5, 2002. Recommendations were received on how to respond to these comments. Mr. Charles Cooke made the motion to accept the revised responses to the comments. Mr. Richard Bowers seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote. Approved comment responses are attached.

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSS DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK

The Scope of Work Draft for Round II was discussed and suggestions noted.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE FOR SUBMISSION SCOPE OF WORK FOR ROUND II REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Dr. Nolan Clark made the motion to approve the amended Scope of Work for Round II Regional Water Plan. Mr. Dan Coffey seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. REVIEW AND DISCUSS DRAFT ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF WORK

The draft for the additional Scope of Work for Round II was discussed and reviewed.

8. PRIORITIZE WORK ITEMS FOR DRAFT ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF WORK

After discussion and prioritization of the Work Items for Additional Scope of Work, Mr. Dan Coffey made the motion to approve this draft. Mr. John Williams seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE FOR SUBMISSION ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF WORK FOR ROUND II REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Dan Coffey made the motion to approve and submit the additional scope of work for Round II Regional Water Plan. Mr. John Williams seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO SUBMIT THE SCOPE OF WORK AND ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF WORK TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Mr. John Williams made a motion to approve the submission of the Scope of Work and the additional Scope of Work to the Texas Water Development Board. Mr. Richard Bowers seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUIRED RESPONSE TO THE POLICY QUESTION FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE REPORT PROJECT

This item was tabled. Bill Hallerberg, Dean Looper, Richard Bowers, Dan Coffey, Charles Cooke, John Williams, C.E. Williams and B.A. Donelson were named to a committee work on this item.

12. REVIEW AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RESPOSE TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD REGARDING THE STATES ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTAION OF IRRIGATION DEMAND REDUCTION STRATEGIES

Dr. Clark made a motion to approve the response to the Texas Water Development Board regarding the State's role in the implementation of irrigation demand reduction strategies. Gale Henslee seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

13. COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Consider necessary actions regarding Committees of the Panhandle Water Planning Group. None

14. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Report from Region B & Region O Liaison

Bobbie Kidd & Kent Satterwhite – Region B and O to meet next week

B. Report from the Texas Water Development Board

No report, 3 new members are now on the Board.

C. Public Comment – no public comment

D. Other Business - none

E. Consider Next Meeting Date - next meeting date was established for April 16, 2002

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.