

# PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

## Minutes

August 30, 2002

A meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group was held on Friday, August 30, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in the PRPC Board Room, 415 West Eighth Avenue, Amarillo, Potter County, Texas.

C.E. Williams, Chairman, presided.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald Bertrand, Texas Department of Agriculture; Richard Bowers, North Plains Ground Water Conservation District; Nolan Clark, USDA-ARS; Dan Coffey, City of Amarillo; Vernon Cook, Roberts County; Charles Cooke, TCW Supply, Inc.; Jim Derington, Palo Duro River Authority; William Hallerberg; Gale Henslee, Xcel Energy; Denise Jett, Phillips Petroleum; David Landis, City of Perryton; Dean Looper, City of Canadian; Charles Munger, TWPD Canyon Fisheries Lab; Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA; Stefan Schuster, Texas Water Development Board; Frank Simms; Grady Skaggs, Oldham County; John Sweeten, Texas Ag. Experiment Station - TAMU Ag. Res. & Ext; Rudie Tate; Janet Tregellas; C.E. Williams, Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District; Pam Allison – Designated Alternate Inge Brady; Obie Kelley – Designated Alternate Mickey Black.

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mickey Black, USDA-NRCS; Inge Brady; B.A. Donelson, First State Bank; Rusty Gilmore, Rita Blanca Well Service; John Williams, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority; Bobbie Kidd, Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Stevens, Mesa Water; Simone Kiel, Freese & Nichols, Inc.; Janet Guthrie, Hemphill County UWCD; Randy Criswell, City of Canyon; Ben Weinheimer, TCFA;

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2. ESTABLISH ATTENDANCE & RECOGNIZE DESIGNATED ALTERNATES

Three Designated Alternates were recognized: Kent Satterwhite representing John Williams; Pam Allison representing Inge Brady; and Obie Kelley representing Mickey Black.

### 3. MINUTES

Bill Hallerberg made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting held May 30, 2002. Judge Vernon Cook seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### 4. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPOSED BYLAWS MODIFICATIONS**

Jarrett Atkinson explained that a review of the existing PWPG bylaws identified several changes. He furnished a mark-up copy and the Group reviewed each proposed change.

Charles Cooke made the motion to approve the changes to the bylaws as indicated on the mark-up copy. Richard Bowers seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### 5. **SELECTION OF MEMBERS TO FILL EXPIRING TERMS (7)**

Jarrett Atkinson stated that last year the PWPG conducted a drawing to select the staggered membership terms. Seven of the drawn positions were for one-year terms that expire September 1, 2002. Those members and their respective interest groups are:

- David Landis – Municipalities
- Dr. Nolan Clark – Environmental
- Dr. John Sweeten – Higher Education
- Dean Looper – Public
- Grady Skaggs – Environmental
- Janet Tregellas – Agriculture
- Rudie Tate – Agriculture

He also informed the Group that the new terms will be for three years.

Mr. Atkinson stated that notice was posted in the *Amarillo Globe News* soliciting open nominations from across the region for individuals who might be interested in serving. None were received. Since the present members have expressed a willingness and desire to serve for an additional term and there were no nominations from the floor, Charles Cooke made the motion to re-elect the members to a new three-year term. Richard Bowers seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### 6. **SELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Jarrett Atkinson stated that the PWPG Bylaws call for the selection of officers once per calendar year. The three elected officer positions are: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. He asked for nominations for these positions from the floor.

Richard Bowers made the motion to nominate the sitting officers who are: C.E. Williams, Chair; Judge Vernon Cook, Vice Chair; and Dan Coffey, Secretary. Bill Hallerberg seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### 7. **SELECTION OF AT-LARGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Jarrett Atkinson stated that the Executive Committee is composed of the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary along with two at-large members. He stated that currently Dr.

Nolan Clark and John Williams fill those positions. He asked for nominations from the floor.

Judge Vernon Cook moved to reappoint Nolan Clark and John Williams to the Executive Committee. Bill Hallerberg seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. **UPDATE AND POSSIBLE RESPONSE TO TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA DELINEATION**

C.E. Williams stated that the Texas Water Development Board is currently working on the delineation of the Groundwater Management Area in Texas. He presented a resolution to the Group and asked for input. After minor modifications, Charles Cooke made a motion to forward the resolution to the Board. Dan Coffey seconded; motion carried with Richard Bowers voting no.

9. **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING UPDATE AND CONSIDERATION OF ACTION**

Stefan Schuster explained the additional funding option for evaluating changed conditions in the region. He stated that the money has been appropriated and gave a draft timeline.

After some discussion, Janet Tregellas made a motion to submit an application and to hold a public hearing Tuesday, October 22, 2002 at the Texas A & M Extension Center in order to satisfy the requirements of the application process. Bill Hallerberg seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. **COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

1. C.E. Williams asked the Group to consider the formation of a Legislative Issues Committee for the purpose of tracking legislative issues impacting this Group.

David Landis made the motion to authorize the Chairman to appoint members to a Legislative Issues Committee and serve as Chair of that Committee. Bill Hallerberg seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Williams appointed Dr. Nolan Clark to serve as Independent Financial Officer.

Kent Satterwhite made a motion to appoint Randy Criswell, City of Canyon to the Municipal Committee. Jarrett Atkinson stated that Mr. Criswell will be a non-voting member of that Committee. Richard Bowers seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Williams charged the Executive Committee to review subcontracts.

## 11. FINANCIAL REPORT AND RELATED ITEMS

Nolan Clark presented the Independent Financial Report. He then made the motion to approve the report. Vernon Cook seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

## 12. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE REGIONAL WATER PLANNING CONTRACT

Jarrett Atkinson stated that the contract for the planning funds for the 2006 Regional Water Plan has been received by the PRPC. He said that the contract is ready for execution and requested that the Group give the Planning Commission formal authorization to execute the contract on behalf of the PWPG.

Bill Hallerberg made the motion to authorize the PRPC to execute the contract for funds to develop the 2006 Regional Water Plan. Dan Coffey seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

## 13. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Kent Satterwhite reported on Region O activities
- B. Stefan Schuster talked about the following:
  - Presentation in Plainview on 9-5-02
  - Conservation kick-off 10-2-02 in Amarillo
  - Desalination workshop in Austin
  - Contracts due 9-17-02 to TWDB
- C. There was no public comment
- D. Next meeting of the PWPG will 10-15-02 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the PRPC.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Group, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.