

PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

Minutes

January 22, 2003

A meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. at the offices of the USDA-ARS Facility, Bushland, TX (7/10 mile west on South I-40 Access Road from I-40 and R.M. 2381).

C.E. Williams, Chairman, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Danelle Barber, NPGWCD (Designated Alternate – Richard Bowers); Mickey Black, USDA-NRCS; Inge Brady; Nolan Clark, USDA-ARS; Dan Coffey, City of Amarillo; Vernon Cook, Roberts County; Charles Cooke, TCW Supply, Inc.; Jim Derington, Palo Duro River Authority; Rusty Gilmore, Rita Blanca Well Service; 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; Grady Skaggs, Oldham County; John Sweeten, Texas Ag. Experiment Station - TAMU Ag. Res. & Ext; Ben Weinheimer (Designated Alternate – Frank Simms); John Williams, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority; C.E. Williams, Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District; Joe Minshew, TDA (Designated Alternate – Ronald Bertrand); Comer Tuck, TWDB

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronald Bertrand, Texas Department of Agriculture; Richard Bowers, North Plains Ground Water Conservation District; B. A. Donelson, First State Bank; Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA; Frank Simms; Janet Tregellas; Bobbie Kidd, GMIWA.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Stefan Schuster, Freese and Nichols, Inc.; Steve Stevens, Mesa Water; Fran Bretz, TAES; Rick Storm, Amarillo Globe News; Roger Cox, Canadian River Compact Commission; Janet Guthrie, Hemphill County UWCD, Cole Camp, LP Environmental, Thomas Marek; TAES; Steve Amosson, TAES;

STAFF PRESENT:

Jarrett Atkinson; Mike Peters; Janice Blandford

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ESTABLISH ATTENDANCE & RECOGNIZE DESIGNATED ALTERNATES

Three Designated Alternates were recognized: Danelle Barber representing Richard Bowers; Joe Minshew representing Ronald Bertrand and Ben Weinheimer representing Frank Simms.

3. **MINUTES**

Nolan Clark offered the following corrections to the minutes: on Page 1, *Be Weinheimer* should be replaced with *Ben Weinheimer*; on Page 3, paragraph 1, the word *form* should be replaced with the word *from*; Under Agenda Item 7, the original "Major Water Providers" identified in the first plan were CRMWA, City of Amarillo and Greenbelt only. City of Borger, City of Cactus, and Phillips Petroleum should not be in this list.

With these corrections noted, Dr. Clark made the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 18, 2002. Vernon Cook seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. **REVIEW AND APPROVE INTERREGIONAL COORDINATION APPLICATION**

C.E. Williams stated that the PWPG now needs to get at the very least a letter of agreement from Region B, Region C and Region O. and have them submit applications with associated budgets of their own. He also recommended that the Executive Committee be authorized to contact Regions B, C and O to see if they are interested in submitting an application.

Mr. Williams also stated that in accordance with the discussions last month, staff would welcome comments and input from the PWPG on the draft Scope of Work provided in the agenda packet. The Group reviewed the document. It was the consensus of the Group that the terms "PWPG" and "Region A" be consistent throughout the document. In the Expense Budget, on the *Subcontract Services* line, under *TOTAL AMOUNT* the number should be -0-, under *PRPC*, the number should be -0- and under *F&N* the number should be \$5,000. On the *TOTAL* line, under *TOTAL AMOUNT* the number should be \$20,000, under *PRPC* the number should be \$15,000; under *F & N* the number should be \$5,000.

With the changes being made and agreed to, the discussion continued to Item 5 below.

5. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE SUBMISSION OF INTERREGIONAL COORDINATION APPLICATION**

C.E. Williams stated that since the Scope of Work is now finalized, the PWPG should consider submission of the Interregional Coordination application. After the TWDB reviews the application, minor changes may be needed. Rather than calling a meeting of the entire PWPG, he asked that the Executive Committee be authorized to make minor changes.

Bill Hallerberg made the motion that the Executive Committee be authorized to negotiate with the other regions and submit the application. He also stipulated that if there are significant changes that it be brought back to the PWPG. Vernon Cook seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. REVIEW DESIGNATION OF WHOLESALE WATER PROVIDERS

Stefan Schuster, Freese and Nichols, Inc., stated that the currently proposed list of Wholesale Water Providers as formulated by TWDB includes CRMWA, City of Amarillo, City of Borger, City of Cactus, Greenbelt MIWA, Phillips Petroleum, Mesa Water, Red River Authority, Palo Duro Water Authority and the City of Dumas. Mr. Schuster said that he is reviewing the list in an effort to bring it up to date. He has tried to contact the entities on that list whose documentation he did not have in house to see if they actually have agreements in place to actually to sell or transfer more that 1,000 acre feet of water sometime in the past five years (or sometime in the period covering the Plan). He was unable to contact the City of Borger but they do have the data to be listed as a Wholesale Water Provider. He stated that that Red River Authority has said they are not interested in providing water to anyone else in this region and that they thought they were covered by the designation of the Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority. He stated that he had visited with Denise Jett of Phillips Petroleum and that although they have in the past provided water but they are no longer providing water and have requested that their name be removed from the list. Mr. Schuster recommended that the list of Wholesale Water Providers be revised to include: CRMWA, City of Amarillo, City of Borger, City of Cactus, Greenbelt MIWA, Mesa Water, Palo Duro River Authority and the City of Dumas.

7. CONSIDER DESIGNATION OF WHOLESALE WATER PROVIDERS

David Landis made the motion to approve the list of Wholesale Water Providers to include: CRMWA, City of Amarillo, City of Borger, City of Cactus, Greenbelt MIWA, Mesa Water, Palo Duro River Authority and the City of Dumas as recommended under Agenda Item 6. Gale Henslee seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. REVIEW DRAFT WATER DEMAND PROJECTIONS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Stefan Schuster explained that the TWDB has released the draft water demand projections for the upcoming water plan. He asked the Group to approve the timeline for evaluating the demand projections and the necessary committee actions.

As they committees are standing committees and the timeline was agreeable, there was no further action taken.

9. COMMITTEE ACTIONS

No further committee actions are necessary.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT AND RELATED ITEMS

Dr Nolan Clark provided a summary of local contributions. He noted that every year, the PWPG sends a request for voluntary contributions to groups and entities listed on the summary. He stated that the cost of posting notices, public hearings, meetings, travel, public participation, management, etc. is covered by these funds. Currently, the PWPG has received about 78% or \$58,000 of anticipated funds. He asked for

assistance in collecting the remaining funds. He reported that he does not at this time have a balance sheet on state funds to submit. Jarrett Atkinson explained that the report is in progress.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. There was no report from Region B & Region O Liaison
- B. There was no report from the Texas Water Development Board – Comer Tuck stated that other than topics already discussed he had nothing to report. There has still been no appointment on a permanent project manager for this region.
- C. Texas Drought Symposium – Dr. Nolan Clark reported that on February 11 & 12 in San Angelo the Texas Water Monitoring Council and the Texas Drought Preparedness Council is sponsoring a symposium on drought.
- D. Public Comment – Steve Stevens, Mesa Water requested a meeting be arranged for Mesa Water to meet with the Freese and Nichols engineers. Mesa will make a presentation. Stefan Schuster informed the Group and asked for their input. Chairman Williams stated that the PWPG would want to hear the presentation. Mr. Stevens stated that an engineering report has been provided to C.E. Williams and Jarrett Atkinson and that they can disseminate as they see fit. Inge Brady made a motion that C.E. Williams and Jarrett Atkinson be allowed to attend the presentation along with the Freese and Nichols team and bring a report back to the Group. Dan Coffey Seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.
- E. Consider Next Meeting Date – March 12, 2003, 1:30 p.m.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Planning Group, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.