

PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

Minutes

August 24, 2004

A meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG) was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. in the Marolyn Comer Auditorium, Amarillo Association of Realtors Building, 5601 Enterprise Circle, Amarillo, Potter County, Texas.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mickey Black, USDA-NRCS; 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; William Hallerberg; Gale Henslee, Xcel Energy; Denise Jett, ConocoPhillips Petroleum; Bobbie Kidd, Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority; David Landis, City of Perryton; Dean Looper; Temple McKinnon, Texas Water Development Board; Charles Munger, TPWD Canyon Fisheries Lab; Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA; Grady Skaggs, County of Oldham; John Sweeten, Texas Ag. Experiment Station - TAMU Ag. Res. & Ext; Rudie Tate; Janet Tregellas; Ben Weinheimer, TCFA; John Williams, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority; C.E. Williams, Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District; Steve Jones, Texas Department of Agriculture

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronald Bertrand, Texas Department of Agriculture; Richard Bowers, North Plains Ground Water Conservation District; Inge Brady; B. A. Donelson, First State Bank; Rusty Gilmore, Rita Blanca Well Service; Frank Simms

OTHERS PRESENT:

Fran Bretz, TAES; Janet Guthrie, HUWCD; Kay Ledbetter, Amarillo Globe News; Thomas Marek, TAES; Stefan Schuster, Freese & Nichols, Inc.; Steve Stevens, Mesa Water; James Isensee, J.D. Consulting/Mesa Water; Bob Harden, R.W. Harden & Associates/Mesa; Simone Kiel, Freese & Nichols, Inc.; Kim Flowers, PGCD; Bruce Rigler, High Plains Water District; Jack Jones, PBRA; Don McReynolds, HPUWCD #1; Lila Marsh, Vinson & Elkins; Mike Jackson, Mesa Water; Mike Arrington, Arrington Ranch; Jennifer Ashley, Office of

Senator Kel Seliger; Dale Hallmark, NPWD; Chad Pernel, CRMWA; S.A. Cox, Merrill Lynch; Steven Miller, City of Amarillo; Alan Abraham, Texas Silver Haired Legislature; Steve Hale, area landowner

STAFF PRESENT:

Jarrett Atkinson, Local Government Services Program Director; Chris Sharp, Local Government Services Program Coordinator; Mike Peters, Local Government Services Program Specialist; Janice Blandford, Support Staff

1. CALL TO ORDER & ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

2. ESTABLISH ATTENDANCE & RECOGNIZE DESIGNATED ALTERNATES

Four Designated Alternates were recognized:

1. Lloyd Pippin representing Inge Brady
2. Ben Weinheimer representing Frank Simms
3. Dale Hallmark representing Richard Bowers
4. Cole Camp representing Rusty Gilmore

3. RECOGNIZE NEW LIAISON – REGION B

4. MINUTES

Bill Hallerberg made the motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on July 15, 2004 as presented. Charles Cooke seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO FILL EXPIRING TERMS (7)

Judge Vernon Cook explained that the following seven members' terms will expire on September 1 of this year.

- Dan Coffey – Municipal
- Jim Derington – River Authority
- Gale Henslee – Steam Electric Power Generator
- Denise Jett – Industry
- Frank Simms – Agriculture
- C.E. Williams – Water District
- John Williams – Water District

He explained that the process stipulated in the Bylaws for soliciting nominees from the general public was undertaken beginning on July 27 and Closing on August 10. The notices were also posted on the PRPC website. No nominees were received from the required solicitation.

Judge Vernon Cook said that with the exception of Frank Simms, the current members have expressed a willingness to serve; with Ben Weinheimer replacing Frank Simms on

the slate of nominees, Judge Cook recommended the following slate of members for the upcoming year:

- Dan Coffey – Municipal
- Jim Derington – River Authority
- Gale Henslee – Steam Electric Power Generator
- Denise Jett – Industry
- Ben Weinheimer – Agriculture
- C.E. Williams – Water District
- John Williams – Water District

Charles Cook moved that nominations cease and that the slate of members recommended by Judge Cook be elected. Bill Hallerberg seconded the motion that nominations cease. Chair entertained a motion that the above-mentioned slate of members be elected by acclamation. Bill Hallerberg made the motion; Cole Camp seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. SELECTION OF OFFICERS

C.E. Williams explained that the PWPG Bylaws call for officers elections on an annual basis. Under this requirement, the PWPG must, by floor nominations, select a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. He said that officers selected today will have terms that begin on September 1, 2004 and expire on August 31, 2005. These same three officers will also serve on the Executive Committee.

Charles Cooke nominated C.E. Williams and made the motion that nominations cease and C.E. Williams be elected by acclamation. Jim Derington seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

David Landis nominated Judge Vernon Cook to serve as Vice Chair for the upcoming year. Charles Cooke made the motion that nominations cease and Judge Cook be elected by acclamation. John Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

John Williams nominated Dan Coffey to serve as Secretary for the upcoming year. Charles Cooke made the motion that nominations cease and Dan Coffey be elected by acclamation. Bill Hallerberg seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. SELECTION OF AT-LARGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

C.E. Williams said that the PWPG must select two At-Large Executive Committee Members. He said that the Bylaws call for these members to be selected in the same fashion as the designated officers. When constituting the Executive Committee, it is required that no more than two members can represent the same interest group.

Jim Derington nominated John Williams and Nolan Clark to serve as At-Large Executive Committee Members for the upcoming year. Janet Tregellas seconded the motion. Rudie Tate made the motion that nominations cease and that John Williams and Nolan Clark be elected by acclamation. Cole Camp seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. **PRESENTATION – MESA WATER, INC.**

Bob Harden, R.W. Harden & Associates and Lila Marsh, Vinson & Elkins gave a presentation on Mesa Water's project and their perspective on the Ogallala and regional water use. Items covered were irrigation use, Region A water use, management of the Ogallala, the area most affected by their project, effects of the project and Mesa's potential projects. A question-and-answer session followed the presentation.

9. **PRESENTATION SURFACE WATER SUPPLY**

Simone Kiel, Freese & Nichols, Inc., gave a presentation on Water Availability Modeling (WAM). She said that WAMs use the Water Rights Analysis Package (WRAP) computer model. After an extensive explanation of Region A and the Red River Basin and the Canadian River WAMs, Ms. Kiel stated that due to some discrepancies, Freese & Nichols is recommending that the PWPG not use these numbers in their Plan. Freese & Nichols recommends the following: review hydrology in New Mexico and make adjustments if needed; extend the hydrology in the Canadian Basin through December 2003; contact major water rights holders and assign available water supplies to each water user group.

No action was required on this agenda item.

10. **COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

There were no committee actions to be discussed.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next meeting of the PWPG will be 9-21-04.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Planning Group, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.