

PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

Minutes

March 11, 2005

A meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG) was held on Friday, March 11, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. at the Xcel Energy Harrington Station Power Plant, Amarillo, Potter County, Texas.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Bowers, North Plains Ground Water Conservation District; Nolan Clark, USDA-ARS; Dan Coffey, City of Amarillo; Judge Vernon Cook, County of Roberts; Jim Derington, Palo Duro River Authority; Bill Hallerberg; Gale Henslee, Xcel Energy; David Landis, City of Perryton; Dean Looper; Charles Munger, TWPD Canyon Fisheries Lab; Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA; Grady Skaggs, County of Oldham; Rudie Tate; Janet Tregellas; Ben Weinheimer, TCFA; John Williams, CRMWA; C.E. Williams, Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District; Bobbie Kidd, Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority;

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mickey Black, USDA-NRCS; Inge Brady; Charles Cooke, TCW Supply, Inc.; B. A. Donelson, First State Bank; Rusty Gilmore, Rita Blanca Well Service; Denise Jett, ConocoPhillips Petroleum; Steve Jones, Texas Department of Agriculture; Robert Kincaid, City of Crowell; John Sweeten, Texas A&M

OTHERS PRESENT:

Stefan Schuster, FNI; Temple McKinnon, TWDB; Cindy Cockerham, Senator Kel Seliger; Mark Ellis, UEC; Janet Guthrie, HUWCD;

STAFF PRESENT:

Colby Waters, Regional Water Planning Coordinator; Janice Blandford, Support Staff; Chris Coffman, Local Government Services Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

C. E. Williams called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

2. ESTABLISH ATTENDANCE & RECOGNIZE DESIGNATED ALTERNATES

The following six Designated Alternates were recognized:

Lloyd Pipin representing Inge Brady; Larry Brock representing Denise Jett; Fran Bretz representing John Sweeten; Lacy Crow representing Steve Jones; Cole Camp representing Rusty Gilmore; and Cleon Namkin representing Mickey Black.

3. PRESENTATION – SEWAGE EFFLUENT REUSE PROJECT

Mr. Mark Ellis of Utility Engineering Corporation presented information regarding the Xcel Energy Sewage Effluent Reuse Project. The Harrington Station reuses sewage effluent obtained from the City of Amarillo as its primary water resource for steam power generation. One hundred percent of the Harrington and Nichols Station steam power generation water resources will be comprised of sewage effluent with the addition of a pipeline from the River Road Sewage Treatment plant. The Harrington and Nichols Stations are prime examples of successful water reuse and conservation projects.

4. MINUTES

Bill Hallerberg made the motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on February 3, 2005 as presented. Vernon Cook seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TASK 3 AND TASK 4 ANALYSIS INFORMATION

Stefan Schuster, Freese and Nichols, Inc., stated that final GAM numbers have been received from the Texas Water Development Board. He said that the new numbers will be included in the Initially Prepared Plan. He also said that chapters 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 are almost complete. He summarized the spreadsheet on water management strategies that had been included in the agenda packet mailed a week earlier to the committee members.

6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Stefan Schuster said that using the guidance manual from TWDB, a list of preliminary municipal and industrial conservation strategies have been identified. He said that the PWPG has also identified some strategies and will continue the process of strategy evaluation for meeting needs in the second round of planning. He reviewed the spreadsheets on Water User Groups with Needs.

7. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WATER CONSERVATION STRATEGIES

Stefan Schuster said that according to 31 TAC 357.7(a)(7)(A), Planning Groups must consider water conservation practices for each water user group with a need. He said that conservation strategies must be covered in the next round of planning. He explained conservation for population growth.

C.E. Williams entertained a motion to allow Freese and Nichols, Inc. to proceed with the groundwater availability model numbers received from the Texas Water Development Board the previous week, however, the Modeling Committee would need additional time to review the information for final approval at a later meeting. Bill Hallerberg made the motion; Richard Bowers seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. Financial Report

Dr. Nolan Clark made a motion requesting that the Board review the Financial Reports of the Panhandle Water Planning Group on a quarterly basis rather than a month-by-month basis. Motion was seconded by Janet Tregellas. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. The next meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group is scheduled to be held on April 15, 2005.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Group, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.