

PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

Minutes

April 15, 2005

A meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG) was held on Friday, April 15 at 1:30 p.m. at the Texas A & M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West, Amarillo, Potter County, Texas.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Bowers, North Plains Ground Water Conservation District; Inge Brady; 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; Bill Hallerberg; Gale Henslee, Xcel Energy; Denise Jett, ConocoPhillips Petroleum; Dean Looper; Grady Skaggs, County of Oldham; John Sweeten, Texas Ag. Experiment Station - TAMU Ag. Res. & Ext; Rudie Tate; Ben Weinheimer, TCFA; John Williams, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority; C.E. Williams, Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District;

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Munger, TPWD Canyon Fisheries Lab; David Landis, City of Perryton; Steve Jones, Texas Department of Agriculture; Janet Tregellas, ; Mickey Black, USDA-NRCS; B. A. Donelson, First State Bank; Robert Kincaid, City of Crowell; Bobbie Kidd, Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority; Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA; Rusty Gilmore, Rita Blanca Well Service;

OTHERS PRESENT:

Stefan Schuster, FNI; Temple McKinnon, Texas Water Development Board; Janet Guthrie, HUWCD; Steve Stevens, Mesa Water; Steve Ammoson, Texas A&M Extension & Research Center; Fran Bretz, Texas A&M Extension & Research Center; Bridget Guererro, Texas A&M Extension & Research Center; Jason Henniger, TPWD; Cole Camp; Jim Powell, City of Perryton; Lynn Chappel, Perryton;

STAFF PRESENT:

Colby Waters, Regional Water Planning Coordinator; Chris Coffman, Local Government Services Director;

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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**

Five Designated Alternates were recognized:

Cole Camp representing Rusty Gilmore; Jim Powell representing David Landis; Lynn Chapel representing Janet Tregellas; Jason Henniger representing Charles Munger; Cleon Namkin representing Mickey Black.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Bill Hallerberg made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Dan Coffey seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. **PRESENTATION – NATURAL GAS PRICE IMPACT ON IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE WATER DEMANDS**

Dr. Steve Amosson presented a natural gas price report recently completed by the Texas A&M Extension Center. No action was taken.

5. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TASK 3 AND TASK 4 ANALYSIS INFORMATION**

Stefan Schuster, Freese & Nichols, Inc. presented an updated Saturated Thickness Map and an updated Surface of the Aquifer Map. The group discussed several discrepancies identified within the supply and demand numbers. Item 5 was tabled for further review and consideration at a later date.

6. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

Stefan Schuster presented water management strategies for water user groups within the PWPG area. Item 6 was tabled for further review and consideration at a later date.

7. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHAPTER 6 – WATER CONSERVATION & DROUGHT MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Stefan Schuster presented draft model water conservation and drought management plans for public water supplier, irrigation district and industrial entities to be considered for inclusion into the Region A Water Plan. No action was taken.

8. **REVIEW AND DISCUSS EXISTING DRAFT CHAPTERS OF THE REGION A WATER PLAN**

The Group asked that as the draft chapters of the Region A Water Plan become available, that they be sent to the members with a proposed date for consideration of acceptance. No action was taken.

9. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Group discussed water related legislation that has been proposed which could have an effect on regional water planning and water management. The focus of the discussion was Senate Bill 3 which potentially could effect water management across the State.

10. **COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

There were no committee actions to discuss.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Vernon Cook to seek approval for a time extension for the submission of the Region A Initially Prepared Plan. The purpose of this extension is to allow further review of supply and demand data received from the TWDB. This data was scheduled for review beginning in October, 2004 however, it was not received until March of 2005. The motion was seconded by Charles Cook and carried by a unanimous vote.

There were no public comments.

The next meeting date has been tentatively set for May 6, 2005.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Planning Group, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.