

PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

Minutes

May 26, 2005

A meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG) was held on Thursday, May 26 at 11:00 a.m. at the Frank Phillips College Service Drilling Center for Access and Innovation, 901 Opal Avenue, Borger, Hutchinson County, Texas.

Judge Vernon Cook, Vice - Chairman, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Bowers, North Plains Ground Water Conservation District; 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; Gale Henslee, Xcel Energy; Denise Jett, ConocoPhillips Petroleum; 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; David Landis, City of Perryton; Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA;

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Inge Brady, Charles Munger, TPWD Canyon Fisheries Lab; 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; Rusty Gilmore, Rita Blanca Well Service; Bill Hallerberg; Dean Looper; C.E. Williams, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District;

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; Jason Heneger, TPWD; Cole Camp; Mick Baldys, USGS; Ray Brady Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District; Lloyd Pippin, STAND; Lacy Crow, Texas Department of Agriculture

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Coffman, Local Government Services Director; Janice Blandford

1. CALL TO ORDER

Judge Vernon Cook called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. and noted that a quorum was present.

2. ESTABLISH ATTENDANCE & RECOGNIZE DESIGNATED ALTERNATES

Five Designated Alternates were recognized:

Cole Camp representing Rusty Gilmore; Lacy Crow representing Steve Jones; Lloyd Pippin representing Inge Brady; Jason Heneger representing Charles Munger; Janet Guthrie representing Dean Looper.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Charles Cooke made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2005 PWPG meeting as presented. Grady Skaggs seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Charles Cook made a motion to approve the Task 3 Supplies Analysis information as presented by Stefan Schuster of FNI. John Williams seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

The PWPG recessed at 12:10 P.M. for lunch.

Judge Vernon Cook called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Stefan Schuster presented water management strategies for water user groups within the PWPG area. Item 5 was tabled for further review and consideration at a later date.

7. REVIEW AND DISCUSS CHAPTERS OF THE REGION A WATER PLAN

Stefan Schuster presented the draft Initially Prepared Plan chapters that have been completed at this time. Stefan stated that pending any modifications presented by the PWPG members, the draft chapters will be presented for approval as the Initially Prepared Plan at the June PWPG meeting. No action was taken.

8. DISCUSS THE PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP TIMELINE

The Group discussed possible dates for the initial public hearing to present the IPP. Dates and times for this hearing will be discussed further at the June PWPG meeting. No action was taken.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. Nolan Clark presented the Balance Sheet for State Funds for the financial period ending March 31, 2005. The sheet reflected an ending balance of \$82,600.00. Dr. Clark presented the Balance Sheet for Local Funds for the financial period ending March 31, 2005. The sheet reflected an ending balance of \$74,612.00. Dr. Clark made a motion recommending the approval of the financial activities of the Panhandle Water Planning Group through March 31, 2005. Johns Sweeten seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Group discussed water related legislation that has been proposed which could have an effect on regional water planning and water management.

11. COMMITTEE ACTIONS

There were no committee actions to discuss.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no public comments.

The next meeting date has been tentatively set for June 16, 2005.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Group, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.