

PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

Minutes

June 16, 2005

A meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG) was held on Thursday, June 16, 2005 at 1:30 PM. The meeting place was the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission located at 415 W. Eighth Ave. Amarillo, TX 79105

Chairman C.E. Williams presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

C.E. Willaims, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District; 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; Grady Skaggs, County of Oldham; Fran Bretz, Alternate for John Sweeten Texas Ag. Experiment Station - TAMU Ag. Res. & Ext; Cleon Namken, Alternate for Mickey Black; Ben Weinheimer, TCFA; John Williams, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority; Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA; Janet Tregellas; Bill Hallerburg; Charles Munger, TPWD Canyon Fisheries Lab; Cole Camp, Alternate for Rusty Gilmore; Rudie Tate; Janet Guthrie, Alternate for Dean Looper.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Inge Brady; Steve Jones, Texas Department of Agriculture; 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; Dean Looper; Denise Jett, Conoco Phillips Petroleum;

OTHERS PRESENT:

Stefan Schuster, FNI; Temple McKinnon, Texas Water Development Board; Janet Guthrie, HUWCD; Steve Ammoson, Texas A&M Extension & Research Center;

STAFF PRESENT:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 1:30 A.M. and noted that a quorum was present.

2. ESTABLISH ATTENDANCE & RECOGNIZE DESIGNATED ALTERNATES

Three Designated Alternates were recognized:

Cole Camp representing Rusty Gilmore; Janet Guthrie representing Dean Looper.; Cleon Namken representing Mickey Black.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Judge Cook made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 26, 2005 PWPG meeting as presented. Cole Camp seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON SELECTING A REPLACEMENT MEMBER FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST GROUP OF THE PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

Gale Henslee made a motion to nominate Janet Guthrie to fill the position for the public interest member of the PWPG. Judge Vernon Cook seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote. Nominations ceased and Janet Guthrie was affirmed by acclamation.

5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TASK 4 ANALYSIS INFORMATION

A report was made from Dr. Nolan Clark regarding Agriculture Committee meeting and the information pertinent to the adoption of Task 4. The Committee asked Mr. Schuster to identify the priority of strategies in the County Summaries. They were as below;

Positive Priorities – NPET, Irrigation equipment changes and improvements, conservation tillage methods, precipitation enhancement.

Negative Priorities and recommended amendments to the summaries –

Dallam – Dockum deleted and should be replaced with Rita Blanca

Texline Poole Chemical and feedlots need to be considered

Donley – Howardwick is part of the Red River Authority

Hall – Does Memphis needs a cost analysis sheet?

Hartley - Dockum deleted and should be replaced with Rita Blanca

Hutchinson – TCW Supply instead of Commission

Oldham – Vega should be listed instead of Booker

Potter – All affluent from the City of Amarillo has been committed to reuse

CRMWA should be included as a water source for Amarillo

Randall – remove Amarillo system from County other

Sherman – Dockum deleted and should be replaced with Rita Blanca

The Plan should include the County Summaries after executive summary.

No action was taken but the amendments were discussed and amended pages will be added to the plan.

6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT INITIALLY PREPARED PLAN

Stefan Schuster presented the draft Initially Prepared Plan and the board was challenged to return comments to Stefan by June 26th. A motion was made by C.E. Williams to approve the IPP as amended with corrections and board comments. Bill Hallerberg made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The water planning is still on track to continue. However, the TWDB did not receive the additional funding they had requested from the legislature. No action was taken on this item as none was needed.

8. COMMITTEE ACTIONS

No action was taken by any committees.

Executive Committee will meet to establish the Public Hearing Dates. Region B is scheduled for July 6th and Region O is scheduled for July 28th. Possible dates for Region A would be during the second week of August.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no public comments.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Group, the meeting adjourned.