

PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

Minutes

August 22, 2007

A meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG Region A) was held on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 W. 8th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.

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

REGION A MEMBERS PRESENT:

Janet Guthrie, Hemphill County UWCD; Vernon Cook, County of Roberts; David Landis, City of Perryton; Denise Jett, Conoco Phillips Petroleum; Ben Weinheimer, Texas Cattle Feeders Association; Janet Tregellas; Grady Skaggs; Jenny Pluhar; Gale Henslee, Xcel Energy; Jim Derington, Palo Duro River Authority; Steve Walthour, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District; Tom Bailiff, Greenbelt Water Authority; C.E. Williams, Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District; John Williams, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority; Charles Cooke, TCW Supply, Inc.; Mickey Black, USDA-NRCS; Kent Satterwhite, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority; Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA; Kathleen Garrett, TWDB

REGION A MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Munger, TPWD; John Schmucker, Great Plains Ag Credit in Dumas; Dr. John Sweeten, Texas A & M Agriculture Research and Extension Center; Joe Baumgardner

DESIGNATED ALTERNATES:

Fran Bretz for Dr. Nolan Clark USDA-NRCS, Cole Camp for Rusty Gilmore; Thomas Merek for Dr. John Sweeten; Jason Henegar for Charles Munger

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Foster, Senator Robert Duncan's office; Robert Bradley, TWDB; Kevin Welch, Amarillo Globe News; David Bowser, Livestock Weekly; John Spearman, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, Lal Almas, WTAMU; Cleon Namken USDA-NRCS; Don McReynolds, Canadian River Compact Committee; Steve Stevens, Mesa Water; Bruce Rigler, High Plains Groundwater Conservation District; Jim Conkwright, High Plains Groundwater Conservation District; Gene Born, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District; Ray Brady.

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Coffman, Local Government Services Program Director PRPC, Chris Sharp, Local Government Services Coordinator PRPC;

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. C.E. Williams called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. **ESTABLISH ATTENDANCE AND RECOGNIZE DESIGNATED ALTERNATES**

Chairman Williams called roll of members and the designated alternates. Four designated alternates were recognized: Fran Bretz for Dr. Nolan Clark USDA-NRCS, Cole Camp for Rusty Gilmore; Thomas Merek for Dr. John Sweeten; Jason Henegar for Charles Munger A voting quorum was established.

3. **Appointment of voting members and fill any vacancies and elect officers.**

The members terms scheduled to expire on September 1, 2007 are:

Member Name	Interest Group Represented
Dan Coffey	Municipalities
Jim Derington	Water Authorities
Gale Henslee	Public Utilities
Denise Jett	Industries
Ben Weinheimer	Agriculture
C.E. Williams	Groundwater Conservation Districts
John Williams	Water Authorities

A motion was made by Charles Cooke to re-appoint the existing members to their respective position with the exception of Dan Coffey. Grady Skaggs made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Cook made a motion to accept the resignation of Dan Coffey with regrets and Charles Cook made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Ben Weinheimer made the motion to appoint Emmett Autry to replace Dan Coffey in accordance with the By-Laws to represent the municipalities in view of Mr. Coffey's resignation. Charles Cooke made the second and recognized that

Mr. Coffey had served faithfully since the inception of the Regional Water Planning Group and that his leadership would be missed. The motion passed unanimously.

4. MINUTES

Judge Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2007 regular meeting of the group. Jim Derington made the second to the motion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. BEG-UT WILL DISCUSS AND REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF THE EASTERN PANHANDLE RECHARGE STUDY.

Chairman Williams explained that Bridget Scanlon of BEG could not be in attendance and that she had provided a brief PowerPoint presentation for the group that he will review in her absence. The report included information that 26 boreholes had been taken and 245 samples are currently being analyzed for water content and chloride. Borehole matric potential profiles are also being measured. Some discussion followed the presentation and no action was taken on this item as none was required. A copy of the presentation will be kept on file.

6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD CONCERNING FUTURE WATER PLANNING ACTIVITIES AND REQUIREMENTS.

Chairman Williams explained that the Executive Committee had met on July 17, 2007 to discuss possible responses to the letter from Mr. Bill Mullican of the TWDB. The results of that Executive committee meeting are in the attached draft responses and he would appreciate any additional input from the group. The changes included the following:

1. (b) Should read; Water supply and availability update (WAM) as needed on changed conditions.
2. (n) Should be added; Evapotranspiration in the stream flow and foliage should be considered in the water availability models. (m) Re-evaluate the GAM Red bed levels and pumpage input.
3. (b) Study the economic drivers to water use for economies dependent on water use.
4. (b) Establish a TWDB contingency fund for the availability of funding for changed conditions or special issues as they may occur or to adjust the Scope of Work due to a changed condition.

These changes were proposed and a motion from John Williams was made include the changes in the official response letter that would be delivered to the

TWDB. Ben Weinheimer made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

7. TWDB STAFF WILL PROVIDE A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM THE 80TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION AS IT RELATES TO STATE AND REGIONAL WATER PLANNING.

Kathleen Garrett made a presentation to the group reporting the changes and requirements from the legislative session. A copy of this report will be kept on file. No action was taken on this item as none was required. The Board thanked Mrs. Garrett for the information update.

8. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

Chris Coffman presented the financial report. The unaudited fund balance in the local funds for June 30, 2007 was \$97,597. Mr. Coffman reminded the planning group that this year's local donations were \$67,516 and that the planning group had previously earmarked \$25,000 of these funds for match money to perform the drilling on the recharge project. Since the project had begun, an invoice is expected soon.

Jim Derington made a motion to approve the financial reports. Ben Weinheimer made the second to the motion; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. REGIONAL REPORTS

Jim Conkwright reported that Region O would be conducting a Regional meeting on September 20, 2007. No report was provided by Region B.

10. OTHER BUSINESS, CLOSING COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD MEMBERS.

No other business was discussed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Group, the meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.