

PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

Minutes

October 15, 2008

A meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG) was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the PRPC Board Room, 415 West Eighth Avenue, Amarillo, Potter County, Texas.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emmett Autrey, City of Amarillo; Joe Baumgardner; Mickey Black, USDA-NRCS; Nolan Clark, USDA-ARS; Vernon Cook, County of Roberts; Charles Cooke, TCW Supply Utilities; Jim Derington, Palo Duro River Authority; Rusty Gilmore, Rita Blanca Well Service; Janet Guthrie, Hemphill County UWCD; Bill Hallerberg, ; Denise Jett, Phillips Petroleum; Steve Jones, Simone Kiel, Freese & Nichols, Inc.; Kent Satterwhite, Canadian River Mun. Water Auth.; Grady Skaggs; John Sweeten, Texas Ag. Experiment Station - TAMU Ag. Res. & Ext; Janet Tregellas; Steve Walthour, Conservation District; Ben Weinheimer, Texas Cattle Feeders Association; C.E. Williams, Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District; John Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tom Bailiff, Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority; Gale Henslee, Xcel Energy; David Landis, City of Perryton; Charles Munger; Jennie Pluhar, Enercon Services, Inc.; Johnny Schmucker, Moore County Development, Inc.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas Marek and Fran Bretz, Texas Agri-Life Research; Angela Maslof, Texas Water Development Board; Steve Amersson, Loraine?, Marty Jones, Steve Stevens, Mesa Water; Dave Briar, USDA/ARS/Bushland; Steve Miller, City of Amarillo; Pam Allison; LWV; Cleon W. Namber, NRCS; Cole Camp, PIKA International; Cindy Cockerham, Senator Kel Seliger's Office; Lynn Wauer for Mickey Black, NRCS; Bridget Scanlon, BEG-UT

STAFF PRESENT:

Kyle Ingham, Local Government Services Director, Scott Caldwell, Local Government Services Coordinator, Sharee Bailey, Administrative Program Specialist; Christy Henderson, Accounting Manager; Julie Lyles, Accountant 2 and Cindy Boone, Finance 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. **ROLL CALL & RECOGNIZE DESIGNATED ALTERNATES**

Two designated alternates were recognized: Thomas Marek for John Sweeten and Lynn Wauer for Mickey Black. The roll call results are noted in the "Member's Present" portion of this document.

3. **MINUTES**

Mr. Hallerberg made the motion to accept the minutes from the April 16, 2008 meeting with corrections: Steve Amerson and Bill Hallerberg's names misspelled; Denise Jett, Conoco Phillips – drop the "Petroleum", Thomas Marek for instead of John Marek. Judge Cook seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

Judge Cook moved to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing held on April 16, 2008 with corrections. Mr. Skaggs seconded the motion; the motion carried.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MEMBERS AND FILL ANY VACANCIES**

Mr. Charles Cook moved to approve the reinstatement of current voting members with expiring terms as presented. Mr. Autrey seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Hallerberg moved to accept the entire slate with the officers remaining the same. Mr. Derrington seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. **REVIEW AND DISCUSS SUBMITTED SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE 2011 REGIONAL WATER PLAN**

Ms. Kiel discussed the Scope of Work and stated the TWDB approved almost everything that was submitted. The only thing that has been taken out of the proposed scope of work to date are an environmental assessment that is duplicative to current efforts and a \$1,000 of mailing costs on surveys. Two special types of studies will be on-going along with the general plan update and they are (1) A refinement of the Ogallala Dam and (2) Surface Water Study on Lake Meredith. No action by the group was required.

7. **DISCUSSION OF A REGIONAL WATER PLANNING CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Judge Cook moved to accept the staff recommendation that the Panhandle Water Planning Group authorize the Executive Committee to review the final contract draft before recommending to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Executive Director, Gary Pitner to enter into contract with the Texas Water Development Board for the 2011 water planning cycle on behalf of the Panhandle Water Planning Group contingent upon any material contract changes. Payment option 1 (advance) will be the preferred payment option. Dr. Clark seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. **DISCUSSION OF OGALLALA RECHARGE STUDY**

The group viewed a detailed presentation on the Ogallala Recharge Study from Ms. Bridgette Scanlon. The findings of the study have, to this point, indicated little recharge rates. It was also noted that sandy soil and soil that had been deep tilled indicated higher recharge rates than other types. No action by the group was required.

9. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING JUNE 30, 2008, ANY OTHER 2008 FINANCIALS AND UPDATE ON PWPG BILLING FOR 2009**

The group heard a presentation on the quarterly financial report from Dr. Clark who then moved to accept the report. Judge Cook seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. **REGIONAL REPORTS – REGION B AND REGION O**

The group heard a report by Ms. Masloff on Region B and she informed the group that the next meeting of that region would be on November 12, 2008 in Wichita Falls. Mr. Satterwhite made a report on Region O and their next meeting would be on October 23, 2008. No action by the group was required.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS AND CLOSING COMMENTS**

Kyle Ingham discussed the process of the Groundwater Management Area #1 Group in developing a Desired Future Condition of the Ogallala Aquifer. The group discussed the affect that the GMA#1 process will have on the upcoming water planning cycle. It was indicated that the next GMA#1 meeting will occur in November of 2008.

12. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the group, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.