

PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP  
REGION A PUBLIC MEETING

Minutes

April 16, 2008

A public meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG) was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.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, Inc.; Jim Derrington, Palo Duro River Authority; Rusty Gilmore, Rita Blanca Well Service; Janet Guthrie, Hemphill County UWCD; Bill Hallerberg; Gale Henslee, Xcel Energy; Charles Munger; Kent Satterwhite, Canadian River Mun. Water Auth.; Simome Kiel, Freese & Nichols, Inc.; Grady Skaggs; 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; Denise Jett, Phillips Petroleum; Steve Jones, Texas Department of Agriculture; David Landis, City of Perryton; Jennie Pluhar, Enercon Services, Inc.; Johnny Schmucker, Moore County Development, Inc.; John Sweeten, Texas Ag. Experiment Station - TAMU Ag. Res. & Ext

DESIGNATED ALTERNATES:

Janell Turner for Steve Jones, Texas Department of Agriculture; John Marek, Texas AgriLife Research

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Amersson, Fran Bretz, Texas AgrLife Research; Cleon Namken and Richard Wauer, USDA-NRCS; David Bowser, Livestock Weekly; Kevin Welch, Amarillo Globe News; David Owens and Jeremy Gugelmeyer, Buffalo Springs Ranch; Temple McKinnon and Angela Maslof, TWDB; Steve Stevens, Mesa Water; Cindy Cockerham, Senator Kel Seliger's Office; Steven Miller, City of Amarillo; Cole Camp, Talon/LPE; Edwin Axe, Village of Lake Tanglewood

## STAFF PRESENT:

Mike Peters, Local Government Services Interim Director; Scott Caldwell, Local Government Services Program Specialist; Taylor Head, Local Government Services Intern; Sharee Bailey, Administrative Program Specialist

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

C. E. Williams called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

### 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

C. E. Williams informed the group and visitors of the purpose of the public meeting.

### 3. INTRODUCTION OF PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP MEMBERS

C. E. Williams asked each member for an introduction.

### 4. PRESENTATION

The group heard a presentation from Simone Kiel on the Recommended Scope of Work Elements of Round III Regional Water Plan.

### 5. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMENTS

Ben Weinheimer: On the updated irrigation livestock figures, is the idea that we follow the same model as we have in the past coordinating with and subcontracting with Texas AgriLife Research?

C. E. Williams: Yeah, that's what is envisioned, we haven't done that, but yeah, that's what's envisioned. Will that be competitively bid?

Simone: No.

Since they've done that before I don't think we'll have to. That's why we're looking toward Dutton to do modeling at least on budget, don't know for sure if he'll be able to do it...he's familiar with what's entailed we've been working with him to at least get budget together, he's changed jobs, and may or may not be able to bid on the actual work, we may have to go outside with somebody new, we'll cross that bridge when we get to it. We needed the budget numbers for now.

Cindy Cockerham: There's a lot of talk in the Panhandle about possible nuclear power plant...is anything like that going to be included in this round?

C. E. Williams: No, we don't have anything that I know of to base it on.

Simone Kiel: The development board has contracted with, I'm not sure who they've contracted with to develop new power demands for the whole state. Those demands will come out for review as part of this application (inaudible) we will be taking whatever those demands are and if those (inaudible) recapped included in that (inaudible) I haven't seen a report, so I don't know.

C. E. Williams: Gale, do you know anything?

Gale Henslee: No, under the (inaudible) electric demands and that report when it comes out, we'll have to respond to it, whatever it has in it and that's one of our tasks that we had planned to do.

C. E. Williams: But there's nothing currently.

Gale Henslee: But if there is something that is announced before we finish the plan then we still have the option to address it.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other comments or business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.