

PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

Minutes

December 21, 2005

A meeting of the Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG) was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. in the offices of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, 201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Carson County, Texas.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Bowers, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District; Nolan Clark, USDA-ARS; Dan Coffey, City of Amarillo; Charles Cooke, TCW Supply, Inc.; Janet Guthrie, Hemphill County UWCD; Bill Hallerberg; Gale Henslee, Xcel Energy; Denise Jett, Phillips Petroleum; David Landis, City of Perryton; Temple McKinnon, Texas Water Development Board; Charles Munger, TPWD; Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA; Stefan Schuster, Freese & Nichols, Inc.; Ben Weinheimer, Texas Cattle Feeders Association; John Williams, CRMWA; C.E. Williams, Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mickey Black, USDA-NRCS; Inge Rapstine; Vernon Cook, County of Roberts; Jim Derington, Palo Duro River Authority; B.A. Donelson, First State Bank; Rusty Gilmore, Rita Blanca Well Service; Steve Jones, Texas Department of Agriculture; Bobbie Kidd, City of Clarendon; Grady Skaggs; John Sweeten, Texas Ag. Experiment Station - TAMU Ag. Res. & Ext; Rudie Tate; Janet Tregellas

OTHERS PRESENT:

Fran Bretz, TAES; Thomas Marek, TAES; Bart Wyatt, Panhandle Groundwater District; Amy Crowell; Lloyd Pippin; Jim Powell, City of Perryton; Brandon Dukes, Roberts County; Cole Camp; Obie Kelley, USDA-NRCS; Cindy Cockerham, Senator Kel Seliger's Office; Chad Parnell, CRMWA; Lacy Crow, TDA; Dale Hallmark, NPGCD

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Coffman, Local Government Services Director; Janice Reece, Support Staff

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. C. E. Williams called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present.

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

Eight Designated Alternates were recognized: Bart Wyatt representing Grady Skaggs, Amy Crowell representing Jim Derington, Thomas Marek representing John Sweeten, Lloyd Pippin representing Inge Rapstine, Jim Powell representing Janet Tregellas, Brandon Dukes representing Vernon Cook, Cole Camp representing Rusty Gilmore and Obie Kelley representing Mickey Black.

3. **MINUTES**

Bill Hallerberg made the motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on December 1, 2005 as presented. David Landis seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. **DISCUSS, REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTING THE FINAL VERSION OF THE 2006 REGION A PANHANDLE REGIONAL WATER PLAN AS PRESENTED WITH ANY ADDITIONAL APPROVED AMENDMENTS**

Stefan Schuster gave an overview of the Executive Summary. He said that Figure 3.7 has not been updated reflecting Hutchinson and Hartley Counties' exaggerated irrigation needs. He pointed out that the maps have been standardized overall, that where counties experience shortages the percentage of unmet needs are indicated numerically and that the Roberts County chart will change.

John Williams pointed out that in 3-2, the language is somewhat ambiguous and he recommended rewording the Sherman County paragraph. He also expressed concern with Tables 3-19 and 4-1. Mr. Williams said that language concerning industrial customers indicates that those numbers may have been used twice and should be checked. He requested permission to e-mail Mr. Schuster with his findings.

Mr. Schuster pointed out that the Committee had until Friday to forward any changes, corrections or revision to him. The final document will go the printer on Friday.

Mr Schuster also said that his firm wishes to publish the executive summary as a stand alone document to be used as a lobbying tool. He thanked John Williams for his efforts to ensure that all the changes were made and carried through on the final draft. He said that Mr. Williams has spent countless hours helping him with the proofreading of the summary.

Chairman C.E. Williams entertained a motion that the PWPG approve the Plan with the caveat that revisions described by Mr. Schuster and Mr. Williams will be made also leaving the door open for the Group members to make revisions before Friday, December 23, 2005. Further, that authorization for agenda item five (asking the Group

to authorize the consulting firm, Freese and Nichols, Inc. to submit the approved version of the Region A Water Plan to the Texas Water Development Board on or before January 5, 2006) be given as well. Charles Cooke seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. **CONSIDER, AUTHORIZING THE CONSULTING FIRM OF FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC. TO SUBMIT THE APPROVED VERSION OF THE REGION A WATER PLAN TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 5, 2006**

This item was covered and passed in agenda item four.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Comments from the Texas Water Development Board – Temple McKinnon alerted the Committee to a meeting being held in Austin in February allowing the planning regions to give input on the next cycle of regional water planning.
- B. Consider Next Meeting Date – barring any problems with the submission and approval of the water plan, the next meeting will be held in the spring of 2006.
- C. Board Member Comments – Nolan Clark suggested that it may be in the best interest of Region A if several members of the Planning Group attend the meeting in Austin (see item A under Other Business). After a short discussion, Chairman Williams asked that all interested members notify him. No action was taken.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Planning Group, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.