

Groundwater Management Area #1 Meeting

Minutes

July 7, 2009 – 11:00 AM

The Groundwater Management Area Number 1 (GMA #1) Joint Planning Committee (JPC) met on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 in the PRPC Board Room – 1st Floor of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 W. Eight Ave., Amarillo, Texas with the following members in attendance:

Voting Members Present:

John R. Spearman, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District; Daniel Krienke, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District; Jim Conkwright, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District; Jim Haley, Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District.

Other Groundwater Management Area 1 Representatives Present:

C.E. Williams, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District; Steve Walthour, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District; Janet Guthrie, Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District; James Mitchell, High Plains Water District

Others present:

Jonathan Ellis	PRPC
D. Scott Caldwell	PRPC
Robert Bradley	TWDB
Vanessa Guthrie	Canadian, TX
Eric Lopez	PSC
Steve Stevens	Mesa Water
Gene Born	NPGCD
Allen Feingold	
Scott Morris	COA
Cindy Cockerham	Senator Seliger
Saul Martinez	Senator Seliger
Polo Oviedo	
Joyce Hinsley	LWV of Amarillo
Mina Johnson	LWV
Ben Weinheimer	TCFA
F. Keith Good	North Plains GCD
Alan Abraham	LWV
Sarah Clifton	Senator Duncan
Bill Mullican	HPWD/PGCD
Jamie Allen	PRPC
Kyle Ingham	PRPC
Mary Alice Hughes	HCUWD

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. with Chairman Krienke presiding.
2. Roll Call and Introductions were made. Chairman Krienke welcomed everyone for coming and took roll call. All voting members were present.
3. **Public Comment – Any citizens may address the GMA#1.**

Allen Feingold addressed the Board, he stated that the GMA #1 needed to address water exportation issues, primarily regarding the Dallas/Fort Worth Metro-plex. Mr. Feingold made comment that such a strategy might be advantageous to the panhandle.

There being no other public comments, Chairman Krienke closed the public comment period.

4. **Discuss and consider the minutes from May 13, 2009 GMA #1 Meeting.**
Several corrections were proposed. Mr. Spearman made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Corrections include: p.1 – Charles Bower to Charles Bowers, Keith Bord to Keith Good, p.2 Bill Mulligan to Bill Mullican, George Harrington to George Arrington, p.4 intensive purposes to intents and purposes, p.5 produces to producers. Mr. Haley seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.
5. **Discussion – May 13, 2009 posting problem.**
Mr. Ingham spoke to events of the May 13th GMA meeting; among them the adoption of the DFC. Mr. Ingham spoke to the receipt of a May 28, 2009 letter from the TWDB which requested three additional items for completion of the submission packet: the approved minutes from the meeting, a reference to the GAM Runs utilized in the establishment of the DFC for the Ogallala Aquifer, and the meeting postings from three groundwater conservation districts. It was discovered that only three of the districts had posted the meeting notice, and though the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's posting was not directly requested it is a concern that the posting problem might invalidate actions taken at the May 13, 2009 meeting. Additionally Mr. Ingham spoke to the need of a "descriptive narrative" to be included in the submission of the DFC as identified in an attachment to the May 28, 2009 TWDB letter.

Mr. Ingham spoke additionally about where the need for the meeting to be posted at each district comes from. Specifically, Texas Water Code Section 36.108 requires all districts in whole or in part within the GMA planning area to post the meeting. TAC chapter 356-subchapter C-Rule 356.34 and the TWDB How to Submit Desired Future Conditions to the Texas Water Development Board do not address the posting in each District. Mr. Ingham noted that it may be advantageous to take a look at the actions taken at the previous meeting and ensure that they are addressed in a properly posted meeting.

Mr. Spearman asked Mr. Ingham if checks and balances were considered to help prevent a posting issue such as this in the future. Mr. Ingham and Mr. Williams responded in the affirmative.

6. **Discussion: Actions taken by the GMA#1 at the May 13, 2009 meeting including action adopting the Desired Future Condition of the Ogallala Aquifer in the GMA#1 Planning Area.**

Chairman Krienke stated that this item was to allow for any possible further discussion on the DFC. Mr. Ingham, for the benefit of the audience, read the section of the resolution which constituted the DFC to be adopted.

Members briefly discussed the relationship between the previously noted “descriptive narrative” and the previously adopted Resolution 2009-01. It was determined that a full discussion of the topic could be held under agenda item #9.

7. **Action: Ratify all actions taken by GMA#1 at the May 13, 2009 meeting including action adopting the Desired Future Condition of the Ogallala Aquifer in the GMA#1 Planning Area.**

Mr. Haley made a motion to adopt and ratify the decisions made at the May 13, 2009 meeting. Mr. Spearman seconded. Chairman Krienke asked for any further discussion, there being none he took a roll call vote. The results are as follows:

Mr. Conkwright (High Plains) – aye

Mr. Krienke (North Plains) – aye

Mr. Haley (Hemphill) – aye

Mr. Spearman (Panhandle) – aye

8. **Discussion and Action: Identification of Groundwater Availability Model(s) utilized in development of GMA#1’s Desired Future Condition for the Ogallala Aquifer.**

Mr. Ingham said it might be advantageous for action be taken in order to directly reference in the descriptive narrative the GAM Runs utilized in establishing the DFC for the Ogallala Aquifer adopted in Resolution 2009-01. Mr. Robert Bradley clarified that the correct numbering for the GAM Run used is 2009-001 and its supplement 2009-001 Supplement. Mr. Spearman made a motion to state that the GMA #1 was adopting its DFC off of TWDB GAM Run 2009-001 and the TWDB GAM Run 2009-001 Supplement. Mr. Conkwright seconded, motion passed unanimously.

9. **Discussion and Action: Administrative completeness of Desired Future Condition submission to TWDB including additional items requested by TWDB such as a descriptive narrative identified in the TWDB’s Submission Packet Checklist.**

Chairman Krienke made comment that since two of the three items asked for in the administrative completeness document had already been discussed and addressed, he asked the members to discuss what else should be included in a descriptive narrative. Among the items to be included: the number of meetings had and where they were held; reference to all other GAM Runs utilized by the JPC as identified in the previous item, and all other GAM Runs referenced; reference to meeting minutes

upon request; reference to the resolution adopted, and expression of consensus that it adequately conveyed the will and reasoning of the board. Mr. Ingham stated that he would work up a draft and send it to the districts to review and approve before sending it to TWDB. Mr. Conkwright made a motion to direct Mr. Ingham to work with the district managers on this letter. Mr. Haley seconded, motion passed unanimously.

10. Public Comment – Any citizens may address the GMA #1. Please limit the comments to three minutes.

Chairman Krienke opened up the floor for public comment. There were none.

Chairman Krienke asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Haley made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Conkwright seconded. Chairman Krienke stated that the next meeting would be in order to discuss and consider the minutes from this meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.