

Minutes of GMA #2 Joint Planning Meeting April 28, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 9am at the Brownfield City Hall, Brownfield, Texas. The designated voting members present included: John ? (Garza U&FWCD), Jim Conkwright (High Plains UWCD), Shelby Elam (Llano Estacado UWCD), Harvey Everheart (Mesa UWCD), Ken Carver (Permian Basin UWCD), Gary Walker (Sandy Land UWCD), and Jason Coleman (South Plains UWCD). Following the roll call, all gcds in GMA #2 were present. Also present were board members Bruce Rigler and James Mitchell (HPUWCD), Richard Leonard (MUWCD), David Turnbough (SLUWCD) and Dan Day (SPUWCD).

The initial discussion concerned the structure of the joint planning group. Jim Conkwright discussed the actions taken by GMA #1 during the first two meetings. Other members mentioned the recent responses via e-mail from other GMAs concerning the issues of by-laws, inter-local agreements and officers. After much discussion, the consensus of the group was to wait until several meetings have occurred to decide which operating arrangement works best for GMA #2.

Several questions were raised during the discussion of the joint planning group's role. These included uncertainties about the "white areas", development of the minor aquifer GAMs, 2010 Census data and regional water planning. Furthermore, Gary Walker raised questions regarding the interpretation of 36.108 TWC and how the individual gcds would prepare their desired future conditions for consideration by the GMA. The group agreed that a poll of other GMAs might assist this group with an interpretation of the process.

Harvey Everheart and Ken Carver reported that Dr. Robert Mace (TWDB) had given a talk at the NGWA short course on April 27. Dr. Mace was reported to have given several examples of how GMAs might address the desired future condition of the aquifers. Such examples included desired spring flow, water quality and water level declines.

Public comment was offered by one audience member present, Glenn Waters of Brownfield. Mr. Waters is an agricultural producer and mayoral candidate for the City of Brownfield. He praised the group for their dedication to cooperation and the task at hand.

With no further public comment, the group agreed to schedule another meeting in July. The location was not determined at this time. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.