

GMA #2 Minutes

Meeting December 18, 2007

Mesa UWCD

212 North Avenue G, Lamesa, TX 79331

Chairperson Jason Coleman called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

A roll call of the Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCD) participating in the joint planning for the establishment of a Desired Future Condition (DFC) of the aquifer was performed. In attendance were High Plains UWCD #1, Llano Estacado UWCD, Mesa UWCD, Permian Basin UWCD and South Plains UWCD. Five districts represented constitutes a quorum.

Jason ask for an introduction of all attendees. Those in attendance included Don Mc Reynolds, High Plains UWCD #1, Chris Wingert, Colorado River Municipal Water District, Richard Smith, Texas Water Development Board, Sherry Stephens, High Plains UWCD #1, Judy Reeves, Cirrus Associates, Ray Brady, Brady Consulting, Melanie Barnes, Public, Rich Leonard, Mesa UWCD, Deanya Williams, Mesa UWCD, Robert Bradley, Texas Water Development Board, Ken Carver, Permian Basin UWCD, Kathleen Garrett, Texas Water Development Board, Harvey Everheart, Mesa UWCD, Mike McGregor Llano Estacado UWCD, Shelby Elam, Llano Estacado UWCD, Bruce Rigler, High Plains UWCD #1, Jim Conkwright, High Plains UWCD #1, James Mitchell, High Plains UWCD #1, and Jason Coleman, South Plains UWCD.

During the introduction process, Harvey Everheart, on behalf of the Mesa UWCD Board of Directors, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The floor was then opened for public comment. Melanie Barnes spoke and expressed her appreciation for the good attendance (19). She then ask about the agenda and where it was posted. Jason informed her that notice of the GMA #2 meetings were posted exactly as required by Chapter 36.108 (e) which states "Notice of the meeting shall be given in accordance with the requirements for notice of district board of directors meetings under this act." Robert Bradley also indicated that the date and location of the meeting was posted on the TWDB website. Jim Conkwright also noted that High Plains UWCD #1 posted notice with the Secretary of State for publication in the Texas Register. There was no further comment.

The members were ask to consider changing the Information Officer from Jim Conkwright, with High Plains UWCD#1 to Sandy Land UWCD. Ken Carver made the motion to make the change. Shelby Elam made a second to the motion. Motion Passed.

Discussion was engaged for the functions of the Administrative Officer (AO) and the Information Officer (IO). Because of the non presence of a Sandy Land UWCD representative, Ken Carver made a motion to table the functions of the IO until the proposed district was present to understand the functions they were agreeing to fulfill. Jim Conkwright made a second to the Motion. The motion passed.

Members discussed the duties of AO which were to include the following:

- Draft agendas, set meeting times and places
- Conduct meetings
- Solicit information from members needed for action items
- Interact and communicate with TWDB regarding model requests and questions
- Contact person for TWDB
- Negotiate, if needed, pending matters with other groups

Jim Conkwright moved to accept these items as official duties of the AO. A second was made by Harvey Everheart. The motion passed.

Jim Conkwright, High Plains UWCD #1 reported that no decision concerning the change of boundaries between GMA # 1 and GMA #2 so that High Plains UWCD #1 would be in only GM #2 had not been voted on by GMA #1 members. That vote should take place on January 21, 2008 when the GMA #1 holds the next joint planning meeting.

All members participated concerning the water level data for all the GCD as well as the individual counties in GMA #2 were discussed. Members and guest were given a color coded chart showing the boundaries of GMA #2. Members and guest were presented with a numerical chart showing the water level changes from 1998 through 2007. Members and guest were also presented a color shaded charts showing water level changes for the most recent 5 year and 10 year periods. Members discussed the information and expressed appreciation to Jason for bringing it together into the respective documents.

Richard Smith, Texas Water Development Board, presented information on the GAM model for the GMA #2. Members had a long list of differing question concerning the wide range of characteristics of the Southern Ogallala. Richard did a good job of addressing the concerns of the members.

The members took no action concerning the subdivisions of the aquifer at this time. The idea behind no action was to wait and see how the results of the trial GAM runs came back.

The members agreed that the water level data of the local groundwater conservation districts represented the most valuable and accurate data available to the GCD. Therefore, the acceptable strategy for establishing a GAM run would be to look at a variation of runs using different decline rates.

Richard Smith explained that the TWDB could not handle a large number of requests for differing GAM run possibilities. The optimum number of request seemed to be 4 or less. Ken Carver made a motion to request GAM runs of 1 foot decline, 2 feet decline, and 3 feet decline. Shelby Elam made a second to the motion. Motion passed. Jason was to make a written request for the described GAM runs. Richard Smith indicated that a draft report might be available for the GMA #2 GCD by the end of January 2008. Jim Conkwright informed the group that all members needed to study the report extensively before Richard Smith was invited out for the next GMA #2 meeting which might be scheduled early in February, 2008.

The chairman again opened the floor for public comment. Melanie Barnes ask to address the members. She ask the group to consider the following items: Because Region O can present a

petition to the TWDB that the DFC is unreasonable, there should be a better working relationship between Region O and the GMA #2 joint planning group. Because Melanie is a member of the public she thinks she should have a much closer participation into the DFC process. She indicated that other GMA's were working in concert with the Regional Planning Groups in the process and indicated that GMA #2 was not involving the Region O members enough. Melanie said she felt that she and others should have an opportunity to have input on each of the agenda items, especially for clarification purposes. She indicated that all of the members of Regional O Planning Group should be a part of the GMA#2 process for establishing the DFC. She would like to see GMA #2 to better facilitate the communication between Region O and GMA #2 so the people of the region could be brought along to help the public be more informed and buy into the reasonableness of the DFC. Melanie stated that she feels she is an asset to the DFC process.

Ken Carver ask if the establishment of a website would help to satisfy her desires. She indicated that would be very help full if all the necessary information was included on the site.

Chris Wingert, Colorado River Municipal Water District indicated that a web site would also be beneficial to him.

Robert Bradley told those in attendance that the only other GMA with a web site was in GMA #8. GMA #2 will be in the leadership role once again with the development of a web site.

Judy Reeves ask how much the 1 foot per year decline would dry up. The answer was that is the reason for the three requests of the TWDB for the requested GAM runs.

Kathleen Garrett brought to the attention that over the 16 GMA's state wide and the Regional Planning Groups that there was very little interactions between the GCD Joint Planning efforts and the RPG.

Ken Carver made a motion the meeting adjourn. Jim Conkwright made a second to the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.