

GMA #2 Minutes

Meeting 10:00 AM, November 16, 2011

High Plains UWCD #1

Lubbock, TX

Administrative Officer Jason Coleman called the meeting to order at 10.00 AM.

A roll call of the Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCD) participating in the joint planning Annual Meeting was performed. In attendance were High Plains UWCD # 1, Permian Basin UWCD, Llano Estacado UWCD, Mesa UWCD, Garza County UWCD, and South Plains UWCD. Six of the seven GCD in GMA #2 were present; therefore, a quorum was established. Attendees included Mike McGregor, Ray Brady, Matt Hogue, Lori Barnes, Shelby Elam, Jason Coleman, Harvey Everheart, Richard Leonard, Jim Conkwright, Sherry Stephens, Bill Mulligan, and Ferrell Wheeler.

The floor was opened for public comment, there was no public comment.

The minutes of the August 5, 2010 minutes were read. Leatrice made the motion to approve the minutes. A second was made by Richard Leonard. The minutes were approved.

Jason opened the floor for discussion of SB 660 and the appointment of the GMA's to appoint representative members to the Regional Planning Groups which include GCD. Jim explained that GMA #2 would have the obligation to appoint a representative to Region Planning Group O and Region Planning Group F. Jim explained that Region O would like to keep it's membership at the current level; therefore, he proposed that Harvey, who is already a member of Region O, be re-designated as the member representing GMA #2. The discussion then moved to Region F. Harvey suggested Leatrice be that representative. Leatrice indicated that her Board Member, Raymond Straub Jr. would like to be appointed. Jim made the motion that Harvey and Mr. Straub be elected to represent GMA #2. Farrell Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jason called on each District to report on the 2011 water level measurements. The reports indicated that the 2011 measurements were all in good shape. However, with the extreme drought conditions for the 2011 growing season, the 2012 measurements might present an extreme decline in water levels for the following year.

Jason called for a report on the methods of attainment for annual drawdown goals. Harvey reported the October water level measurements in their Water Use Program is indicating a decline greater than the DFC amount of -1.53 for Mesa UWCD. This amount is in contrast to the + 0.68 rise the 2010 measurement: therefore, the average is within the established DFC. Jason indicated the 2011 measurements would be larger than normal, but the rise from the previous year would offset the decline expected in 2012. Ferrell indicated there would be declines in Garza County and that a metering program was a good idea. Matt indicated that the drought will make the process much different than what was expected for normal rainfall and normal water level declines. Shelby indicated that more time will be needed to better determine the effect the drought will be having on water levels in Gaines County.

Jason called for a report from the Districts concerning the progress of each District in amending their management plan and any rule changes necessary to implement the DFC. High Plains UWCD stated that they had a completely new management plan and new rules required to implement it. Jim and other staff members, Sherry Stephens, Mike McGregor, and Bill Mullican presented a lengthy discussion concerning the do's and don'ts in establishing a new management plan and their new rules needed to implement their DFC of 50-50. High Plains was very quick to emphasize the TWDB was very good to work with. High Plains did a very good job of explaining their rules and the process required to make it all happen.

Jason again called for public comment, there was none.

Jim made the motion to adjourn, Shelby made a seconded to the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Harvey Everheart, Information Officer
