

GMA #2 Minutes

Meeting 10:00 AM, December 20, 2012

Sandy Land UWCD

Plains, TX

Administrative Officer Jason Coleman called the meeting to order at 10.07 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, Sandy Land UWCD, Llano Estacado UWCD, Mesa UWCD and South Plains UWCD. Five of the seven GCD in GMA #2 were present; therefore, a quorum was established. Attendees included Mike McGregor, Ray Brady, Ken Rainwater, Adeline Fox, Matt Hogue, Lori Barnes, Jason Coleman, Harvey Everheart, Richard Leonard, Jim Conkwright, Gary Walker, and Robert Bradley with Texas Water Development Board.

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

The minutes of the November 16th, 2011 minutes were postponed until the next meeting of GMA #2.

Jason opened the floor for discussion of the irrigation demands from the Region O Water Plan. Jason handed a 4 page packet to the group which included on page 2 the Draft 2017 irrigation projections and the proposed revisions to irrigation projections for the Region O Water Plan. Ken Rainwater started the discussion by inquiring about the differences in irrigation numbers for the counties of GMA #2. Richard Leonard questioned the fact that this was the preparation of the third Region O WP and there seemingly were still concerns about the numbers proposed for irrigation projections. Each GCD was ask about the numbers for their District. Every District, with the exception of Llana Estacado, seemed to have an issue. Mike McGregor said he could set up a future meeting with Stephen Schuester so the Districts could express their concerns and try to develop irrigation projection numbers that better met the intentions of the Region O Water Plan. Mike will be trying to set the meeting up during the first week of February 2013.

Jason called on each District to report on the 2012 water level measurements. The reports indicated that the 2012 measurements were all across the board. Some Districts were within the DFC goals and other Districts were in excess of the DFC goals. However, with the average of the 2011 and 2012 measurements, all the Districts goals were very close to the overall DFC.

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. Llano Estacado indicated their management plan had been amended and approved. Mesa UWCD indicated the same as well as South Plains UWCD. Sandy Land indicated they were still in the process of amending their management plan.

Jason again called for public comment, there was none.

Gary Walker made the motion to adjourn, Lori made a seconded to the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Harvey Everheart, Information Officer
