

## GMA #2 Minutes

Meeting 10:00 AM, December 18, 2013

Brownfield City Hall

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Administrative Officer Jason Coleman called the meeting to order at 10:10 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, Mesquite GCD, Garza County GCD, and South Plains UWCD. Seven of the eight GCD in GMA #2 were present; therefore, a quorum was established. Attendees included Ray Brady, Lori Barnes, Jason Coleman, Harvey Everheart, Richard Leonard, Gary Walker, John Boren, Lindy Harris, Amber Blount, Amy Crowell, Jud Chevvrant, Deanya Williams, Lynn Tate, Larry Yowell, Layne Marlow, Robert Bradley with Texas Water Development Board.

The floor was opened for public comment and none was presented.

The minutes of the December 20, 2012 meeting were read by Gary Walker as posted from the GMA #2 website [www.gma2.org](http://www.gma2.org). John Boren made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Lynn Tate seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote.

The minutes of the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting that were postponed on December 20, 2012 until the next meeting of GMA #2, were read by Amy Crowell as posted from the GMA #2 website. Richard Leonard made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Jud Chevvrant seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote.

Jason asked for the discussion to begin for the time frame for the next round of establishing the DFC. Robert Bradley was asked if TWDB had any information to provide. Robert Bradley provided a four (4) page handout concerning the new DFC process. Robert made it clear that the deadline for submitting the DFC was May 1, 2016. However, in order for this DFC to be included in the next water plan an earlier date of April 1, 2016 must be met. The group engaged discussion concerning the impact of TWDB not being able to assist GCD with GAM runs. Several GMA's across the State have contracted with different consulting firms to have the GAM runs performed. GMA #2 might be looking to Intera for such services because they are the firm that is doing the work for Region O.

Robert also made the group aware of the Explanatory Report for Submittal of DFC. The report is going to require much greater details explaining reasons for differing data and factors considered in establishing the DFC by the Joint Planning entities. Everyone agrees that much work and district funding will be necessary to meet all the requirements for the DFC due in 2016.

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. Amy said that the MP for Mesquite GCD had been pre reviewed by the TWDB Staff and would be on the January agenda for approval by the Board of Directors. Mesa UWCD's MP is currently being pre reviewed by TWDB Staff and should be on the agenda in January after the Public Hearing and approval by their Board of Directors. Harvey presented the 2013 Mesa UWCD Water Use and Water Levels report to the group. South Plains UWCD approved their plan and it has been submitted to the TWDB for final approval. Llano Estacado UWCD has a plan that is not due for a couple more years, but it was amended to include the DFC language. The Garza County MP has been amended and still has a couple years to go before it will require a new plan. Gary explained that Sandy Land MP expires in June 2014 and will be submitted to pre review by TWDB Staff in January. Because Sandy Land has been meeting their DFC, then no changes will be necessary in the Rules.

Jason called for the discussion of appointing a GMA #2 representative to Region O Planning Group. Several individuals were brought up for consideration. Lori Barnes was considered, but because there were already two members from Gaines County, she was not nominated. Gary Walker from Yoakum County was considered, but he said there were others who he thought would be better. Lindy Harris was strongly considered; however, Ronnie Hopper with High Plains UWCD #1 received the nomination in the form of a motion by Gary Walker. Richard Leonard seconded the motion. The motion passed and Ronnie will represent GMA #2.

Jason called for public comment but none was presented.

Gary Walker made the motion to adjourn. Jud seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Harvey Everheart, Information Officer

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