

GMA #2 Minutes

Meeting 1:30 PM, December 17, 2014

Permian Basin Board Room

Stanton, TX

Administrative Officer Jason Coleman called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM.

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, Permian Basin UWCD, Mesquite GCD and Garza County UWCD. Seven of the eight GCD in GMA #2, with voting members were present; therefore, a quorum was established. Attendees included Ray Brady, Lori Barnes, Jason Coleman, Harvey Everheart, Richard Leonard, Gary Walker, Lindy Harris, Jud Chevront, Robert Bradley with Texas Water Development Board, Leatrice Adams, Ronnie Hopper, Donna Springer, Misty Mimms, Ferrell Wheeler, Laura Jo Wheeler, Amy Crowell, and Neil Blanford, Daniel B. Stephens.

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

The minutes of the October 23, 2014 meeting were presented to all members. After time was given to read the minutes, Jason made a correction in the spelling of Nicole's last name, indicating the correct spelling to be, Brambila. Gary Walker made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Ronnie Hopper seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote.

Jason asked for the discussion of Agenda item #5 for the discussion and possible selection of a technical assistance coordinator. With the three proposals under consideration, Gary Walker indicated that cost has become an issue since the price of oil has plummeted and the Appraisal District has warned his office to expect a 30% reduction in tax revenue. Other comments indicated all GCD were facing reduced tax rolls. Gary Walker was concerned that because two of the proposals had no prices included, there might be a need to better define a scope of work and ask the proposals to develop a cost. Jason read the scope of work on each of the proposals as included in their individual plan. The question came up during discussion as to the consultants employed in other GMA's. GMA #1 has the GCD's doing it themselves, with North Plains as the lead. Amy Crowell said Ray Brady was doing GMA #6, as he is a consultant for each of the GCD in that GMA. Ray Brady is also a consultant for several

GCD in GMA #2, even though he was present, he made no mention that he would be interested in working for GMA #2. Blanton and Associates represents GMA #9. Bill Hutchison represents GMA #7 and GMA #13. Robert Bradley indicated that another GMA was going to be represented by a consultant by committee. Harvey suggested that the group leave this item and go on to the next agenda item and come back later for further discussion.

Jason called for the discussion of Agenda #6 concerning the boundaries of GMA #2 and GMA #6. Robert Bradley presented the group with TWDB Rule 356. The request to amend GMA boundaries is found in 356.22. Robert explained the section, noting that the issue with the boundary under discussion might be better addressed in 356.22 (b) (1). Robert handed out maps indication that the area that needed to be changed was very small. Under the (b) (1) clause the change could be made through an administrative correction to the boundary. All of the GCD agree that the boundaries of Mesquite GCD should never have been in GMA #2, but entirely all of the area should be located in GMA #6. Gary Walker made a motion to instruct Robert Bradley to approach TWDB with making the administrative adjustment or correction to the boundary. Ronnie Hopper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The group went back to discussing agenda item #5. Harvey suggested the group begin the discussion with establish a fee schedule for paying the coordinator. Jason had previously e-mailed to the districts the breakdown of surface covered by each district and a breakdown of budget by each district. Donna with Permian Basin UWCD made copies for the group. After much discussion of the different scenarios under consideration and the little difference in the two, Gary Walker made the motion for GMA #2 to adopt the budget scenario for dividing the cost. Jud Chevront made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The discussion of choosing a coordinator continued. Leatrice Adams said that Permian Basin had had some prior work performed by Daniel B. Stephens and her Board was not pleased with the finished product. Amy Crowell indicated that she had heard the same report from other GCD. Jud Chevront said that at their last Board Meeting, the conscious was that they liked the work Bill Hutchison did and there was a price tag on Bill's proposal. Leatrice Adams made a motion to go with Bill Hutchison as the coordinator. Jud made a second to the motion. Jason called for a show of hands on the vote. District representatives voting for were: Leatrice Adams, Jud Chevront, Amy Crowell, Gary Walker, and Richard Leonard. District representatives voting no were: Ferrell Wheeler and Ronnie Hopper. Bill Hutchison was selected in a split vote 5-2.

Jason called for public comment and none was presented.

Jason called for discussion of future items to be placed on GMA#2 meetings and the date. The main item would be the orientation of Bill Hutcheson as the Technical Coordinator. The date will be sometime in the later half of January, 2015.

Jud Chevront made the motion to adjourn. Ronnie Hopper seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Harvey Everheart, Information Officer
