

## GMA #2 Minutes

Meeting 10:00 AM, October 23, 2014

Llano Estacado Board Room

Seminole, 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, Permian Basin UWCD, and South Plains UWCD. Six 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, Lindy Harris, Jud Chevront, Robert Bradley with Texas Water Development Board, Leatrice Adams, Matt Hogue, Ronnie Hopper, Donna Springer, Misty Mimms, Nicole Brimbrella, Lubbock Avalanche Journal, and Neil Blanford, Daniel B. Stephens.

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

The minutes of the December 13, 2013 meeting were presented to all members. After time was given to read the minutes, Jason made three minor corrections. Gary Walker made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Richard Leonard 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 Proposal for DFC was May 1, 2016. At the time the GMA Districts approve the Proposal for DFC by a 2/3 vote of all the District Representatives, it is to be mailed to the TWDB and each GCD. A 90 day period for public comment will begin beginning the day the Proposal for DFC is mailed to all GCD in the Management Area. Each GCD must post notice and conduct a public hearing during the 90 day period. After the public hearing the District shall compile a summary of relevant comments received, any suggested revisions to the Proposal for DFC, and the basis for the revisions. Within the 90 day public hearing period the GCD must submit their District summaries and the GCD will meet. The District Representatives shall reconvene to review the reports, consider any District's suggested revisions to the Proposal for DFC. After this exercise, the GCD will adopt the DFC for the GMA. Robert Bradley also made the group aware of the Explanatory Report for Submittal of DFC by presenting a five (5) page report of submission packet checklist. The checklist shows the process will require much greater details explaining reasons for differing data and factors considered in establishing the DFC by the Joint Planning entities. Robert suggests each GCD include the DFC discussion on all agendas from now until the process is complete. 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. Ronnie Hopper explained that the major change was in the reporting section of the rules, which now include 7 means of the producer reporting the use of water. Mesa UWCD's MP approved by TWDB Staff and the current rules support the new management plan. However, Mesa is in the process of adding new definitions, and the SOAH language to their rules. South Plains UWCD approved their plan and it has been approved by TWDB. Llano Estacado UWCD has a plan that will be adopted by July 15, 2015. Gary explained that Sandy Land MP has been approved and no new rules need to be implemented. Permian Basin has had their MP approved and no rule changes were necessary. All of the GCD in GMA #2 are doing their work sufficiently.

GMA #2 received three (3) proposals for technical assistance with joint planning and the development of DFC along with assistance in preparing the necessary reports. Proposals were received from Bill Hutchison, Blanton and Associates, and Daniel B Stephens and Associates. After looking at the length and depth of the proposals, the group asked Neil Blandford to give an overview of their proposal. The group discussed the complexities of the proposals and it was the consensus of the group to study the fifty (50) plus pages of two (2) of the proposals and decide at a later date the one that would be selected. The method of dividing the cost of the selected proposal will be determined at the next meeting.

Jason called for public comment and Robert Bradley informed the group that the Board Members of the TWDB are interested in attending GMA Meetings and will try to attend the next meeting which is scheduled for December , 2014.

Jason called for discussion of future items to be placed on GMA meetings and the discussion centered around the possibility and procedures needed to change the GMA #2 boundary to take Mesquite GCD out. Robert indicated that it would take a unanimous vote of all GCD in GMA #2 to vote in favor and all of GCD in the receiving GMA to support the change.

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

Harvey Everheart, Information Officer

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