

GMA #2 Minutes

Meeting 10:00 AM, April 29, 2015

Commissioners Court Room

Post, 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, voting representative, Ronnie Hopper, Sandy Land UWCD, voting representative, Amber Blount, Mesa UWCD, voting representative, Matt Farmer, Permian Basin UWCD, voting representative, Leatrice Adams, Mesquite GCD, voting representative, Amy Crowell, Garza County UWCD, voting representative, Ronald Thuett, and South Plains UWCD, voting representative, Matt Hogue. 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, Lindy Harris, Deanya Williams, Bill Hutchison, consultant, Donna Springer, Lynn Tate, Robert Bradley, TWDB, Dicky Wallace, Ferrell Wheeler, and Jed Leibbrant.

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

The minutes of the January 15, 2015 meeting were presented to all attendees. Jason called for time to be given to read the minutes. Leatrice Adams made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Matt Hogue seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote. Deanya Williams will post the approved minutes to the GMA2 website.

Under Agenda Item #5, Amy Crowell presented a map Mesquite GCD had prepared indicating the proposed change would establish the boundary of the area that would be moved from GMA2 into GMA6. Robert Bradley reported that the boundary changes were comparable to the original designation by the TWDB, prior to requested changes to follow County Boundaries. Amy had a resolution from GMA2 recommending the boundary changes so that Mesquite GCD would be inside the boundaries of GMA6. Ronnie Hopper made the motion to approve the resolution. Leatrice Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote. Each of the voting representatives present signed the resolution. Lori Barnes volunteered to take the resolution with her and secure the signature of Jud Chevront and then mail it back to Mesquite GCD.

Under Agenda Item #6, Bill Hutchison presented the High Plains Aquifer System Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) that has been developed and awaiting comments. The issues he covered were the specific yield, pumping, recharge, along with other components. Bill developed several charts for the individual counties in GMA #2 to show historic and predicted pumping predictions. Bill pointed out that the new model prepared and designed by Intera is a very good improvement from the prior model in that the model will be able to prevent cells from going dry. This effect will slow down the pumping whenever the water level in the well reaches a water level close to the bottom of the aquifer. This bottom number can be changed to better meet the needs of the model. Bill outlined a problem that has occurred on the first run provided to GMA #1 and including GMA #2. Bill was concerned that the parameters for the run included a 50-50 decline for all of GMA #2 and included the 50-50 for the Dockum Aquifer as well as the Ogallala Aquifer. Bill was very thorough in explaining the Model to the group.

Under Agenda Item #7, the group discussed the actions needed concerning the comments that needed to be delivered to the TWDB. Matt Farmer made the motion for Bill to submit the letter outlining the issues of the current GAM. Ronnie Hopper made a second to the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Under Agenda Item #8, Bill Hutchison presented the upcoming tasks he would be delivering to GMA #2 along with the projected budget for the deliverables. Bill had each GCD review his database that shows the address and the amounts of the invoices to be sent to each GCD for payment of the first task that has been delivered at the conclusion of today's meeting.

The location of the next GMA2 meeting was settled on Plains, Texas. The date is expected to be in July and agenda items will be forwarded to the members allowing for the meeting agenda to be legally posted by each District and posted on the website as soon as the agenda items can be determined.

Leatrice Adams made the motion to adjourn. Matt Farmer seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Harvey Everheart, Information Officer
