

Minutes of Groundwater Management Area #2 Joint Planning Meeting

July 21, 2010

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. at the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District office in Lubbock, Texas.

2. **Roll Call/Introductions:** Roll was called and a quorum was established. Attending for the High Plains Underground Water District were James Mitchell, Bruce Rigler, Jim Conkwright, Sherry Stephens, Bill Mullican and Mike McGregor; for the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District was Leatrice Adams; for the South Plains Underground Water District were Jason Coleman (GMA Administrator) and Matt Hogue; for Mesa Underground Water Conservation District were Harvey Everheart (GMA Public Information Officer), Richard Leonard, and Deanya Williams; for Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District were Shelby Elam and Lori Barnes; for Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District was Don Parrish; and for Garza County Underground Water Conservation District was Ferrel Wheeler.

Visitors attending the meeting were Bill Hutchison for the Texas Water Development Board and Ray Brady.

3. **Public Comment:** No public comments were made.

4. **Approval of the minutes:** Shelby Elam made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2010 (10:30am) meeting with several corrections discussed. The corrections concerned the inclusion of the word "average" when mentioning any GMA#2- wide water level changes from GAM task 10-025. The motion was seconded by Richard Leonard. The item passed unanimously.

5. **Discuss and take possible action on GMA 2 administrator and public information officer positions:** After providing a history of how the positions developed, Jason Coleman asked the members for input on the existing positions and their requirements. Harvey Everheart commended Coleman on his leadership throughout the DFC process. The members concurred.

Everheart then asked that if the “entity” that had been established to establish the DFC was still necessary after the DFC had been established.

Jim Conkwright stated that anyone with a legally defined interest in groundwater within GMA#2 has one year to file a petition concerning the reasonableness of the DFC. Therefore, the “entity” should stay together for at least that long. Bill Hutchison added that member districts of any GMA are required to meet at least annually and review the DFC(s) every five years.

Conkwright asked Coleman and Everheart if they would be willing to continue serving in their respective capacities if the members met only once a year. Everheart said he would. Coleman said he might, but would willingly step down if someone else wanted an opportunity to lead. Coleman went on to state that regardless of who served as administrator, if the number of meetings was to increase he would strongly recommend that the members choose a set frequency and location to make planning and attendance easier for all members.

6. **Public Comment:** No public comments were made.

7. **Discuss items for future agendas:** The next meeting dates were set for 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., August 5, 2010 at the office of Mesa Underground Water Conservation District in Lamesa, Texas.

8. **Adjournment:** Shelby Elam made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Richard Leonard. The item was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.