

**POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Groundwater Management Area 12 Meeting**  
**Milano Community and Civic Center**  
**120 West Avenue E**  
**Milano, Texas 76556**  
**July 25, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Entity</b></u>
Drew Gholson	Post Oak Savannah GCD (POSGCD)
Gary Westbrook	POSGCD
Nathan Ausley	POSGCD
B. Steinner	Lost Pines GCD (LPGCD)
Travis McPhaul	LPGCD
Ralph Crum	Brazos Valley GCD (BVGCD)
David Bailey	Mid-East Texas GCD (METGCD)
Nathan Ausley	POSGCD
Stefan Schuster	Daniel B Stephens & Assoc.
Andy Donnelly	DBS&A
John Siefert	LBG Guyton Assoc.
Steve Box	Environmental Stewardship
Michele Gagnes	Neighbors for Neighbors
Phil Cook	Sierra Club
John McFarland	LPGCD
Robin A. Melvin	LPGCD
Linda Curtis	Independent Texans
Ken Daughtry	LPGCD
Keith Hansberger	LPGCD
Michael Swinnay	LPGCD
Ron Martens	Burleson County Tea Party
Bill Loven	Aqua Water Supply
Leo J. Wick	Fayette County GCD (FCGCD)
David Van Dresar	FCGCD
Ross Cummings	Blue Water
G. M. Griffin	Self
Linda Wilson	Self
Wayne Wilson	BVGCD
Mike Keester	Thornhill Group. Inc.
Darrell S. Peckham	TGI
Kodi Sawin	Fair Water Rights
Jackie Scott	Brazos River Authority
Steve Young	Intera
Peter Kircher	Self
Leroy Willard	Self
Kenneth Roper	Self
Robert F. Smith	Self
Pamela Hornby	Self
Larry Butler	Self
Bobby Gassiott	Self
Doris Gassiott	Self
Don Davenport	Milam County
Jane Clark	Milam County
Harry Clark	Milam County
Michael H. Talbor	City of Bastrop
John Burke	Self
Agnes Voges	Blackland Coalition
Margaret Green	Blackland Coalition

**1. Call meeting to order and establish quorum**

Nathan Ausley with the Post Oak Savannah GCD, serving as chair person, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. It was duly noted that all 5 GCDs in GMA 12 had qualified voting members in attendance, establishing a quorum.

**2. Welcomes and Introduction**

All representatives from each District were introduced

**3. Minutes of June 30, 2011 GMA 12 Second Meeting**

Wayne Wilson moved to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2011 Second Meeting. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Van Dresar. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Petitions Appealing Desired Future Conditions of GMA 12**

The chairperson opened this item simultaneously with Item # 7. It was noted that all of the Districts in the GMA had received copies of the petitions from End OP and Environmental Stewardship, and had reviewed them. Chairman Ausley then asked if anyone had any comment in addition to the petitions which had been filed with GMA 12 appealing DFCs.

- 1.) Phil Cook of the Sierra Club presented a letter of support for the Environmental Stewardship Petition.
- 2.) Linda Curtis, representing Independent Texans, mentioning work on the Trans Texas Corridor and asked questions of this process Chairman Ausley, POSGCD, answered with a summary of the GMA 12 work completed to date.
- 3.) Curtis Chubb asked if this would be the only meeting at which the petitions would be discussed. Chairman Ausley answered with a summary of the reason for the meeting, which was for the GMA to decide how to proceed concerning the petitions.
- 4.) Peter Kircher, Bastrop County, stated his support of the Environmental Stewardship petitions
- 5.) Cheryl Gainess of Lee County , Neighbors for Neighbors, stated support of the Environmental Stewardship petitions
- 6.) Pamela Hornby of Milam County stated support of the Environmental Stewardship petitions
- 7.) Ron Martens of Burleson County stated support of the Environmental Stewardship petitions
- 8.) Larry Butler of Milam County stated support of the Environmental Stewardship petitions
- 9.) Agnes Voges of Bell County stated support of the Environmental Stewardship petitions
- 10.) Margaret Green of Milam County stated support of the Environmental Stewardship petitions, and asked about the history of work done in GMA 12. Gary Westbrook of POSGCD and Monique Norman of Brazos Valley and Fayette County GCD gave a brief summary of the process to date for GMA 12
- 11.) Steve Box of Environmental Stewardship (ES) stated that both ES and Texas Parks and Wildlife had previously given presentations concerning Surface Water and Groundwater interactions in GMA 12. He stated that Environmental

Stewardship's request for water budgets have gone unanswered, and that this was the reason for the petition. He also inquired as to the process ahead. Monique Norman gave clarification of laws and requirements concerning GMA's and petitions filed appealing DFCs.

- 12.) Mike Griffen asked if there will be referendum.
- 13.) Margaret Green asked about representation in the GMA. Gary Westbrook gave an explanation of the representation of citizens in each Groundwater Conservation District by board members of GCDs, and the composition of the GMA of GCDs, and the GMA/DFC process as defined by state law.

Chairman Ausley asked for any further public comment, or any further information concerning the two petitions appealing DFCs of GMA 12. None was offered.

Nathan Ausley, POSGCD, invited discussion from the GMA 12 representatives, and stated that the Post Oak Savannah GCD Board discussed the petitions at a meeting held July 12, 2011, and found no new evidence to consider in the DFC process in the two petitions as filed. Therefore he recommended that the GMA allow the petitions to proceed as filed.

Joe Cooper stated that this was a very important part of the process, and that he appreciated the opportunity for the GMA to receive comments.

Wayne Wilson, BVGCD, agreed with Joe Cooper and Nathan Ausley that comments are an important part of the process, but that Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District has not seen compelling reasons to re-evaluate the adopted DFC's at this time.

David Bailey, METGCD, stated that most of the issues addressed in the petitions do not affect the Mid East Texas GCD, and that Mid-East Texas GCD has evaluated the process and has seen no information in petitions to warrant changing the DFC's.

David Van Dresar, FCGCD, stated that FCGCD had thoroughly vetted all science resources regarding the petitions, and agreed that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant any changes to the DFCs at this time.

A motion was made by David Van Dresar and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Wilson to allow the petitions filed appealing DFCs in GMA 12 by End OP and Environmental Stewardship to move forward to the Texas Water Development Board. Chairman Ausley asked for discussion. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **5. Draft MAG runs prepared by TWDB**

Brief discussion ensued concerning clarifications and reminders of the need from TWDB to receive information from each GCD by September 1, 2011 concerning exempt uses, so that the Draft MAGs could be finalized and issued to the GMA.

#### **6. Improvements to current Central Carrizo Groundwater Availability Model**

Steve Young discussed possible avenues to move forward and gave a brief overview of the current situation and past efforts. Representatives of the GMA instructed Gary Westbrook of the Post Oak Savannah GCD to move forward with inviting comments from the Texas Water Development Board concerning this process and their possible participation.

**7. Public Comment**

This item was opened with item # 4.

**8. Agenda items for next meeting**

Agenda items for the next meeting were discussed and listed as: Petitions Appealing Desired Future Conditions of GMA 12, Improvements to current Central Carrizo Groundwater Availability Model, and other items as necessary.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

**THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON JULY 25, 2011 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 AT A MEETING ON ????????, 2011.**

ATTEST:

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Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District

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Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District

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Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

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Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District