

Groundwater Management Area 12 Meeting

Milano Civic Center
120 West Avenue E
Milano, Texas 76556
October 18, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Entity</u>
Nathan Ausley	Post Oak Savannah GCD (POSGCD)
Gary Westbrook	POSGCD
Billy Sherrill	Lost Pines GCD (LPGCD)
David Bailey	Mid-East Texas GCD (METGCD)
Joe Cooper	LPGCD
David Van Dresar	FCGCD
Alan Day	BVGCD
James Miller	City of Bastrop
Robert Bradley	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
Larry French	TWDB
Shirley Wade	TWDB
Leo Jwick	FCGCD
Jackie Scott	Brazos River Authority
James Beach	LBG-Guyton
Andy Donnelly	Daniel B Stephens & Assoc.

1. Call meeting to order and establish quorum

The meeting was chaired by Nathan Ausley, President of the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District (GCD). Chairman Ausley noted that a quorum was present as all Districts in GMA 12 were represented at the meeting, including himself representing Post Oak Savannah GCD (POSGCD), David Bailey of Mid-East Texas GCD (METGCD), Alan Day of Brazos Valley GCD (BVGCD), Joe Cooper of Lost Pines GCD (LPGCD), and David Van Dresar of Fayette County GCD (FCGCD).

2. Welcome and introductions

Chairman Ausley welcomed all to the meeting and invited the head table to introduce themselves to those in attendance.

3. Minutes of November 15, 2011 GMA 12 Meeting

After reviewing the draft minutes of the November 15, 2011 meeting, David Van Dresar moved, and Joe Cooper seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Representatives and alternates to serve on Region C, G, H, and K Water Planning Groups

After discussion concerning the need to appoint alternates to each of the planning groups, Nathan Ausley moved, and Joe Cooper seconded, that representatives and alternates be appointed to the State's Regional Planning Groups for GMA 12 as follows:

Region C: Representative David Bailey of METGCD, Alternate John Alford, Jr. of METGCD

Region H: Representative David Bailey of METGCD, Alternate Wade Hedrick of METGCD

Region G: Representative Gary Westbrook of POSGCD, Alternate Alan Day of BVGCD

Region K: Representative Joe Cooper of LPGCD, Alternate Billy Sherrill of LPGCD
The motion carried unanimously.

5. Final Modeled Available Groundwater runs and values recently prepared by TWDB

Chairman Ausley asked if there was any comment from any of the GCDs in GMA 12 concerning the final Modeled Available Groundwater recently prepared by the TWDB. After brief discussion on this item, no action was taken.

6. Update from Groundwater Conservation Districts of GMA 12 on possible Management Plan amendments and plans for monitoring water levels to accomplish Desired Future Conditions

Chairman Ausley opened this item and asked for each District's input as to progress in satisfying the requirements of Section 36.108 Texas Water Code, specifically that representatives of the Districts meet at least annually to conduct joint planning with the other Districts in GMA 12 to review management plans and accomplishments for GMA 12. It was noted that GCDs were not required to amend Management Plans until the normal five year anniversary of its last adoption. Reports were given as follows:

POSGCD- Gary Westbrook presented the POSGCD's Management Plan, recently adopted on October 9, 2012, as well as Section 16 of the District's Rules, and explained that the District had adopted necessary strategies and methodologies for POSGCD to comply with the Desired Future Conditions adopted by GMA 12.

FCGCD- David Van Dresar stated that FCGCD was progressing towards amending its Management Plan and Rules to comply with these statutory requirements, and that he expected FCGCD to accomplish these tasks early in 2013.

LPGCD- Joe Cooper stated that LPGCD had also recently amended its Management Plan, including incorporating the GMA 12 DFCs and MAGs, and would be amending its Rules soon, to include necessary strategies and methodologies for LPGCD to comply with the Desired Future Conditions adopted by GMA 12.

METGCD- David Bailey stated that METGCD is in the process of conducting work toward amending its Management Plan and Rules to comply with these statutory requirements.

BVGCD- Alan Day stated that BVGCD is working towards completing the process of incorporating the necessary information and work into possible amendments to the District's Management Plan and Rules.

Robert Bradley of TWDB reminded the GCDs that the process would flow much more smoothly if the GCDs would present any changes or amendments to a Management Plan to the TWDB for a review prior to adoption.

All GCD representatives agreed to revisit this requirement of 36.108 during a GMA 12 meeting during 2013, using the annual reports of 2012 from each GCD.

7. Improvements to current Queen City-Sparta (Central Carrizo) Groundwater Availability Model

Chairman Ausley opened this item and asked if there was still interest from the Districts in GMA 12 to make improvements to the Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) that the GMA is required to use for joint planning. After brief discussion concerning past discussions of this item in past years, and all GCD representatives being in agreement that the issue should again be considered, Larry French of TWDB was asked to describe the process of other GMAs in working to improve the models used in their areas so that the GCDs in GMA 12 might have an idea of what might be necessary to move forward in discussion of this item.

Mr. French described the work being done in GMA 1 and 2 on the Ogallala Model, and GMA 8 on the Trinity Model, as well as USGS efforts in the Pecan Valley area to improve that model. Mr. French then stated that TWDB had been working on a technical information packet to be used as an assistance to those who desired to participate in improvement of the States' GAMs, and that he would be sending it out in the next week. After further discussion, it was agreed that the previous document which had been derived for this purpose in 2009 should be redistributed to the Districts of GMA 12 for evaluation by each District, and further discussion at the next GMA 12 meeting.

8. Public Comment

Chairman Ausley asked for public comment. None was offered.

9. Agenda items for next meeting

Chairman Ausley opened this item and asked for items to be included on the GMA 12 agenda. Topics which were named included:

Improvements to the Queen City-Sparta (Central Carrizo) GAM, discussion of next round of work to be accomplished in joint planning, reports from GCDs in GMA 12, any other topics deemed appropriate.

10. Adjourn

Chairman Ausley adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2012 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 AT A MEETING ON JULY 25, 2013.

ATTEST:

Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District

Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
