

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MEETING
August 13, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.
Milano Civic Center
120 West Ave. E
Milano, Texas

MINUTES

GMA 12 Members Present

Nathan Ausley	POSGCD
Jim Totten	LPGCD
Wendi Denton	FCGCD
David Bailey	METGCD
Alan Day	BVGCD

GMA 12 Members Absent

None

Others Present

Entity

Gary Westbrook	POSGCD
Bobby Bazan	POSGCD
Meredith Earwood	POSGCD
Elaine Gerren	POSGCD
Steve Box	Env. Stewardship
James Bene	RWU
Steve Young	Intera
Pat Reilly	Blue Water
Monique Norman	BVGCD, FCGCD
Tim Skoglund	SAWS
Rebekka Dudensing	AgriLife Extension
Stephen Allen	TWDB
Liz Ferry	Thornhill Group
Joan Eichelberger	Land Owner
Debbie Wahrmond	Citizen
Michelle Gangnes	League Ind. Voters
Andy Donnelly	DBS&A
Amy Muttoni	BRA
Jennifer Nations	City-College Station
Keith Hansberger	LPGCD
T. Barret Lyne	Landowner
John Seifert	LBG-Guyton

Others Present

Entity

James Bene	RWN
David Wheelock	LCRA
Phil Cook	Sierra Club

1. Call meeting to order and establish quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 10:00am.

2. Welcome and introductions

Each member introduced themselves. Note that Wendi Denton was in place of David Van Dresser for Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

3. Minutes of June 25, 2015 GMA 12 Meeting

The minutes of the June 25, 2015 GMA 12 Meeting was approved and adopted with a motion made by Alan Day of BVGCD and the motion was 2nd by David Bailey of LPGCD.

4. Update and report from consultants regarding ongoing evaluations and studies

This item was moved to item 7

5. Receive comments on Demands and DFC options for GMA 12

No comments were received.

6. Receive comments on requirements of Chapter 36.108(d) in adopting Desired Future Conditions

No comments were received.

7. Discuss requirements of Chapter 36.108(d) in adopting Desired Future Conditions:

a. Socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur

Presentation by GMA 12 Consultant Team – John Seifert presented on the socioeconomic impacts expected to occur. This presentation will be available on the website.

Keith Hansberger asked questions about possibility of decrease in land values, when the water available decreases, and noted there is an increase in property values in area receiving water. He stated that is not figured in the socioeconomic impact considerations.

Mr. Seifert answered that proper management of groundwater would prevent loss of value, and that there were many factors to consider.

Barret Lyne stated that there are problems with Blue Water leases, and Caperton Real Estate in Caldwell told him that land with a current groundwater lease could not be sold.

Monique Norman noted that the leases were contractual agreements between landowners and lessor.

Steve Box stated that the socioeconomic impact on the area of supply should be considered.

Alan Day stated that the GMA considers the supply side and protects property rights, manages, conserves, preserves the resource. The leases are agreements between the landowners and lessors, and the GCDs do not enter those agreements.

Steve Box agreed.

Keith Hansberger stated that the GCD should consider impacts to landowners who do not have a lease to sell their water.

Alan Day stated that he believes the GCDs in GMA 12 are capable of adopting DFCs which will protect the aquifers and ensure availability and managing the resource to ensure water available for future for landowners in GMA 12.

Debbie Wahrmund- Lee County asked about the point of this meeting- It is to connect the dots between planning and DFCs, to adopt or amend Desired Future Conditions, that the study is from 2011, and wants to know if we can use updated information.

John Seifert stated that GCDs in GMA are required to use most recent information. Monique Norman offered further explanation.

b. Other environmental impacts, including impacts of spring flow and other interactions between groundwater and surface water

Presentation by GMA 12 Consultant Team – Steve Young presented on the environmental impacts of spring flow and other interactions between groundwater and surface water. This presentation will be available on the website.

Barret Lyne – Presented on issues with Modeling. His presentation discussed several issues that can arise when using a model for groundwater. This presentation will be available on the website.

8. Update from Groundwater Conservation Districts of GMA 12 on joint planning and compliance with Chapter 36.108, State Water Code

No comments were heard at this time.

9. Desired Future Conditions of aquifers in GMA 12

Preliminary DFC has been set from Mid-East Texas GCD. David Bailey requested to discuss at a later date when the District's hydrologist is present.

10. Improvements to current Central Queen City-Sparta/Carrizo-Wilcox Groundwater Availability Model

Steve Young of Intera discussed that Intera won the contract and will begin preliminary research and organization.

Steve Box of Environmental Stewardship made comments on the proposed improvement to the model. Mr. Box stated his concern with the grid spacing, and would like to see smaller grid size, from ½ mile to ¼ mile grid size, near surface water for better understanding of groundwater – surface water interaction. Mr. Box stated that Environmental Stewardship is actively searching for funding and also provide \$5,000 to improving the model.

11. Website for GMA 12 shared by GCDs in GMA 12

After research, GMA 12 decides to leave the information on the posgcd.org website at this time.

12. Public Comment

Debbie Wahrmund, Citizen – Encouraged the GMA to continue improving the models.

13. Agenda items and Date for next meeting

Alan Day suggested to the GMA to return Subsidence to the agenda, and have consultants prepare comments received in bullet point format for discussion at next meeting, and would like to deal with one or two heavy discussion, and one or two light discussion items. Next meeting will be on September 24, 2015 at 10am.

14. Adjourn

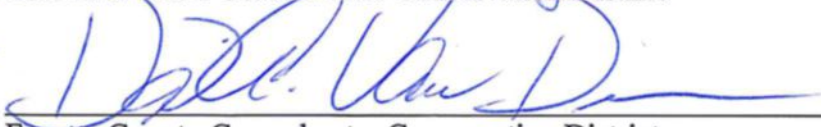
The meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 12 HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2015 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY GMA 12 AT A MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2015.

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