GMA #2

PERMIAN BASIN UWCD

708 Saint Peter W., Stanton, TX 79782

Friday, March 28, 2025

10:00 AM

Present: High Plains UWCD, Llano Estacado UWCD, Mesa UWCD, Permian Basin UWCD, Sandy Land UWCD, South Plains UWCD

Absent: Garza UWCD

1. Call to order

Administrative Officer Jason Coleman called the GMA #2 meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

2. Roll call and establish a quorum

Mr. Coleman conducted a roll call of the districts participating in today's meeting. Garza UWCD was absent, but the other six GCDs were present and represented as follows:

- High Plains UWCD—Brad Heffington
- Llano Estacado UWCD—Lori Barnes
- Mesa UWCD—Jacob Hernandez
- Permian Basin UWCD—Angela Lance
- Sandy Land UWCD—Amber Blount
- South Plains UWCD—Ty Day

Guests: Robert Bradley (TWDB), Ray Brady, Amy Bush, Tim Cawthon (TWDB), Dr. Bill Hutchison, Gabe Neill (SPUWCD)

3. Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

4. Agenda Items

4.1 Consider for approval minutes of prior meeting

Lori Barnes moved approval of the minutes for the March 26, 2024, GMA #2 meeting. Jacob Hernandez seconded the motion. All present voted aye. The motion passed.

4.2 Texas Water Development Board Updates

Robert Bradley reviewed recent changes at the TWDB, including the following:

- Director Paup has moved to TCEQ. The new chairwoman is Loreal Stepney.
- TWDB adopted new rules in Chapter 356
- He discussed the submission of groundwater management plans and the team members who review them.
- The High Plains Aquifer System (HPAS) model should be released for public comment by the end of April

4.3 Presentation by Dr. Bill Hutchison regarding Tech Memo 25-01

Dr. Hutchison referenced the handouts regarding the Howard County recharge issue in the High Plains Aquifer System GAM. Recent changes to the GAM appear to have corrected the issues. The counties near Howard County were also evaluated under the current DFC to determine unforeseen impacts. Fortunately, the impacts are quite minimal, and the differences are negligible for a regional model. Dr. Hutchison also discussed model updates being finalized by TWDB, and the upcoming public comment period for the same. It is estimated that TWDB will release the updated version sometime in June 2025.

Consider action needed for Dr. Bill Hutchison to proceed with next steps for joint planning and development of proposed Desired Future Conditions

Once the model is released by TWDB, Dr. Hutchison will run the current DFC and summarize those results. Additionally, Dr. Hutchison will model another scenario where the baseline condition is 2020 rather than 2012. Brad Heffington moved that Dr. Hutchison perform the model runs discussed when the HPAS model is officially released. Lori Barnes seconded the motion. All present voted aye. The motion passed.

4.5 Appoint GMA #2 representative to Region O Water Planning Group

Since Ronnie Hopper's retirement from the HPWD Board of Directors, GMA #2 needs a new Region O Water Planning Group representative. Lori Barnes moved that Amber Blount fill the role for GMA #2. Jacob Hernandez seconded the motion. All present voted aye. The motion passed.

5. Adjourn

Jacob Hernandez moved to adjourn the meeting. Brad Heffington seconded the motion. All present voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.

Jason Coleman,
Administrative Officer