

Meeting of the
Groundwater Management Area 8
March 25, 2015 in Cleburne, TX

Minutes

The Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8) district representatives (referred to herein collectively as “the Committee” for easy reference), which consists of representatives from the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District, Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, North Texas Groundwater Conservation District, Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District, Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District, Red River Groundwater Conservation District, Saratoga Underground Water Conservation District, Southern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, and Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, held a ***Joint Planning meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 25, 2015***, in the Cleburne Conference Center in Cleburne, Texas.

Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Present:

Central Texas GCD: Charles Shell
Clearwater UWCD: Judy Parker
Middle Trinity GCD: Joe Cooper
North Texas GCD: Eddy Daniel
Northern Trinity GCD: Bob Patterson
Post Oak Savannah GCD: Gary Westbrook

Prairielands GCD: Charles Beseda
Red River GCD: David Gattis
Saratoga UWCD: Jason Jones
Southern Trinity GCD: Rodney Kroll
Upper Trinity GCD: Mike Massey

1. Invocation

Eddy Daniel, North Texas GCD, presided over the meeting and provided the invocation.

2. Call meeting to order and establish quorum.

The Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8) meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM at the Cleburne Conference Center in Cleburne, TX. Chairman Daniel welcomed the new members, took roll, and established that a quorum was present. Ten (10) districts were present at the time of roll call, with one (1) absent. Gary Westbrook, Post Oak Savannah GCD arrived at 10:10 A.M.

3. Welcome and introductions.

The members present introduced themselves. Chairman Daniel thanked all visitors for attending the meeting.

4. Public Comments.

No public comments were received.

At this time, Chairman Daniel requested that the Committee consider Item 10 on the agenda to allow General Counsel Brian Sledge to return to Austin for legislative hearings.

10. Update and discussion of groundwater issues and legislation at the Texas Legislature.

Brian Sledge provided a handout of the matters the GMA 8 Committee Members need to pay attention to. Mr. Sledge gave an overview of the bills of interest currently before the legislature.

At this time the Committee moved back into the normal order of the Agenda.

5. Approve minutes of November 3, 2014 GMA 8 meeting.

The draft minutes were provided for review. Mike Massey, Upper Trinity GCD stated on page 3 in the first paragraph the word “later” should be “lateral” and in the next paragraph, it should read counties that do not instead of does not.

With these corrections, motion was made by Joe Cooper, Middle Trinity GCD to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2014 GMA8 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Massey, Upper Trinity GCD. The motion carried unanimously, 10-0 (Gary Westbrook, Post Oak Savannah GCD was absent at the time the minutes were considered for approval.)

6. Briefing and discussion of the process prescribed in 31 Texas Administrative Code §356.31 (b) regarding any proposed classification of a portion or portions of a relevant aquifer as non-relevant for the purposes of joint planning.

Bill Mullican provided a one page document to the Committee regarding the classification of relevant aquifers as non-relevant for the purposes of joint planning. Mr. Mullican requested that the GMA 8 Groundwater Conservation Districts provide information regarding any aquifers to be designated as non-relevant aquifers to him prior to June 1, 2015 in the format utilized in the handout. It was agreed that this item would be brought back to GMA 8 at a meeting this summer.

7. Selection of consultant to perform groundwater modeling work described in the GMA 8 Request for Qualifications.

Chairman Daniel reported that Requests for Qualifications for a consultant to perform groundwater modeling were solicited. Four firms submitted Statements of Qualifications. A grading form was provided to each District for evaluation of the four firms submitting Statements of Qualifications. The ranking forms were turned in by the district representatives to North Texas GCD General Manager Drew Satterwhite and he tallied the results. Following are the rankings based on the ranking forms submitted:

Ranking of Consultants Providing Statement of Qualifications Predictive Simulations in Support of GMA8 Joint Planning
INTERA, Inc.
LBG Guyton
Aquaveo/Carollo
Daniel B. Stephens & Associates

David Gattis, Red River GCD moved to select INTERA, Inc., as most qualified consulting firm to perform groundwater modeling. The motion was seconded by Mike Massey, Upper Trinity GCD. Ten (10) Committee Members voted for selecting INTERA, Inc., and Rodney Kroll, Southern Trinity GCD abstained, resulting in a vote of 10-0 with one abstention.

8. Consider and act upon specific work for selected consultant to perform on behalf of GMA 8.

Chairman Daniel stated this agenda item relates to arriving at an agreed amount for the work/tasks for the consulting firm to perform in providing the information necessary for the GMA 8 Groundwater Conservation Districts to develop Desired Future Conditions (“DFCs”).

Van Kelly, with INTERA, Inc., provided a breakdown of cost by task and activity for the predictive simulations in support of GMA 8 joint planning as prescribed by the Requests for Qualifications. All tasks presented by INTERA, Inc., in the Statement of Qualifications totaled \$104,660. The GMA 8 members discussed the tasks presented and the activities associated with each task. At this time Chairman Daniel suggested that the Members

take a break to discuss the proposal with their staff and consultants. The Representatives took a break at 11:15 A.M., and the Committee stood at ease.

Chairman Daniel reconvened the Meeting at 11:40 A.M.

The Representatives discussed with Mr. Kelly the tasks and subtasks presented, and the benefits of each.

After due discussion, the members requested a breakout of the Subtasks under Postprocessor for 1) Impact on Wells, 2) Water Budget, and 3) Average Drawdowns, which total \$17,900. The GMA 8 Representatives requested that these three subtasks, along with Run 5, Run 6, and Documentation be performed. Mr. Kelly was asked to recalculate the task cost for Documentation, due to the reduction in the subtasks requested. Mr. Kelly indicated that this task cost would be reduced from \$10,720 to \$6,186.

The following is the total costs negotiated for the tasks as requested by GMA 8:

Postprocessor – Impact on wells, Water budget, and Average drawdown – total of \$17,900, Run 5 - \$15,456, Run 6 - \$16,320, and the negotiated price of \$6,186.00 for Documentation, with a total of \$55,862.00 for the initial tasks to be performed by INTERA, Inc., to assist the GMA 8 Groundwater Conservation Districts by providing simulations in support of the joint planning process.

Motion was made by David Gattis, Red River GCD, to request that INTERA, Inc., perform Subtasks under Postprocessor - Impact on Wells - \$4,600, Water budget - \$10,540, and Average drawdown - \$2,760; Run 5 - \$15,456, Run 6 \$16,320, and the negotiated price of \$6,186 for Documentation, for a total of \$55,862.00 for the initial predictive simulations to run. The motion was seconded Mike Massey, Upper Trinity GCD, and passed unanimously by the following vote: 11-0.

9. Discuss other issues related to the development of Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for GMA 8 aquifers or groundwater availability model runs or other analysis related to same.

Chairman Daniel asked Bill Mullican if there was anything that needed to be discussed under this item today and Bill's response was no.

11. Set date, time, and place of next meeting and discuss agenda items.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for May 27th at 10:00 A.M. in Cleburne, Texas.


12. Closing comments.

Chairman Daniel requested all visitors and GMA 8 committee members to sign in confirming they attended the meeting.

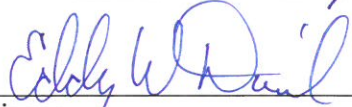
13. Adjourn.

The GMA 8 Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 12:42 P.M.

The GMA 8 Committee unanimously approved the minutes on this 27th day of May, 2015.



Recording Secretary



Chairman