

**Meeting of the  
Groundwater Management Area 8  
July 26, 2022**

**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 Tuesday, July 26, 2022**, at the **Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District Office** located at **208 Kimberly Dr., Cleburne, Texas 76031**.

Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Present:

Central Texas GCD: Mitchell Sodek

Clearwater UWCD: Dirk Aaron

North Texas GCD: Ronny Young

Northern Trinity GCD: Corey Jones

Post Oak Savannah GCD: Gary Westbrook

Prairielands GCD: Charles Beseda

Red River GCD: David Gattis

Saratoga UWCD: Rick Baxter

Southern Trinity GCD: Scooter Radcliffe

Upper Trinity GCD: Doug Shaw

Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Absent: Middle Trinity GCD

**1. *Invocation***

Gary Westbrook, Post Oak Savannah GCD, provided the invocation for the meeting.

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

Vice Chairman Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, established that a quorum was present and called the GMA 8 meeting to order at 10:04 a.m

**3. *Welcome and introductions.***

Vice Chairman Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, welcomed Jean Perez, TWDB, Mark Robinson, TWDB and Andrew Feigenbaum, WSP.

**4. *Public Comments.***

No public comment.

**5. *Consider and act upon approval of minutes from the November 4, 2021, GMA 8 meeting***

Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD, made the motion to approve the November 4, 2021, GMA 8 meeting minutes. Charles Beseda, Prairielands GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ronny Young, North Texas GCD, abstained.

**6. Consider and act upon election of Chair and Vice Chair for GMA 8.**

Vice Chairman Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, asked for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair for GMA 8. Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD, made the motion to nominate Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD for Chair. Scooter Radcliffe, Southern Trinity GCD, seconded the motion. Gary Westbrook, Post Oak Savannah GCD, made motion to close nominations by acclamation electing Mitchell Sodek as Chair. Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD, made the motion to nominate Doug Shaw, Upper Trinity GCD, Vice-Chair. David Gattis, Red River GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. Consider and act upon Resolution 2022-07-26-01 for Appreciation of Joe B. Cooper.**

Chair, Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, read the resolution. Scooter Radcliffe, Southern Trinity GCD, made the motion to accept the resolution. Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Both Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD, and Gary Westbrook, Post Oak Savannah GCD, paid tribute to Joe Cooper. A plaque and the resolution were presented to Corey Jones, Northern Trinity GCD, nephew of Joe Cooper, to be presented to the family of Joe Cooper.

**8. Consider and act upon approving GMA 8 Resolution 2022-07-26-02 adopting the amended Desired Future Conditions for relevant aquifers in GMA 8.**

Chair Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, informed the GMA 8 representatives that TWDB requested corrections to DFCs Proposed for Adoption. WSP has corrected the numbers. When the new Explanatory Report is received, the TWDB will be finished with administrative completeness review. Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD, made the motion to approve the resolution. David Gattis, Red River GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. Consider and act upon the amended GMA 8 Explanatory Report, including consideration of comments received and corresponding revisions to the Explanatory Report, authorization for the administrative District to make any necessary non-substantive revisions, and submission of all required documentation to the Texas Water Development Board.**

GMA 8 representative requested that on 5-1 in the last sentence, take out the word "and". David Gattis, Red River GCD made the motion to authorize the administrative District to make any necessary non-substantive revisions, and submission of all required documentation to the Texas Water Development Board. Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. Consider and possibly act upon all matters incident and related to updating the Groundwater Availability Model for the Northern Trinity and Woodbine Aquifers, including the process for selecting a consultant to perform the modeling work.**

Discussion was held regarding the model. Discussion was held regarding the process for electing a consultant. Suggestions were made to send out RFQ to select consultant, to create a committee of GCD General Managers to select consultant, and bring a scope of work back to the representatives. A committee consisting of Doug Shaw, Upper Trinity GCD, Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD, Corey Jones, Northern Trinity GCD, Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, Kathy Turner Jones, Prairielands GCD and Drew Satterwhite, North Texas GCD and Red River GCD was created. Charles Beseda, Prairielands GCD made the motion for the

committee to create and publish a RFQ, select consultant, and recommend a scope of services from the selected consultant to the GMA 8. Ronny Young seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

**11. TWDB presentation on the Brackish Resources Characterization of the Woodbine Aquifer.**

Mark Robinson, TWDB, provided presentation on Brackish Resources Characterization of the Woodbine Aquifer. Mr. Robinson introduced Sara Sutton, TWDB, a member of the team.

**12. Updates from the TWDB.**

Jean Perez, TWDB, provided update regarding staff changes and several retirements. TWDB will be doing the Explanatory Report administrative review for GMA 8 once it is turned in.

RFQ getting different insights ranking methodology. If different model, how will work with other models, TWDB will work with committee with information required by TWDB before contracts are established with consultant.

**13. Discussion of possible agenda items and dates for next GMA 8 meeting.**

RFQ and nomination form committee schedule and timing.

Having presentation at GMA 8 meetings addressing special needs of districts. Developments regarding wells and county plats. Have professional explain study to GMA 8 who rules regarding sub-division rules and plating.

**14. Closing comments.**

**15. Adjourn**

Chairman Mitchell Sodek, Central Texas GCD, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

The GMA 8 Committee unanimously approved the minutes on this 7 day of March, 2023

Velma Starks  
Recording Secretary

Mitch Sodek  
Chairman