

Meeting of the
Groundwater Management Area 8
September 24, 2013 in Cleburne, TX

Minutes

The Groundwater Management Area 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, Fox Crossing Water 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 (GCD), held a *Joint Planning meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 24, 2013*, in the Cleburne Conference Center in Cleburne, Texas.

Groundwater District Representatives Present:

Central Texas GCD: Charles Shell	Post Oak Savannah GCD: Gary Westbrook
Clearwater UWCD: Judy Parker	Prairielands GCD: Charles Beseda
Fox Crossing WD: None	Red River GCD: David Gattis
Middle Trinity GCD: Joe Cooper	Saratoga UWCD: Jason Jones
North Texas GCD: Eddy Daniel	Southern Trinity GCD: Scooter Radcliff
Northern Trinity GCD: Craig Schkade	Upper Trinity GCD: Mike Massey

1. Invocation

Eddy Daniel, North Texas GCD presided over the meeting and Gary Westbrook, Post Oak Savannah GCD provided the invocation.

2. Call meeting to order and establish quorum.

The Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8) meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM at the Cleburne Conference Center in Cleburne, TX. Mr. Daniel welcomed the new members, took roll and established that a quorum was present. 11 Districts were present at the time of roll call, with Fox Crossing WD absent. The representative for Southern Trinity GCD was present at the meeting, but was not a voting member. Mr. Radcliff stated that he was present to represent the Southern Trinity GCD, but was waiting for confirmation from his Board of Directors before he could participate as a voting member of GMA 8.

3. Welcome and introductions.

Mr. Daniel asked members of the Committee to introduce themselves. Mr. Daniel noted that the Fox Crossing WD has internally dissolved, but the State has not approved the dissolution. As such, the agenda must still be posted in their name and at the Mills County Courthouse. Mr. Daniel thanked Joe Cooper from Middle Trinity GCD for his generosity in posting the agenda for Fox Crossing WD in their absence.

4. Public Comments.

No public comments were received.

5. Approve minutes of February 29, 2012 GMA 8 meeting.

Joe Cooper, Middle Trinity GCD moved to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2012 GMA 8, seconded by Charles Beseda, Prairielands GCD. The motion carried unanimously, 10-0.

6. Confirmation of replacement of representative for the Region K Water Planning Committee

Only one groundwater district is located in Region K Water Planning Region, which is the Central Texas GCD. GMA 8 must approve and confirm the designated representative for Region K. The Central Texas GCD had taken action to replace the previous representative with Bill Luedecke and the alternate representative with Charles Shell.

Mike Massey, Upper Trinity GCD motioned to approve Bill Luedecke as the primary representative for Region K Water Planning Committee with Charles Shell as the alternate representative. The motion was seconded by Charles Beseda, Prairielands GCD and passed unanimously, with Charles Shell, Central Texas GCD abstaining, 9-0.

7. Discussion and review of GMA 8 groundwater conservation district management plans, accomplishments of GMA 8 and any proposals to adopt or amend existing desired future conditions (GMA 8 District Representatives).

Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code requires that each groundwater district update the other members in GMA 8 of the status of their management plan.

Eddy Daniel, North Texas GCD reported that their management plan was approved in 2011 and the district is currently working to register new wells and existing non-exempt wells. The general manager is providing annual reports, beginning with January 2012. All non-exempt wells are required to report quarterly with their production information. Their current large project is contributing to the updated groundwater availability model (GAM) for the Upper Trinity aquifer. The temporary rules were adopted in October 2010 with an amendment in January 2013 and a public hearing scheduled for October 8th. Mr. Daniel briefly discussed the changes being addressed at the public hearing.

Joe Cooper, Middle Trinity GCD reported that their management plan was adopted in May 2012. Their annual report includes information provided to their Board with information on the desired future conditions and the status of the drawdown in the aquifer. Their wells are not metered, but they use static water measurements to follow the pumpage from their aquifer. Comanche and Erath Counties had a small drawdown, but Bosque County had a more than 8 foot reduction in aquifer levels.

Craig Schkade, Northern Trinity GCD reported that their District was created in 2008, but not active until 2010. Since the adoption of their management plan, they still have no staff and operate on a volunteer basis. All of their revenue goes toward keeping the district afloat and paying for their portion of the GAM update. Their goals are now to hire a staff and meet the goals of their management plan.

Mike Massey, Upper Trinity GCD provided a written report and paraphrased that information. Their district was created in 2007 and adopted a management plan in 2010. A water well monitoring program was started and is now in phase 2. Montague County has a large population that relies on a Paleozoic aquifer that is not recognized as a water source by the State. The staff prepares an annual report, beginning in 2011, and shows that they are following their rules and management plan. They were also approached by the State Auditor's Office for an audit this year. It appears that the audit will be clean.

Jason Jones, Saratoga UWCD is a very passive district formed in 1989. The district is non-taxing and has no fees and no revenue, except what is provided by the County. The district is operated by volunteers in order to prevent them from being overtaken by other groundwater districts. Lampasas County has limited groundwater resources. The management plan was adopted in 2008 and an update is expected to be adopted soon.

