

**Meeting of the
Groundwater Management Area 8
July 26, 2019 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 Friday, July 26, 2019**, at the Cleburne Conference Center in Cleburne, Texas.

Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Present:

Central Texas GCD: Paul Babb	Prairielands GCD: Charles Beseda
Clearwater UWCD: Dirk Aaron	Red River GCD: David Gattis
Middle Trinity GCD: Joe Cooper	Upper Trinity GCD: Doug Shaw
North Texas GCD: Ronny Young	
Northern Trinity GCD: Bob Patterson	
Post Oak Savannah GCD: Gary Westbrook	

Groundwater Conservation District Representatives Absent:

Saratoga UWCD: Jason Jones
Southern Trinity GCD: Rodney Kroll

1. Invocation

Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD, provided the invocation for the meeting.

2. Call meeting to order and establish quorum

Chair Joe Cooper, Middle Trinity GCD, established that a quorum was present and called the GMA 8 meeting to order at 10:01 am.

3. Welcome and introductions.

Chair Joe Cooper welcomed the guests present at the meeting. Jean Perez, TWDB, was introduced.

4. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

5. Consider and act upon approval of minutes from the May 6, 2019, GMA 8 meeting

Ronny Young, North Texas GCD, made the motion to approve the May 6, 2019, GMA 8 meeting minutes. Charles Beseda, Prairielands GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Update on all matters incident and related to the contract and scope of services with WSP for consulting services for DFC development including the associated GMA 8 Interlocal Agreement.

Chair Joe Cooper reminded the representatives at the last meeting some concerns were expressed. A Committee composed of Joe Cooper, Dirk Aaron, and Drew Satterwhite addressed the concerns. The contract and scope of services are itemized based on work and cost associated with contract. By looking at the invoices, you will be able to see the current status of the process. The GMA 8 Interlocal Agreement has been signed by ten districts. Saratoga UWCD is treated as a third party to this agreement. Saratoga UWCD will contribute a total of \$1,500.

7. Discussion and possible action on potential model runs for this planning cycle.

James Beach, WSP, informed the representatives that a meeting is scheduled with TWDB on August 8 in Austin to make sure representatives understand resources available and make sure they have runs needed. If Districts have any issues to discuss they need to attend this meeting. There is one run in the major aquifers budgeted. Any other runs would be at the expense of individual district or if GMA 8 elects to add additional runs at additional cost. If you would like to attend this meeting, contact Drew Satterwhite. Dirk Aaron, Joe Cooper, Drew Satterwhite, and Mitchell Sodek have been invited to attend.

James Beach discussed Run 10 which was the GAM Run used for the last round that was accepted by TWDB. Districts are urged to review the DFC Run and report back to Drew Satterwhite or James Beach if your Districts wishes adjust pumping. The district representatives discussed the static water levels.

Dirk Aaron, Clearwater UWCD, made the following motion:

- (1) Get members desired status of the 3 aquifers that were in non-relevant in last round of planning and desired status of the newly designated Cross Timbers Aquifer
 - (2) Notification of desired changes in pumping based upon TWDB data that will be circulated to districts
 - (3) Discussion of whether to update static water levels used in last round of planning
- Doug Shaw, Upper Trinity GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss plan and schedule for GMA 8 consideration of nine factors required by Texas Water Code Subsections 36.108 (d) (1-9) in the third round of DFC joint planning.

James Beach, WSP, informed the district representatives that three GMA 8 meetings would be scheduled for November, 2019, February 2020 and May 2020. Three factors would be discussed at each meeting. This would be reflective of the explanatory report content. Factor discussions would be revisited if any changes were made in the nine factors or as needed. The Calendar Schedule follows:

November 2019- Environmental Impacts, Subsidence Impacts, Hydrological Conditions

February 2020 – Aquifer uses or Conditions, Supply Needs 7 Management Strategies, Private Property Rights

May 2020 – Socioeconomic Impacts, DFC Feasibility, Other Relevant Information. Need to have Socioeconomic Impacts by the end of the year in order to have May meeting.

9. Discuss plan for updating and preparing the GMA 8 explanatory report for the third round of DFC joint planning.

James Beach, WSP, informed the district representatives that the existing Explanatory Report will be used as starting point for this current round of planning. WSP has planned to present a draft Explanatory Report in August 2020 and be considered for approval in November 2020.

10. Discussion and possible action on joint planning schedule.

Discussed previously under items 8 and 9.

11. Update and possible action on pending legislation that relates to the joint planning process including but not limited to similar rules.

Chair Joe Cooper requested that districts respond to Similar Rules Questionnaire and send completed questionnaires to Drew Satterwhite. A reminder with the questionnaire attached will be sent. Ty Embrey, Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at Law, reminded representatives that it would be beneficial to have this completed before next legislative session.

Jean Perez, TWDB, provided update on TWDB activities.

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

The next GMA 8 meeting will be held in November. It was requested that the meeting be held on a Friday.

13. Closing comments.

14. Adjourn

Bob Patterson, Northern Trinity GCD, made the motion to adjourn. Charles Beseda, Prairielands GCD, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Joe Cooper declared the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

The GMA 8 Committee unanimously approved the minutes on this 22nd day of November, 2019.

Velma Starks
Recording Secretary

Joe Cooper
Chairman