

**UPPER GULF COAST AQUIFER PLANNING AREA
(GMA 14)**

Joint Planning Group Meeting

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018
10:00 AM**

MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of GMA 14 was held Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at 10:00 AM, in the board room of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District located at 655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Turner Jones (Lone Star GCD) at 10:08 AM with a roll call of District representatives and Interlocal Agreement Participants. Districts represented included: Kent Burkett, Brazoria County GCD, Zach Holland, Bluebonnet GCD, Kathy Turner Jones, Lone Star GCD, Gary Ashmore, Lower Trinity GCD and John Martin, Southeast Texas GCD. Interlocal Agreement Participants included: The Honorable John Brieden, Washington County Judge; Robert Thompson, Fort Bend Subsidence District; Mike Turco, Harris-Galveston Subsidence District and Fort Bend Subsidence District; and Pudge Willcox, Chambers County. Also in attendance at the meeting were Larry French, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB); and members of the public. (see Attachment "A" for a list of attendees).

Ms. Jones called for and opened the floor to public comment. Mr. Brian Sledge, attorney for Lone Star GCD, and Mr. Greg Ellis, attorney for Brazoria County GCD, Lower Trinity GCD, Harris-Galveston Subsidence District and Fort Bend Subsidence District, signed in to speak and address GMA 14.

Ms. Jones proceeded with requests for and receipt of posted notices from District Representatives. Ms. Jones then asked for consideration of the approval of the minutes from the GMA 14 meeting on January 24, 2018. After discussion and upon a motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Martin, the minutes for the January 24, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

Meeting convened as a meeting of the GMA 14 Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement Participants.

The GMA 14 Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement Participants meeting was called to order at 10:42 AM.

Ms. Jones called for the presentation of information from the Texas Water Development Board and discussions of items of interest to the GMA. Mr. French provided general information from TWDB, including the announcements of appointments of Mr. Peter Lake as Chair and Ms. Brooke Paup as the new TWDB Board Member replacing Mr. Bech Bruun who resigned in December 2017.

Ms. Jones noted no updates to the GMA 14 Interlocal Agreements financial report at this time. Ms. Jones called for the discussion and possible action regarding path forward for GMA 14 to accomplish statutory mandates. Ms. Jones noted the completion and responses from the request for qualifications and the process for procurement of professional services to develop DFCs during the current joint planning effort. Mr. Ashmore provided an update of efforts by the committee and the pre-submittal meeting held to answer questions of interested participants. This effort could be selected and finalized at our next meeting. Ms. Jones again noted that upon selection, GMA 14 would then discuss reviewing and amending the Interlocal Agreement accordingly.

Ms. Jones called for discussion and possible action to consider approval to seek a retainer agreement for legal service related to joint planning for GMA 14. Mr. Holland made the motion to approve to seek agreement for legal service related to joint planning for GMA 14, seconded by Mr. Burkett. The motion carried with one abstention by Mr. Martin. Ms. Jones asked for any recommendations to be provided to begin contacting and gathering information for presentation and possible action at the next meeting. Mr. Martin suggested Mr. Stoever.

Ms. Jones called for the continued discussion regarding the issue of and process for identifying commonalities and differences between the rules and the various services provided by districts that manage groundwater resources in GMA 14 and the reasons for these commonalities and differences. Mr. Ashmore was given the floor to highlight and summarize the work gathered to date and efforts to standardize the information for submittal to TAGD for their use as well. The goal of the efforts is to have discussions between GCDs on their approaches to management and to have those documented and available for the public.

Ms. Jones called for a presentation and discussion by districts of recent activities of interest or accomplishments impacting the GMA 14 planning group. Mr. Turco noted ongoing studies involving brackish groundwater, aquifer storage and recovery, and USGS partnership by the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District and Fort Bend Subsidence District. It was also suggested for future meetings that the final deliverables may be of interest to the group and would request items on future agendas for presentations of the completed studies.

Ms. Jones adjourned the meeting of the GMA 14 Interlocal Agreement Participants and reconvening the Joint Planning Group meeting at 11:22 AM.

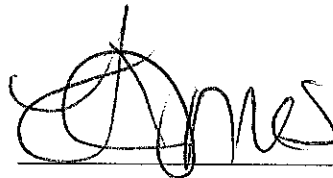
Meeting of the GMA 14 Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement Participants adjourned.

Ms. Jones reconvened the GMA 14 meeting and called for other business before GMA 14. Ms. Jones noted as previously discussed that Lone Star GCD would bring a new request before the GMA for the next meeting to consider Run D changes to amend the 2016 DFC only, not as part of the third cycle of joint planning.

Mr. Jones called for discussion of next meeting date, location, and agenda items. The next meeting was set for March 27, 2018 at 1:00 PM to be held at the offices of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, located at 655 Conroe Park North, Conroe, Texas 77303.

Without further discussion or comment and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 27 day of March, 2018



Chairman

ATTEST:



Secretary