

Integrated Management Plan Stakeholders Meeting

Twin Platte Natural Resources District

June 26, 2006

Stakeholders present: Phil Armstrong, Don Colvin, Burdette Cooley, Ann Diers, Lisa Dominisse, Jim Goeke, Steve Krajewski, Tina Kurtz, Frank Kwapnioski, Jim Meismer, Dudley Oltmans, Robert Petersen, Page Peterson, Dennis Schilz, Jerry Steinke, Mike Svoboda, Joe Wahlgren, Jerry Weaver.

Stakeholders absent (excused): Doug Teaford, Jim Hawks, Marion Kroeker, Roric Paulman, Kenneth Schilz, Steve Van Boening, Mike Wheeler, Robert Wiseman.

Stakeholders absent (unexcused): none

Resource People: Kent Miller.

The Stakeholders Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. CDT.

Announcements

- There will be no meeting in July due to summer conflicts and TPNRD staffing issues.

Updates

- **Kent Miller** reported that all information in the Cooperative Agreement has been released to the public. Copies are available at the TPNRD office. Two public meetings will be scheduled in coming months. TPNRD will email information about dates and locations to Stakeholders.
- **Kent** also shared information about a recent meeting discussing funding for the new depletions plan.

Objectives

Stakeholders met in small groups to discuss the group's recommendations for combining Roric's and Tina's lists of objectives developed at the last meeting. Each small group was asked to review all objectives, delete those that are tools rather than objectives and rewrite objectives to be more concise and on-target.

Before the small groups began their work they wanted to clarify the distinctions between Goals, Objectives and Tools. After discussion, the group agreed to the following definitions:

Goals Statement: Our overriding vision for the district.

Objectives: A finer definition of what we want to see happen to reach our goals statement.

A measurable component that will help us achieve the goals statement.

Tools: The actual process or program to get to the objective – the more detailed nuts and bolts.

Stakeholders were reminded of the Goals Statement the group has adopted:

GOALS STATEMENT: Manage water resources in the Twin Platte Natural Resources District in a manner to balance water use and water supply, optimizing economic, social and environmental benefits, for the near and long term.

Stakeholders came to a consensus agreement on the following Objectives: (listed in no particular order)

OBJECTIVES:

- Provide for educational programs related to integrated management for the District.
- Protect existing users, the local economy, environmental health, and recreational uses to the extent possible.
- Allow for water banking, transfers, and pooling.
- Explore new sources of water.
- Coordinate with the basin-wide plan.
- Equitable distribution of mitigation responsibilities.

On other objectives, Stakeholders did not reach consensus. Either there were different wording suggestions or questions about whether this should be an objective. Stakeholders are asked to review all suggestions below and be prepared to finalize the language at the next meeting:

OBJECTIVES:

- 1) *Option 1:* Reach and maintain fully appropriated status through management of the water supply in the District.
- Option 2:* Reach and maintain a fully appropriated status of the water supply in the district while maximizing benefits.
- Option 3:* Reach and maintain a fully appropriated status by encouraging efficient use of the total water supply in the district while protecting existing users and the local economy. This plan will be flexible as information comes or conditions change.
- 10) Encourage efficient use of water to maximize benefits to the ecology and economy of the area. *(There was discussion about whether the plan should address efficiency).*
- 11) Manage total water supply in the district to achieve sustainability of supply while allowing for growth and changes in use. *(There were questions about what sustainability means and if it is possible to have growth in an overappropriated basin)*

The following statements (from the previous combined list of objectives) were determined to be Tools:

TOOLS:

- 4) Develop studies and do research to identify and quantify the components of the District's water budget and the level of sustainable use.
- 7) Develop a schedule of updating information.

Other items on the combined objectives list were deleted

The group will work to resolve differences on objectives at the next meeting.

Future Meetings

All meeting times are from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. CDT. Our next meeting is:

- July 17 – NO MEETING
- August 21 -- Holiday Inn
- September 18 -- Quality Inn
- October 16 -- Holiday Inn
- November 20 -- Holiday Inn
- December 18 -- Holiday inn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m. CDT.