

BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2002
6:30pm

MINUTES

The following persons were in attendance at the meeting: Directors Milton Beckendorff, Jared Patout, Tommy Oates, Jim Ward, Paul Isham, Glenn Huebner, Joe Sandal, James Morrison, Bill Thomas, David Minze, Mollie Fuller, Michael Blezinger, Frank Tressie, William Harris, Glenn Schroeter, Les Mauldin, Orval Rhoads and Larry Winkelmann; Others: Lois Kolkhorst, State Representative HD 13; Gary Smith, Arcadis; Lloyd Behm, BVCOG; and Frances Behm, Town and County Consulting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chairman Patout.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

3. APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on February 20, 2002, and Minutes of the Workshop meeting on February 28, 2002 were approved as presented.

4. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board members adjourned to committee meetings

5. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Following the committee meetings the general board meeting resumed, recommendations of committees were as follows:

Public Relations Committee - Members present tonight were not present last month. Joe Sandal will discuss have more meetings like the Austin County meeting with county extension agents.

Milton Beckendorff felt the Austin County meeting went well, and that the presentation was well received by the members of the public who were present. The County Extension agent, representatives of TNRCC, Representative Kolkhurst, Austin County Judge Bilski, and representatives of the Houston Subsidence District made

presentations and fielded questions after the presentation. Mr. Beckendorff has had requests for board members to make similar presentations to other groups in Sealy.

Representative Kolkhurst reminded the board that county extension agents have instructions to make the presentation available in any county requesting them. She also suggested that the minutes of this Board's meetings be delivered to the county judges' offices for public review. Minutes of this Board's meetings will be sent to Representative Kolkhurst's Austin office.

The Public Relations committee has a copy of Austin County and Brazos Valley's "handouts" to review.

Technical - Brief discussion of items that may need to be included in the rules, members would like to have conservation included in the rules presented by the board.

Legal/Legislative - Reviewing Brazos Valley rules as well as 1999 meeting rules, members feel that they will have the rules they are reviewing reconstructed to meet Bluebonnet's need and are on track to have rules before the first of September.

Financial - No new recommendations

6. DISCUSS AND DESIGNATE NEWSPAPERS IN EACH COUNTY IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE PUBLICATION OF OFFICIAL NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT.

Milton Beckendorff moved Larry Winkelmann seconded motion to approve list of newspapers. Michael Blezinger moved, Les Mauldin seconded to add New Ulm Enterprise to list of approve papers. Motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION OF THE BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

Notice must be posted and a public meeting held prior to the adoption of any resolutions of the Board.

There is no single list that identifies all wells within the state. If the well is old or a railroad commission well there may not be a record of that well's existence. Houston Subsidence District has been in existence since 1974 and has recently identified several wells that fall into these categories.

Questions concerning the wording of rule 4 were discussed. Director Morrison suggested that investor owned utilities be exempted or asked to pay on a voluntary basis. Further discussion was held that to be fair, the fee must be assessed across the board at the level decided by the Board.

Fees on 15 million gallons of water produced per year are approximately \$40.00 a month.

Bill Harris moved that board proceed with preparation of resolution, Joe Sandal seconded, Motion carried.

8. REPORT FROM BVCOG STAFF

The meeting in Friendswood was very informative. It was suggested that an invitation be extended to U. S. Geological Survey to present to this board, the same report presented on February 28; showing survey results for the Upper Gulf Coast Aquifer. U. S. Geological Survey has data from the past 100 years. This is a 1 hour technical presentation to inform board members. This groundwater conservation district is in the recharge area for 3 of the 4 aquifers in the Houston groundwater subsidence district.

Director Beckendorff moved and Blezinger seconded that the agenda for the April meeting be limited to the public hearing on the proposed resolution and the USGS presentation.

The Brazos Valley Groundwater District is completing a study of Brazos Valley water usage.

9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON MARCH 20, 2002 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON APRIL 17, 2002.

Jared Patout, President

ATTEST:

Glenn Schroeter, Secretary