

BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 17 2002
6:30 PM

Navasota ISD Board Room
705 East Washington
Navasota, Texas

Minutes

In Attendance: Directors Milton Beckendorff, Michael Blezinger, Sharon Brandes, Glenn Huebner, Mollie Fuller, Jared Patout, William Thomas, Jim Ward, Paul Isham, James Morrison, Tommy Oates, David Minze, Wayne Mauldin, Orval Rhoads, Frank Tressie, Glenn Schroeter, Shannon Theeck; Washington County Judge Dorothy Morgan, Washington County Commissioner, Precinct Four, Joy Fuchs; Jace Houston, HGCSD; Eric Strom, and Mark Kasmarek USGS; Don Kirsch, Consultant; Gary Smith, Arcadis; John Maresh and Larry Mayberry, City of Sealy; Jerome Peters; Tom Wilkinson and Lloyd Behm, BVCOG; Frances Behm, TACC.

1. Call to order

Chairman Patout called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

2. Public Comment: Public comment is limited to a maximum of 5 minutes per speaker and/or 30 minutes total time for all speakers

No one came forward to speak. Mr. Jerome Peters requested clarification on exemption of wells for agriculture use.

3. Approve Minutes of March 20, 2002 Board Meeting

Director Ward moved, Director Minze seconded that the minutes of the March 20, 2002 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

4. Financial Report

Staff reminded the board that since there is no revenue, the financial report shows spending only. No director has been reimbursed for travel and several other items have not yet been billed to the District.

Director Isham moved, Director Fuller seconded that the financial report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

5. Public Hearing - proposal to adopt user fees for non-agricultural wells producing 10,000,000 or more gallons of water annually

There being no speakers in favor of the resolution and no speakers in opposition of the resolution Director Theeck moved and Director Rhoads seconded the motion to close the public hearing. There being no opposition, motion carried.

6. Discuss, approve Resolution 2002-01 adopting rules and procedures that establish well registration requirements for wells producing or capable of producing 10,000,000 gallons of water annually, establish user fees for water pumped from wells producing 10,000,000 or more gallons of water annually, establish exclusions and exemptions and provide for severability

After review and discussion, two typo's were pointed out: Bluebonnet was misspelled on page one and the resolution currently reads production per day and will be corrected to read production annually.

Director Tressie moved that Resolution 2002-01 be adopted as corrected, Director Ward seconded the motion. There being no opposition, motion carried.

7. Presentation by U.S. Geological Survey: Upper Gulf Coast Aquifer, groundwater availability model, aquifer characteristics, population and water demand projections aquifer recharge and District participation in the current aquifer study with other districts.

Eric Strom and Mark Kasmarek of the USGS office presented information to the board concerning the various aquifers and recharge areas in the district.

8. Discuss, approve selection of domain name and establishment of web site for the District.

Director Tressie moved that the board adopt "bluebonnet groundwater.org" as its domain name. Director Theeck seconded. There being no opposition, motion carried.

Staff reported that the website can be up and running within a few weeks of securing the domain name. It will be used to post minutes, agendas and notices. The site will be updated as needed.

9. Report from BVCOG staff.

Staff reported that BVCOG has purchased a building in Brenham and that the groundwater district offices will be moved to that site.

A monthly press release will be issued to provide information to the public about the activities of the water district.

BVCOG has agreed to help the district in any area needed to get the districts passed.

Walker County Forum will be May 9th at 7:p.m.

Washington County Forum will be June 18th at 7:30 pm

Grimes County Directors are making plans to distribute information at the upcoming Grimes County Fair.

10. Adjourn

Director Mauldin moved to adjourn, Director Ward seconded. There being no opposition motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON APRIL 17, 2002 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON MAY 15, 2002.

Jared Patout, President

ATTEST:

Glenn Schroeter, Secretary