

BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Called Meeting
Wednesday, JUNE 18, 2003
6:00 PM
Navasota City Hall, City Council Chambers
107 Farquhar
Navasota, Texas

Minutes

In Attendance: Directors Milton Beckendorff, Sharon Brandes, Glenn Huebner, Jared Patout, Bill Thomas, Jim Ward, Kent Watson, Paul Isham, James Morrison, Tommy Oates, Joe Sandel, General Manager Lloyd Behm; Frances Behm, TACC; Bill Harris, Mary Lynn Harris; Dwight Mahoney, BRA, and J. L. Cole.

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm.

2. Review by General Manager and discussion of current status and activities of the District.

G. M. Lloyd Behm presented a review of Income and Expenses for the current year as well as a review of outstanding invoices due to be paid to the district. Director Isham suggested that Open Records Requests be sent to Hempstead and Prairie View for the pumping records, then bills sent based on the records provided.

Discussion was held concerning several seminars that have been attended. A two day seminar will be presented in August, G M Behm and President Patout suggest that as many directors as can should go.

GM Behm announced that he is now certified as investment officer for district and reminded everyone that Director James Morrison is also certified.

GM Behm attended training class on TECQ rule making.

GM Behm advised the board that he has been invited to sit in on the Washington County meetings about forming a groundwater district.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Employment Agreement with District General Manager.

The Executive Committee recommended acceptance of the agreement. Possible addition to contract would be a clause to cap vacation at 2 weeks. The initial Employment Agreement will be a 6-month agreement. The agreement makes the General Manager a full time district employee.

Director Beckendorff moved and Director Isham seconded the move to accept the

agreement to hire Lloyd Behm as the full time General Manager of Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District, Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Discuss and possible action to approve Consulting Agreement with Town and Country Consulting for administrative support services.

Services will be limited to provide minutes of meetings and other services as approved by the executive committee.

Director Thomas moved Director Beckendorff seconded the motion to approve the Consulting Agreement with Town and Country Consulting for administrative support services. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. Review, discuss and possible action to approve actions by the Executive Committee to secure furniture, computer equipment including a printer, a copier, a telephone system, data communication lines, office supplies, and miscellaneous equipment and supplies to open the District Office at 303 East Washington, Suite D in Navasota.

The directors have been furnished a list of items. COG has agreed to add the estimated \$6,000 to pay for furniture and computer equipment to the bill already owed by the District.

Office will be operational in Navasota on July 14, 2003. If the other counties join, the office will stay in Navasota.

Director Oats moved to ratify decision, Director Morrison seconded. Motion Carried.

6. Discussion and possible action to change date of scheduled July quarterly Board meeting to August 20, 2003 with no Board meeting to be held in July, 2003. GM Behm asked the directors to consider the change of date for the next meeting since he will be in the process of setting up the Navasota office the week of July 14th when the meeting would be held.

Director Isham moved, Director Thomas seconded the motion to reschedule the July meeting to August 20, 2003. Motion Carried.

7. Comments by Bill Harris, former director from Washington County. Mr. Harris thanked the current board for their letter and then expressed his intent to stay in touch with the District. Mr. Harris is trying to be included in the meetings in Washington County. He has done some conservation studies and would be glad to make the information available to anyone who is interested.

GM Behm read an e-mail message from David Minze voicing his support of the district and appreciation for letter from the board.

8. Review of approved legislation effecting Groundwater Districts by General Manager.

Two bills put together give groundwater districts the right to sub divide the aquifer to have different rules, if the 2 aquifers are at different levels, they can have different rules.

Some marketers are buying rights in the lower aquifer and not higher one.

House bill that passed requires cities and Special Utility Districts to conduct water audits and report to state agency how much water is lost, where it goes and how to recapture.

Licensing was authorized to put water districts into the loop for monitoring capping wells.

The Texas Water Advisory Council was extended.

Senate Bill 19 removed the 5 year mandatory audit and replaced it with a 7 year permissive audit.

9. Adjourn

Director Ward moved, Director Morrison seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm. Motion carried.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON JUNE 18, 2003 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON AUGUST 20, 2003.

//s// J Jared Patout

J. JARED PATOUT
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

//s// Paul C Isham

PAUL ISHAM
SECRETARY

8/20/2003

DATE