

BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2006
6:00 PM

Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District
Board Room, Suite B & C
303 East Washington Avenue
Navasota, Texas

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Directors Patout, Dauge, Tressie, Sandel, Thomas, Ward, Beckendorff, Huebner, Brandes, Bill Dugat, Attorney for District, Thomas Wallis, Auditor with Ingram Wallis & Company, District General Manager Lloyd Behm, District Administrative Assistant Delores Morgan. Director Blezinger joined the meeting at 6:47 pm.

1. Call to order
President Patout called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
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 addressed the Board during the public comment period.

3. Presentation of FY 05 audit by Thomas Wallis with Ingram Wallis & Company, discussion of FY 05 audit performed by Ingram Wallis & Company and possible action to accept FY 05 audit.

Tom Wallis of Ingram Wallis & Company presented the FY 05 Audit and reviewed the findings of the audit with the Board.

Director Ward moved to accept the FY 05 Audit, Director Tressie seconded – **Motion Carried.**

After audit for FY 05 was accepted, Tom Wallis left the meeting.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of October 19, 2005 Board meeting.

Director Sandel moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2005 Board meeting, Director Beckendorff seconded – **Motion Carried.**

5. Discussion and possible action to approve quarterly Financial Reports.

Director Dauge moved to approve quarterly Financial Reports, Director Thomas seconded - **Motion Carried.**

6. Discussion and possible action to approve quarterly Investment Reports.

Director Daugette moved that the Board approve the quarterly Investment Reports, Director Ward seconded – **Motion Carried.**

7. Discussion and possible action to accept quarterly Drought Status Assessment.

Director Daugette moved that the Board accept the quarterly Drought Status Assessment, Director Huebner seconded – **Motion Carried.**

8. Approve Bonds for Directors.

After comments on status of Directors Bonds by GM Behm, Director Ward moved that the Board approve the bonds for the Directors, Director Brandes seconded – **Motion Carried.**

9. Administer Oath of Office to re-appointed Directors (Austin County – Blezinger & Huebner; Grimes County – Patout & Thomas; Walker County – McFarland & Morrison).

Oath of Office was administered to J. Jared Patout, Bill Thomas, and Glenn Huebner by Notary Public Lloyd A. Behm.

10. Discussion and possible action to elect Board Officers (President, Vice President, and Secretary).

Director Thomas moved that the current officers, President J. Jared Patout, Vice President Milton Beckendorff, and Secretary Joe B. Sandel be re-elected by acclimation. Director Tressie second this motion - **Motion Carried.**

President Patout announced that he was going to change the order of the agenda and consider agenda Items 13, 14, 15, & 16 before agenda item 11.

13. Briefing and possible action to ratify Executive Committee action on behalf of the District regarding Texas Alliance of Groundwater Conservation Districts Amicus Curiae Brief, Cause #3469, *Toledo P. Boulware et. al. v. the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District and Darlene Shahan in her Official capacity as General Manager of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District*, by Bill Dugat, Attorney for District.

Director Ward moved to ratify Executive Committee action regarding the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Amicus Curiae Brief in Cause #3469. Director Thomas seconded this motion – **Motion Carried.**

14. Committee appointments by President.

President Patout appointed an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, and the Secretary.

11. Presentation and discussion of ethics requirements effecting Directors and Officers of the District (including HB914 changes to chapter 176, Local Government Code), Bill Dugat, Attorney for District.

Bill Dugat, Attorney for the District, presented to and discussed with the Board the Local Government Code ethics requirements for District Board members and officers.

Director Blezinger joined the meeting at 6:47 pm.

12. Open Meetings Training (mandated by SB 286) prepared by the Texas Attorney General's Office and presented by Bill Dugat, Attorney for District.

Bill Dugat reviewed requirements for all Board members to have Open Meeting training and Open Meeting training DVD prepared by the Texas Attorney General's Office was presented to and viewed by Board members and staff present.

15. General Managers Report.

- A. Well Permitting – GM reported that the following wells have been permitted, registered or are known to the District.

Austin County has 43 non-exempt, 341 exempt and 2 railroad commission wells.

Grimes County has 48 non-exempt, 313 exempt and 14 railroad commission wells.

Walker County has 50 non-exempt, 150 exempt wells, 0 railroad commission wells and 1 transport permit.

16. Date for next Board meeting – April 19, 2006.

17. Adjourn

Director Tressie, moved to adjourn at 8:00pm, Director Ward seconded. **Motion Carried.**

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON JANUARY 18, 2006 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON APRIL 19, 2006.

(s) Milton Beckendorff

Milton Beckendorff, Vice President

ATTEST:

(s) Joe B Sandal

Joe B. Sandal, Secretary