

BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, October 20, 2010
6:00 PM

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

In attendance: Directors Brandes, Copeland, Huebner, Minze, Olsta, Patout, Sandel, Thomas, Ward; General Manager Behm, Administrative Assistant Paben, Assistant General Manager Zach Holland; Director Appointee David Groschke and Frances Behm. Director Blezinger joined the meeting at 6:24 PM.

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order by President Patout at 6:19 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 offered Public Comment.
3. Introduction of new District Administrative Assistant
General Manager Behm reported a brief overview of the qualifications of Abby Paben, the new District Administrative Assistant.
4. Discussion and possible action to accept resignation of Director Tom Paben representing agricultural interests from Waller County.
After review, Director Minze moved to accept the resignation of Director Tom Paben. Director Copeland seconded. **Motion carried.**
5. Introduction of Waller County Director Appointee David Groschke.

General Manager Behm introduced and briefly reported an overview of Director Appointee Groschke's background in agriculture.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve bond for Director David Groschke representing agricultural interests from Waller County for the remainder of an unexpired term ending in January, 2012.

After review, Director Ward moved that the Board approve the bond for Director David Groschke to represent agricultural interests from Waller County. Director Thomas seconded. ***Motion carried.***

7. Administer Oath of Office to Director David Groschke.

After Assistant General Manager Holland administered the Oath of Office, Director Groschke took his seat and joined the Board of Directors.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of July 21, 2010 and September 15, 2010 Board Meetings.

Upon review, Director Olsta moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2010 and September 15, 2010 Board Meetings. Director Huebner seconded. ***Motion carried.***

9. Discussion and possible action to approve quarterly Financial Report.

After a brief discussion, Director Ward moved that the Board approve amending the bank account balance dates on page two from 6/30/10 to 9/30/10 and the amended Quarterly Financial Report. Director Sandel seconded. ***Motion carried.***

10. Discussion and possible action to approve quarterly Investment Report.

Upon review of the report, Director Sandel moved to approve the quarterly Investment Report as presented. Director Minze seconded. ***Motion carried.***

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

After General Manager Behm presented the findings of the quarterly Drought Status Assessment, Director Huebner moved that the Board accept the quarterly Drought Status Assessment. Director Sandel seconded. ***Motion carried.***

12. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2010-09 designating certain positions established by the BGCD Board of Directors to act as signatories for BGCD bank accounts, designating the number of signatures required on each draft issued on a BGCD account and designating the number of signatures required to authorize transfers between BGCD accounts.

Upon review and a brief discussion about the resolution, Director Olsta moved that the Board approve Resolution 2010-09. Director Thomas seconded. **Motion carried.**

13. Discussion and possible action to approve FY 2011 District Budget.

After reviewing the budget, General Behm addressed questions about the overpayment by Vital Link and how they have been credited for the remainder of this fiscal year. Director Olsta moved that there be a face to face meeting with Vital Link, then bring a recommendation to the Board. After more discussion, Director Olsta withdrew his motion. The Board discussed the amount budgeted for the reserve fund. Director Olsta moved to reduce legal fees by \$10,000 and reallocate it to the reserve fund. Director Minze seconded. **Motion carried.** After further discussion, Director Sandel moved to approve the amended FY 2011 Budget. Director Thomas seconded. **Motion carried.**

14. Discussion and possible action to designate dates in 2010 that District Offices will be closed in December

General Manager Behm explained how the holidays will fall throughout the work week this year and requested that the District Office be closed on December 23rd and 24th for the Christmas holidays and December 31st for New Year's. Director Ward moved to accept the designated dates that the office will be closed in December. Director Brandes and Huebner seconded simultaneously. **Motion carried.**

15. General Manager's Report

a. Well Registration/Permitting

General Manager Behm explained how the district continues to register exempt and non-exempt wells, as well as railroad commissioned wells, monitoring wells, and injection wells.

b. HGSD stakeholders meeting – Regulatory Plan Update

Assistant General Manager Holland reported on the HGSD meeting and presented how the Regulatory Plan is now moving forward in gathering production data to bring more models up to date and improve accuracy.

c. GMA 14 Joint Planning

General Manager Behm explained how there are 21 counties included in this study group and how some were significantly lacking data. He also explained that the Desired Future Conditions (DFC) for GMA 14 were adopted on 8/25/10 and that the submittal of these DFC's has been declared administratively complete by the Texas Water Development Board (TWBD). The TWBD stated that they

- would furnish the draft Managed Available Groundwater values for GMA 14 by March 1, 2011.
- d. Trinity and San Jacinto Rivers and Galveston Bay Basin and Bay Area Stakeholder Committee meetings and action.
General Manager Behm discussed the ideal and realistic needs that were reported at the committee meetings regarding the uses of water. General Manager Behm noted that Assistant General Manager Holland has been approved effective 1/1/11 to replace him on this committee and also that AGM Holland has been nominated to be a member of the Brazos River Stakeholder Committee.
 - e. Region G & H Regional Water Planning Group meetings.
General Manager Behm explained how both regional water plans have been approved and submitted to the TWDB. Both regional groups are preparing for the next planning cycle, but are not aware of where the funds to conduct the necessary studies are coming from.
 - f. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts meetings and actions.
Assistant General Manager Holland reported that the overview of what the representatives presented at the meeting where issues that they see on the horizon: budget, re-districting, and sunset committees.
 - g. Report on meetings with Austin, Grimes, Walker and Waller County Commissioners Courts.
Both General Manager Behm and Assistant General Manager Holland attended these meetings to brief the Commissioners Courts on 6 items: permits in each county, fee schedules, the Texas Comptroller's Office audit report, the revised District Management Plan, adopted DFC's in GMA 14, and the change in General Managers. The visits were well received.
 - h. Report on Joint Issues Forum – Ownership Rights and Regulation – Texas Groundwater Issues.
Assistant General Manager Holland briefly explained the presentations that were made at the forum.
 - i. Correspondence Received
General Manager Behm reported that a thank you has been received from Brookshire MUD for participating in the 2nd Annual Water Festival with a \$100 donation. Also, General Manager Behm briefly discussed the conversations he has had with Judge Bilski about determining what is regarded as agricultural water uses.

16. Date for next Board meeting – January 19, 2011.

17. Adjourn

There being no further business, Director Thomas moved that the meeting be adjourned. Director Brandes seconded. ***Motion carried.*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The above minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District held on October 20, 2010, were approved and adopted by that Board on January 19, 2011.

J Jared Patout, President

ATTEST:

Zach Holland, Deputy Secretary