

# BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting  
And “Desired Future Conditions” Public Hearing

Wednesday, September 16, 2015  
6:00 PM

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

## **In attendance:**

Directors - Beckendorff, Blezinger, Browne, Eppler, Hopper, Huebner, Minze, Morrison, Patout, and Reed  
Staff - General Manager Holland, Office Manager Proffitt, and Registration Assistant Milatovich  
Consultants – Attorney Dugat and Hydrologist Dr. Hutchison  
Visitors - Michael Thornhill and Bob Renbarger.

## **Minutes of the Public Hearing**

### **1. Call to order.**

There being a quorum present, the public hearing on Desired Future Conditions the President called to order at 6:10 PM.

### **2. Public Comment.**

Mr. Michael Thornhill, Thornhill Group, Inc., on behalf of Quadvest and other investment owned utilities of Montgomery and other counties – Proposed that DFCs should be aquifer based rather than subdivided by county lines which do not represent hydro-geological boundaries. Mr. Thornhill proposed that for the Jasper aquifer 97% of storage from predevelopment of the aquifer remain in storage in 2070, for the Evangeline aquifer, 98% and for the Chicot aquifer 97%. These proposed alternative DFCs will be submitted in writing to the District by October 5, 2015.

### **3. Discussion and hearing on the proposed desired future conditions-Discussion and possible action regarding public comment on the proposed desired future conditions (“DFCs”) for the Gulf Coast Aquifer, Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer, and Yegua-Jackson Aquifer underlying Austin, Grimes, Walker, and/or Waller Counties, Texas, in accordance with Section 36.108(d-2) of the Texas Water Code.**

General Manager Holland outlined the joint planning process and timeline of actions to date and remaining for the Board and GMA 14. GM Holland proposed the Carrizo, Queen-City, Sparta, and Yegua-Jackson Aquifers in Grimes and Walker Counties be considered not relevant for purposes of joint planning process. Dr. Hutchison agreed with General Manager Holland’s proposal adding decisions regarding these aquifers by the Bluebonnet GCD will have no affect on surrounding Districts.

Director Reed moved that the Board direct the GM and consultants to complete the documentation required to designate the Carrizo, Queen City, Sparta, and Yegua-Jackson Aquifers in Grimes and Walker Counties as not relevant for the purposes of joint planning. Director Morrison seconded. ***Motion carried.***

### **4. Adjourn.**

Public Hearing on Desired Future Conditions was adjourned by the President at 6:28 PM.

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5. **Call to order.**

There being a quorum present, the President called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM.

6. **Public Comment.**

No comments were made.

7. **Discussion and possible action to approve Amended FY 2015 District Budget.**

GM Holland presented and reviewed the amended FY 2015 District Budget.

Director Minze asked about the permit revenues item of the budget. GM Holland documented increases associated with permitting of hydraulic fracturing wells, new non-exempt wells, and replacement wells completed within the District. Director Minze moved that the Board approve the amended FY 2015 District Budget. Director Browne seconded, ***motion carried.***

8. **Discussion and possible action to approve FY 2016 District Budget**

GM Holland presented and reviewed the FY 2016 District Budget. GM Holland noted the addition of the retirement plan item as approved by the Executive Committee following the presentation from the Texas County & District Retirement System with 4% employee contribution and 100% District matching. GM Holland also outlined an item directed toward redevelopment of District database structure into a new platform. Several questions were asked regarding the direction and outlook on the redevelopment project. Director Morrison moved that the Board approve FY 2016 District Budget. Director Eppler seconded, ***motion carried.***

9. **Discussion and possible action to approve designations for Money Market Account**

GM Holland presented and reviewed the designations for the Money Market Account. Discussions continued regarding the redevelopment project and it appearing both in the budget and as a designation. Director Browne moved that the Board approve the designations for the Money Market Account. Director Morrison seconded, ***motion carried.***

10. **Discussion and possible action to designate dates and times for FY 2016 Board of Directors Meetings**

Director Reed asked for clarification if there was a meeting next week (Sept. 21, 2015) as indicated in the memo. Director Eppler pointed out this is a typo and should be Sept. 21, 2016.

GM Holland noted the July 20, 2016 meeting date will be addressed for rescheduling at the April 20, 2016 Board Meeting due to conflict with groundwater conferences occurring that week. A correction noted by Director Eppler to the September meeting year was offered as an amendment.

Director Reed moved that the Board designate the dates and times for FY 2016 Board Meetings as amended. Director Beckendorff seconded, ***motion carried.***

11. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 7:08 PM.

The above minutes of the Public Hearing of the Future Desired Conditions and regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District held on September 16, 2015 were approved and adopted by that Board on October 21, 2015.

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J Jared Patout, President

ATTEST:

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Zach Holland, General Manager