

BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting And Public Hearing

Wednesday, October 16, 2013
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 Browne, Davis, Groschke, Hopper, Huebner, Minze, Morrison, Patout, Reed, Ward and Vaughn; General Manager Holland, Administrative Assistant Paben, and Permitting Assistant Abney; District General Counsel Dugat and District Hydrogeologist Consultant Dr. Hutchison; Visitors Tom Sherman, Bonnie Lout, Pamela Beard, Amber Gonzales, and Gabriele Bonaiti.

1. Call to order.
There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.
2. Public Comment.
(Public comment is limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per speaker and/or 30 minutes total time for all speakers).
Tom Sherman of Austin County, Texas representing the CCTWR stated to the Board that the Board of CCTWR has unanimously voted to not pursue party status at the SOAH proceeding beginning October 22, 2013 in Bellville, TX.
3. Discussion and possible action to accept resignation of Director Byron Sandel representing agricultural interests from Walker County.
Director Morrison moved to accept the resignation of Director Byron Sandel representing agricultural interests from Walker County. Director Davis seconded. **Motion carried.**
4. Introduction of and Administer Sworn Statement and Oath of Office to Walker County Director Appointee R.D. Hopper.
GM Holland presented Director R.D. Hopper to the Board.
5. Discussion and possible action to approve bond for Director R.D. Hopper representing agricultural interests from Walker County for the remainder of an unexpired term ending in January 2016.
Director Ward moved to approve the bond for Director R.D. Hopper representing agricultural interests from Walker County for the remainder of an unexpired term ending in January 2016. Director Minze seconded. **Motion carried.**
6. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of July 17, 2013 and September 18, 2013 Board Meetings.
Upon review, Director Reed moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2013 and September 18, 2013 Board Meetings. Director Browne seconded. **Motion carried.**
7. Discussion and possible action to approve quarterly Financial Report.
GM Holland briefed the Board about the outstanding invoices. Director Ward moved to approve the quarterly Financial Report. Director Morrison seconded. **Motion carried.**
8. Discussion and possible action to approve quarterly Investment Report.
After reviewing the report, Director Ward moved to approve the quarterly Investment Report. Director Browne seconded. **Motion carried.**
9. Discussion and possible action to accept quarterly Drought Status Assessment.

GM Holland detailed the drought conditions to the Board. Director Minze moved to accept the quarterly Drought Status Assessment. Director Davis seconded. **Motion carried.**

10. Presentation of District Annual Report for CY 2012 by General Manager Holland.

GM Holland brought to attention the well registration summary and spoke of the increases. Next, he reported on the summary of the annual groundwater pumpage summed up by county. He stated that 2012 was the highest pumpage that the District has seen. More details regarding the pumpage for individual permitted wells can be seen in the Annual Report.
11. Discussion and possible action to approve CY 2012 Annual Report.

GM Holland overviewed the pumping information presented in the CY 2012 Annual Report. Director Browne moved to approve CY 2012 Annual Report. Director Davis seconded. **Motion carried.**
12. Public Hearing on proposed revisions to District Management Plan.

At 6:22PM President Patout called the BGCD to conduct a public hearing on the proposed Management Plan revisions to current statute in Chapter 36. There being no public comment to be made, the meeting moved forward with GM Holland detailing the changes.
13. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2013-02 Revising and Readopting the District Management Plan.

GM Holland detailed the changes in the District Management Plan. The biggest change for the plan overall is the format of the Management Plan and reducing the amount of paper. The consolidation of items and creating a streamline effect are well received changes to the plan. The Texas Legislature enacted the significant changes to the management plan of the groundwater resources in Texas with the passage of House Bill 1763 in 2005. HB 1763 created a long term planning process in which Groundwater Conservation Districts and each Groundwater Management Area are required to meet and determine the Desired Future Conditions for the groundwater resources within their boundaries by Sept 1 2010. In addition, HB 1763 required GCDs to share mgt plan with other GCDs in the GMA for review by other GCDs. Another key format change is the major heading of Technical District Information Required by Texas Administrative Code. These numbers are required within the management plan but we do not produce these numbers. These numbers come and are produced by the Texas Water Development Board. We have a five year window before we have to look at and reopen our management plan for re adoption. All of these numbers are submitted to and created specifically for the District and helps us get a full fledged adoption process. The next piece that changed was the deadline for the Annual Report to be submitted to the Board. Former language stated that it had to be submitted to Board within 180 days from the FY. The problem is that the District does not receive the Annual Audit until the January Board Meeting, so there are 90 days that we are still collecting pumpage data. The District has only 90 days and 1 Board Meeting to be able to present and accumulate the needed data to present this to the Board on an annual basis. Individual pieces of pumpage data, drought, and the monitoring data is all going to be coordinated into a collection and this is a overall change that helps us to work on the management plan and management goals. There are 2 key changes on Management Goals. Management Goal #3 regards controlling and preventing subsidence which had some language that needed to be revisited and elaborated. Management Goal #8 addressed the quantitative manor the DFCs of the groundwater resources in the District. This ties the drought pumping and monitoring data that is available to the District altogether in a performance standard. Minor changes were addressed regarding Management Goal #6 and articles that go into the Annual Report. The management plan has obtained pre-approval by the TWDB. At 6:46 PM President Patout closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Board Meeting of the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District. Following a brief discussion regarding the statute changes and DFCs, Director Davis moved to approve Resolution 2013-02 Revising and Readopting the District Management Plan. Director Ward seconded. **Motion carried.**
14. General Manager's Report
 - a. Well Registration/Permitting
 - b. TAGD
 - i. 2013 Texas Groundwater Summit
 - c. Region G & H RWPG
 - d. GMA 14 Joint Planning
 - e. BGCD Update
 - i. Presentation engagements
 - ii. Vehicle Summary

15. Date for next regular Board meeting – January 15, 2014

16. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The above minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District held on October 16, 2013, were approved and adopted by that Board on January 15, 2014.

J Jared Patout, President

ATTEST:

James Morrison, Secretary