

BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 13, 2023 6:00 PM

In attendance:

Directors – Blezinger, Thornberry, Floyd, Fairchild, Minze, Beckendorff, Morrison, Patout, Eppler, Huebner, Julian, Muse, deMilliano, Rowland

Staff - General Manager Holland

AGENDA

1. **Call to order**

There being a quorum present, the Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by the President at 6:05pm.

2. **Public Comment**

No public comment.

3. **Public Hearing**

Called to order at 6:07pm

Public Hearing Notice read by GM Holland

No public comment. Public Hearing closed at 6:11pm

4. **Resignation of Director Richard Stoker representing rural water suppliers interests of Waller County.**

5. **Introduction of Brian Rowland representing rural water suppliers interests of Waller County and Director David Thornberry representing agricultural interests of Walker County.**

6. **Approve bonds for Directors Rowland and Thornberry**

Director Beckendorff moved the Board approve the bonds for Directors Rowland and Thornberry.

Director Morrison seconded.

Motion carried.

7. **Committee appointments by President**

President Patout appointed the Management Plan Committee to review and revise the District's Management Plan as necessary for submission to TWDB and provide final draft for Board adoption at the September 2023 board meeting. The Committee consists of Milton Beckendorff, Chair; Kyle Eppler; Philip Fairchild; Kimberly Kembro; and Jim Vaughn.

8. **Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the January 12, 2023 Board Meeting.**

Director Morrison moved the Board approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 Board Meeting.

Director Minze seconded.

Motion Carried

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

Director Beckendorff moved the Board approve the quarterly Financial Report.

Director Muse seconded.

Motion Carried

10. Discussion and possible action to approve quarterly Investment Report

Director Floyd moved the Board approve quarterly Investment Report. Director Huebner seconded.

Motion Carried.

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

Director Minze moved the Board accept the quarterly Drought Status Assessment. Director Eppler seconded.

Motion Carried.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding sponsorship of the Texas Groundwater Summit.

Director Morrison moved the Board continue sponsorship as the \$4000 WiFi Network sponsor. Director Muse seconded.

Motion Carried.

13. Discussions and possible action to approve the revised District Rules amendments and readopt the District Rules.

Director Morrison moved the Board approve the revised District Rules amendments and readopt the District Rules. Director Beckendorff seconded.

Motion Carried.

14. Discussion of revisions and timeline to District Management Plan submissions and adoption.

Director Beckendorff moved the Board approve the revisions and timeline to District Management Plan submissions and adoption. Director deMilliano seconded.

Motion Carried.

15. Discussions of revisions and timelines to District Fee Schedule amendments.

Discussion regarding the proposed revisions and the target of achieving 90% of budget revenues sourced from production fees. 2022 laid out the end goal and a two-step process. Discussion emphasized the desire to add more incremental increases rather than a single, large increase.

16. Discussion and possible action to approve District Fee Schedule effective October 1, 2023.

Director Beckendorff moved the Board approve the District Fee Schedule. Director Eppler seconded.

Motion Carried.

17. Discussion and possible action regarding partnership with Texas Water Resource Institute to coordinate and deliver education programs, public relations and outreach, and to cap reimbursement of indirect costs at 10% of total direct costs.

Director Rowland moved the Board continue partnership with TWRI.

Director Floyd seconded.

Motion Carried.

18. Discussion and possible action on resolution certifying compliance with cybersecurity training.

Director deMilliano moved the Board certify compliance. Director Muse seconded.

Motion Carried.

19. Discussion and possible action to approve comment letter regarding USGS developed GULF 2023 model submissions to TWDB for approval as the regional groundwater availability model.

Director Eppler moved the Board approve comment letter.

Director Fairchild seconded.

Motion Carried.

20. General Managers Report

A. Well Registration/Permitting

B. TAGD, TGWA & TWCA

i. TAGD Texas Groundwater Summit, August 29-31, Hyatt Regency Hill Country, San Antonio

C. Region G & H RWPG

i. Appointed Water Policy Committee, Vice Chair

D. GMA 14 Joint Planning

E. Legislative Update

F. TWRI Update

G. BGCD Update

21. Date for next Board meeting – September 21, 2023

22. Adjourned at 7:53pm

The Board approved the above minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District, held on April 13, 2023, on September 21, 2023

J Jared Patout, President

ATTEST:

David Minze, Vice President