

**MINUTES OF
March 5, 2007
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session Monday, March 5, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the District office located at 225 S Pierce Street, Suite 104, Burnet, Texas.

The following persons were present:

Members Present

John Simmons, President
Patrick Quinlan, Vice President
Wayne Brown, Secretary
Jerry Bostick, Director
Todd Fox, Director

Staff Present

Richard Bowers, General Manager
Randy Williams, Engineer with Turner, Collie & Braden

Others Present (who signed the attendance Record)

Dan Brady, Burnet, Texas
Charles Shell, City of Bertram, Bertram, Texas
Ronald E. Glason, Burnet, Texas
James Dickens, Burnet, Texas
Audley Brunson, Burnet, Texas
Cardine Bradshaw, Burnet, Texas
Ronald Bradshaw, Burnet, Texas
Ed Small, Austin, Texas
Ramsey Clinton, Burnet, Texas
Don Glover, Burnet, Texas
Jeanette Lanfear, Burnet, Texas
Shelvy C. Walker, Bertram, Texas
Lorene Denney, Burnet, Texas
Richard Miller, Burnet, Texas
Susan Miller, Burnet, Texas
Bill Neve, Burnet, Texas
Dave Kithil, Marble Falls, Texas
Leslie Hassell, Hanson, Burnet, Texas
Pam Richey, Burnet, Texas

President Simmons declared a quorum present and called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

President Simmons stated that we were waiting on Randy Williams with Turner Collie and Braden to provide an overview of the Management Plan. He stated that the Board would begin to work through the other Agenda items until Mr. Williams arrived.

President Simmons then asked the Board to consider the minutes of the February 15, 2007 Board Meeting.

Pat Quinlan moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the February 15, 2007 Board Meeting as presented.

Second was by Jerry Bostick.

Vote on the motion was unanimous.

President Simmons then asked if anyone in the audience would like to provide any public comments on an item other than the Management Plan.

One person asked if the Board would introduce themselves.

Each Director and the Manager then introduced their selves.

There were no other public comments.

President Simmons then asked the Board to consider the Financial Report prepared by the General Manager.

Pat Quinlan moved to approve the financial report.

Second by Todd Fox.

Vote on the motion was unanimous.

President Simmons then asked to Board to consider giving property tax relief to “primary charitable organizations”.

President Simmons informed the Board that he had talked with Brian Sledge, Attorney for the District in regard to this matter.

Wayne Brown moved to:

That to the extent that the District is authorized by state law, the District exempt from ad valorem taxation any real or personal property of a primarily charitable organization exempt from taxation under Section 11.184 of the Texas Tax Code.

Second by Pat Quinlan.

Vote on the motion was unanimous.

President Simmons then introduced Randy Williams and asked him to provide an overview of the Management Plan.

Mr. Williams provided a presentation of the Management Plan which included discussion and questions and answers between Mr. Williams, the Directors, the Manager and the people in attendance.

At the conclusion of the presentation and discussion one person asked if the Board would accept written comments on the Management Plan after the hearing was closed.

President Simmons stated that the next item on the agenda was to discuss and/or take action on the Management Plan and that issue would be discussed.

President Simmons then called for any additional comments or questions in regard to the Management Plan. There was none. President Simmons then closed the hearing.

President Simmons then asked the Board to discuss any action they wanted to take on the Management Plan.

Wayne Brown moved to:

Take written comments on the Management Plan until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 and include on the agenda of the April Board Meeting "Discussion and/or take action on adoption of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District Management Plan.

Second by Pat Quinlan.

Vote on the motion was unanimous.

President Simmons then asked the Board to consider the bids for a vehicle.

The Manager stated that he had requested Lee Hoffpauir, Inc. and Johnson Sewell Ford to resubmit a bid and had also checked on the purchase of a pickup through state purchasing. He also stated that as of today at 6:00 p.m. the only bid he received was from Lee Hoffpauir Inc. He provided the Board with a copy of that bid as well as the estimated cost of a pickup through state purchasing. The Board discussed the information provided.

Wayne Brown moved to:

Authorize the General Manager to spend up to \$25,500.00 for the purchase of a pickup.

Second by Todd Fox.

Vote on the motion was unanimous.

President Simmons then called on the Manager to discuss the advertisement requests.

The Manger stated that he had received requests from a couple of entities requesting that the District participate through advertising in public school related campaigns and also a request to have the District information in published in bold type in an area-wide phone book. He stated that he would like to know what the policy is on advertising.

The Board collectively stated that they did not think the District should participate in any form of advertising.

President Simmons then stated that he had talked to Cheryl Maxwell the administrator for Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8) in regard to the interlocal agreement. He provided the Board with a copy of the changes that had been adopted since they had adopted the interlocal agreement last fall. He stated that although the changes were minor that the Board should consider the current version and act on it.

The Board discussed the proposed changes to the Interlocal Agreement.

Jerry Bostick moved to:

Adopt the Interlocal Agreement and authorize the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District Representative to sign the Interlocal Agreement at the meeting of the Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8) when the Interlocal Agreement is acted on. And instruct the General Manager to provide a copy of this Board Action to the GMA 8 Committee.

Second by Pat Quinlan.

Vote on the motion was unanimous.

President Simmons then stated that he had discussed several dates and times that Brian Sledge could meet with the Board to work on the District Rules and asked the Directors to select a date and time to hold a Rules work session.

It was decided by consensus that Friday, March 23, 2007 would be the best date to work on the Rules and the Board could also review any written comments received on the Management Plan.

President Simmons then asked the Manager to post notice of a Board work session on the Rules for 8:00 a.m. on March 23, 2007 in the District office.

President Simmons then called for any comments from the Directors.
There were none.

President Simmons then called on the Manager for his report.

The Manager reported that he had been in contact with several staff members of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in regard to water well information including well logs and the monitoring wells currently used by them. He concluded his report by stating that he would need to acquire software that would identify the well locations using the information in the TWDB database.

President Simmons then asked the Board to identify any items that needed to be included on the April board meeting agenda.

The following were stated: Retirement plan information, employee policy, payroll taxes, Budget consideration in regard to expenses that may need to be amended and the Management Plan.

President Simmons stated that the next Board Meeting would be April 2, 2007.

He adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

John Simmons, President

Wayne Brown, Secretary