

**MINUTES OF
April 2, 2007
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session Monday, April 2, 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
Todd Fox, Director

Director Absent

Jerry Bostick, Director

Staff Present

Richard Bowers, General Manager

Others present (who signed the attendance Record)

Bill Felps, Burnet, Texas
Ramsey Clinton, Burnet, Texas
Charles Shell, City of Bertram, Bertram, Texas
Leslie Hassell, Hanson, Burnet, Texas
Steve Lance, City of Burnet, Burnet, Texas
John A. Bartle, City of Bertram, Austin, Texas
Dianal Granger, City of Bertram, Austin, Texas
William Gamblin, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc., Austin, Texas
Allan Standen, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc., Austin, Texas

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

President Simmons then asked if anyone in the audience would like to provide any public comments on an item other than the Management Plan stating that the meeting would be open for comments on the Management Plan under that agenda item.

There were none

President Simmons then asked the Board to consider the minutes of the March 5, 2007 Board Meeting.

Pat Quinlan moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the March 5, 2007 Board Meeting as presented.

Second was by Todd Fox.

Vote on the motion was unanimous.

President Simmons stated that the Management Plan had been revised since the Hearing held on March 5, 2007 and that the comments provided at the Hearing as well as the written comments had been considered in the development of the current Management Plan draft. He then opened the meeting for comments on the Management Plan.

Several individuals provided comments in regard to the Management Plan. Various members of the Board and Manager responded to the comments.

Director Quinlan stated that he needs to be excused from the meeting early and stated that he was in favor of the Management Plan as revised and supported the adoption of it. He then excused himself from the meeting.

President Simmons then asked the Manager to provide summary of the changes to the Management Plan.

The Manager stated:

- That a general statement was added in several places which explained that certain data was used in the Plan because of the requirements of Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code and the Rules of the Texas Water Development Board.
- The requirements also include the use of data from the State Management Plan for water use estimates and groundwater availability.
- One of the main purposes of the District was to collect additional groundwater data and use it in future updates to the Management Plan.
- Various terms were defined, the source of data was included, and several clerical corrections were made.
- Oral and written comments received that were related to a “Rules” issue were not addressed in the Management Plan revision.

At the conclusion of the Managers summary President Simmons asked the Directors if there was any action they wanted to consider.

Todd Fox moved:

To table action on the Management Plan until more Directors are present.

Second by Wayne Brown.

Vote on the motion passed – all three Directors present voted yes.

The Board then decided to call a special meeting for April 16, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to specifically consider the Management Plan.

The Manager asked President Simmons that the consideration of the financial activities be postponed until after the presentation by Allan Standed.

President Simmons agreed with the Managers request and stated that the next item for consideration would be a presentation and proposal by Allan Standen with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc.

Mr. Standen provided the Board with information in regard to software, various datasets and examples of how to manage groundwater information within the District.

At the conclusion of the presentation President Simmons stated that he would like Mr. Standen to provide the Board with a proposal in regard to the information presented for their consideration.

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

Wayne Brown moved to accept the financial report.

Second by Todd Fox.

Vote on the motion carried with all three Directors voting yes.

President Simmons called on the Manager for information about Groundwater Management Area 8 & 9.

The Manager stated that GMA 9 would meet on Tuesday, April 3rd and there were two items on their agenda he felt were of interest to our District:

1. A report and discussion on the status of the cooperative effort between GMA-9, the TWDB, and the Groundwater Management in Texas PA 682A and GEO 391 graduate student course at UT Austin.
2. Discussion on Ellenberger, Hickory, Marble Falls, Lower Trinity, and other aquifers and how to analyze and set Desired Future Conditions.

He also stated that the next GMA 8 meeting would be on Thursday, April 12, and would be held in Lampasas, Texas.

President Simmons then called for any comments from the Directors.

Wayne Brown suggested that the District host a meeting and invite the well drillers and pump installers to get acquainted with the Directors and staff of the District.

President Simmons then called on the Manager for his report.

The report included the following:

Various meetings since March Board Meeting:

- City Manager of Burnet, Michael Steele – Discuss water issues and the groundwater used by Burnet,
- Charles Shell, Director of Utilities, City of Bertram discussed information in regard to the wells owned by Bertram and comments in regard to the Management Plan.
- Discussed the comments with Curtis Shell in regard to the Management Plan and other groundwater issues.
- Met with Alan Standing and Billy Gamblin with Daniel B. Stephens & Associated in regard to groundwater data and the management of that data
- Met with Bill Fry, Regional Manager, Severn Trent Services in regard to groundwater used by public water supply systems in Burnet County

- Attended monthly meeting of the Highland Lakes District public water supply system operators.
- Attended TAGD quarterly meeting in Austin March 28th and 29th.
- Attended Tarleton Hydrology Advisory Committee meeting in Stephenville, March 30th.

Other Activities:

- Compiles information and delivered it to the Auditor for the 23005 – 2006 Audit.
- Compiled the water use data for public water systems using groundwater within Burnet County.
- Reviewed the Rules, Management Plan and written comments receive on the Management Plan. Worked with Randy and Brian on final draft of the Management plan.
- Discussed with Randy GIS for District

General office activities

- Get and sort Mail
- Pay Bills
- Reply to inquires by phone and email,
- Prepare information for Rules Work Session and Board Meeting

Recommendations for Consideration:

- Purchase of GIS program
- Hiring of Administrative Assistant

The Manager concluded the report by stating that an employee policy was to be scheduled for this Board Meeting but due to the length of the policy he wanted to provide copies of it to the Directors will in advance of the meeting for their review.

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:

GIS program for District and discussion of an administrative assistant.

President Simmons stated that the next regular scheduled Board Meeting would be May 7, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

President Simmons adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

John Simmons, President

Wayne Brown, Secretary