

**MINUTES OF
September 4, 2007
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session Tuesday, September 4, 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
Jerry Bostick, Director
Todd Fox, Director

Staff Present

Richard Bowers, General Manager
Donnita Coats, Administrative Assistant

Others present (who signed the attendance Record)

Michelle Lee, Westward Environmental
Lorene Denney, Highland Lake Newspapers
Leslie Hassell, Hanson, Burnet, 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 comment.

There were no Public Comments.

President Simmons then asked the Directors to consider the Minutes of the August 6, 2007 Board Meeting.

Todd Fox moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2007 Board Meeting as presented.

Second was by Pat Quinlan.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked the Board to consider the expenditures for August 2007.
Todd Fox moved to:
Approve the expenses for August 2007.

Second was by Jerry Bostick.
Vote on the motion passed.

President Simmons then called on the Manager to discuss the 2006-2007 Budget. The Manager informed the Board that the Auditor stated that there is no need to adjust line items that go over budget if the entire expenditures are not over budget.

The Board then reviewed changes to the proposed 2007 – 2008 Budget prepared by the Manager. The Board discussed each budget item in detail.
Jerry Bostick moved to:
Adopt the following 2007-2008 Expense Budget.

Payroll Expense	184,450.00
Contingency	10,000.00
Reserve	55,000.00
Directors	500.00
Other Expenses	6,000.00
Technical Operations	11,500.00
Education	5,500.00
Administrative Operations	17,500.00
Vehicle Expense	7,100.00
Capital Purchase	55,000.00
Contract Services	131,500.00
Insurance	3,550.00
Office Expense	<u>21,500.00</u>
Total Expenses	509,100.00

Second was by Todd Fox.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then called on the Manager to discuss the information about the 2007 tax rate for the District.

The Manager stated that he had proposed \$12,000 income from interest on funds held and had not projected any additional income to the District other than taxes. He then stated we should subtract the \$12,000 interest income from the adopted budget of \$509,100 to determine the amount of funds needed from 2007 taxes. This calculation yielded \$497,100 needed. He then stated that the 2007 adjusted tax base is \$3,282,743,347.00 and that the “effective tax rate” is \$0.0153/\$100. To calculate the tax rate needed to assess the \$497,100 divide the funds needed by the adjusted tax base times 100. He then stated that these calculation result in a tax rate of \$0.0151458/\$100. He then stated that the Chief Appraiser said we would need to round the adopted tax rate to 4 decimal places.

After discussing the calculations and the effective tax rate of .01513, the board decided that it was not necessary to set the tax rate equal to the effective tax rate.

Jerry Bostick moved to:

Adopt the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District 2007 tax rate of .0151/\$100.

Second was by Pat Quinlan.

Vote on motion carried.

President Simmons stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the purchase of lab and field equipment. After discussion of the type field equipment the Manager felt we needed,

Jerry Bostick moved to:

Approve the purchase of field equipment that the Manager suggested.

Second was by Pat Quinlan.

Vote on motion carried.

The Board then discussed the purchase of lab equipment. The Manager presented a list of the equipment and reagents needed. He then discussed the disclaimer statement, equipment used and no cost to District residents used by Blanco-Pedernales GCD. The Board asked that the Manager provide Brian Sledge with the disclaimer statement before ordering the equipment.

Jerry Bostick moved to:

Approve the purchase of lab equipment pending resolution of questions on liability with legal counsel.

Second was by Pat Quinlan.

Vote on motion carried.

President Simmons called on the Manager to discuss a CTGCD Information Insert to the 2007 Tax Statements. The Manager presented a copy of the insert and discussed the costs and benefits of including it with the statements.

Pat Quinlan moved to:

Include the CTGCD Information Insert with the 2007 Tax Statements not to exceed a cost of \$2500.00.

Second was by: Todd Fox

Vote on motion carried.

President Simmons then called on the Manager to report on Groundwater Management Area 8.

The Manager reported that there would be a GMA 8 meeting in Bellmead on September 5, 2007. The Board discussed the Agenda item on setting the Desired Future Conditions for the area. After discussing whether there was a rush to set the conditions, the Board agreed that the Manager should let it be known at the GMA meeting that they are leaning towards setting the conditions now.

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

President Simmons then called on the General Manager for his report.

The report included the following items:

1. John Simmons and I attended the GMA 8 Meeting in Goldhwaite, Texas.
2. I provided a program to the Noon Rotary Club in Burnet.
3. Met with Alan Standen on the GIS Program for the District.
4. Attended the TAGD quarterly Membership meeting Aug. 29 & 30;
5. Continued to work with various residents in regard to the private well bacteria problems.
6. Met with the Board on Budget works session and Rules work session.
7. Met with computer tech in regard to network server and computer for the office that will manage the data in the GIS program and allow access to the information through internet and within the District Office.

President Simmons then asked the Board to discuss a date to hold a GIS work session. It was decided to hold the work session on Friday, September 21, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in the District office.

President Simmons then stated that the next regular scheduled Board Meeting should be on Monday, October 1, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the District office.

President Simmons adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

John Simmons, President

Wayne Brown, Secretary