

**MINUTES OF
February 11, 2011
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session Friday, February 11, 2011 at 9:05 a.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
Todd Fox, Vice President
Clyde Waters, Secretary/Treasurer

Wayne Brown, Director
Steve Henderson, Director

Staff and or Consultants Present

Richard Bowers, General Manager
Donnita Coats, Administrative Assistant
Mitchell Sodek, Hydrologist

Others present

Four Members of the Public

President Simmons asked General Manager Bowers to establish a quorum through a roll call of Directors; declared a quorum present; and called the Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

President Simmons then moved Agenda Item 5 “Presentation from Jo Karr Tedder on activities of the Central Texas Water Coalition” to precede Agenda Item 2 “Public Comment”. He then called on Ms. Tedder.

Ms. Tedder gave a Lake Interest Group power point presentation emphasizing water use from Lakes Buchanan and Travis; LCRA Firm Water Committed and Used; Combined Storage; Effects on lake levels; and Fiscal Impact on Tourism in the Colorado River Basin. She informed the Board that in November of 2010 the LCRA Board had changed rules that did not allow mixing of groundwater with river water to allow a 30% groundwater mix in canals with river water. Following the presentation members of the Board and Ms. Tedder had open discussion about the presentation.

President Simmons then asked for public comment. There were no public comments.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Board Meeting held January 14, 2011.

Todd Fox moved to:

Approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held January 14, 2011.

Second was by Clyde Waters.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for January 2011 and review of 2010 – 2011 Budget.

Todd Fox moved to:
Approve the expenses for January 2011.
Second was by Wayne Brown.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for a report on Public Water Education Activities. Director Henderson, who chaired the Education Committee meeting in the absence of Director Brown, reported on the meeting held on January 21, 2011. He reported that committee member, Bill Luedecke, had suggested having a booth at the 2011 Garden Show and that the committee agreed that this would be a good project for the committee. They discussed having a booth at the Bluebonnet Festival but felt that since it catered to such a large out of district population that it would not be the best use of District time or funds.

Committee members Dan Brady and Bill Luedecke suggested that the District prepare a notice of registration and permitting requirements to be signed and a copy given to purchasers of property with private water wells in Burnet County at the time of closing on the property. General Manager Bowers agreed and presented a draft of the notice he had prepared for review by the Board. Directors Fox and Simmons suggested changes to the notice and asked General Manager Bowers to make the changes and present an amended draft at the next Board Meeting.

Director Fox suggested that the District create an interactive Facebook page for the District. Director Brown stated that he and Director Henderson would take over that project as part of the education committee.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on a Letter of Support for Private Ownership of Groundwater. Director Fox discussed conflicting TAGD correspondence regarding ownership of groundwater and the fact that the District had not made a public statement or a statement to other Groundwater Districts explaining why this District signed a resolution supporting landowners' ownership interest in groundwater below the land. Director Fox presented a statement letter for consideration by the Board to be sent to other groundwater districts in the state explaining the District position on groundwater ownership and a request for them to strongly consider adopting a resolution or statement supporting landowners' ownership interest in groundwater below the land.

Wayne Brown moved to:
Make a public statement explaining the District position on groundwater ownership and send the letter Director Fox presented to be sent to other groundwater districts in the state explaining the District position on groundwater ownership and a request for them to strongly consider adopting a resolution or statement supporting landowners' ownership interest in groundwater below the land.
Second was by Steve Henderson.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for a Report on Groundwater Management Area 8 Trinity Aquifer, Management Plan update and Drought Management Plan development. General Manager Bowers reported that there would be a GMA 8 Meeting held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in Woodway, Texas. The District is on the Agenda to discuss results of the Burnet County Study—Trinity Aquifer Characterization and Groundwater Availability Assessment Burnet County—and

possible revision of desired future condition statements and Managed Available Groundwater for Burnet County. He asked Board members if they would be able to attend and will post notice of a possible quorum of Directors at the meeting. He informed the Board that he had sent in a request to Bill Hutchison, TWDB, to review the language to make sure it meets requirements.

He discussed possible amendments to the Management Plan regarding more specific goals of the District including water quality and a drought management plan. Mitchell Sodek is working on a drought management plan and the Board should consider whether the plan should be a “stand alone” document, a part of the management plan or included in the Rules of the District. They discussed each option and the merits of a “stand alone” document but the need for enforcement options. Mitchell Sodek will continue working on a plan as a “stand alone” document and General Manager Bowers will work on an amendment to the rules regarding enforcement actions.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on a letter of intent and description of in-kind services the District will provide for the Burnet-Llano County Regional Water Study. Director Waters reviewed the letter that was redrafted as a result of the Board agreement at the January 14, 2011 meeting to incorporate 5% percent of cost into the letter.

Clyde Waters moved to:

Approve and keep in the files of the District the presented letter of intent and description of in-kind services the District will provide for the Burnet-Llano County Regional Water Study.

Second was by Todd Fox.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons called on the General Manager for the Staff Report.

a. Rule implementation activities.

First Report of Production (Sept. – Dec. 2010) is due by February 15th. We have received a few reports and will send a reminder letter next week. We sent report forms with the registration information to the applicants who are required to report production. Most Agricultural use is 0 for this period. Public water supply reports usually are sent to TCEQ in March according to one of the PWS applicants (may want to change reporting date if this is the case).

Activity	Total as of Feb. 10, 2011
Well registrations	3,226
Exempt Well Drilling Auth.	208
Permit App. Received	111

Clyde Waters asked that the previous months rule implementation activity numbers be included in each months report for comparison purposes.

Mitchell reported that continuous hydrographs and an updated monitor well map will be displayed on the web site soon. He also reported on the hours and mileage involved in collecting monitor well water level data and a problem with keeping batteries charged for the telemetry system. He suggested looking into a solar panel for charging if the telemetry system is continued.

There was discussion between the Board and staff in regard to the telemetry system. It was finally decided that the staff provide a report of cost and effectiveness of the way we do it now versus telemetry at the next meeting.

President Simmons then called for any Director comments. There were no Director comments.

President Simmons called for Agenda items for the next Board Meeting.

Update on meters provided by District.

President Simmons stated that Directors could contact the Manager or himself prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.

President Simmons then stated that the Board would go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and real property issues.

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:03 a.m.

The Board reconvened in to regular session at 11:20 a.m. No actions were taken resulting from the Executive Session.

President Simmons then set the next regular board meeting for, Friday, March 11, 2011 at 9:05 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Simmons adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

John Simmons, President

Clyde Waters, Secretary/Treasurer