

**MINUTES OF  
March 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, March 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  
Clyde Waters, Secretary/Treasurer

Wayne Brown, Director  
Steve Henderson, Director

**Members Absent**

Todd Fox, Vice President

**Staff and or Consultants Present**

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

**Others present**

Six 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 asked for public comment.

Jo Karr Tedder gave a short progress report on the Lake Interest Group activities.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Board Meeting held February 11, 2011.

Clyde Waters moved to:

Approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held February 11, 2011.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

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

Wayne Brown moved to:

Approve the expenses for February 2011.

Second was by Clyde Waters.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for a report on Public Water Education Activities. President Simmons stated that Director Henderson had set up a Facebook account for the District as directed by the Board at the February 11, 2011 Board Meeting. He also stated that District General Counsel Sledge had

advised the District to hold off on going forward with a Facebook account until additional research was done on compliance with the Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act. After discussion, the Board agreed to move forward and continue with the District Facebook account.

Wayne Brown, education committee chairman informed the Board of water conservation programs being offered by LCRA and said that the education committee would discuss the possibility of the District implementing similar programs in the future.

President Simmons then asked for a Report on Groundwater Management Area 8 and a Management Plan update. General Manager Bowers reported that a GMA 8 meeting had been held on February 22, 2011 and that he had expected to review the Groundwater Availability Report for Central Texas GCD (TWDB GAM Run 10-066) and request a new Desired Future Condition (DFC) for the Trinity aquifer in the District based on the results of that Report. However, the request for a new DFC for the District could not be made until we determined the amount of annual pumping we would have based on another model giving the drawdown for the Trinity aquifer. The request for the model run has been made and we have the results to consider later in this meeting. The next GMA 8 meeting is planned for late April 2011. Some of the agenda items for that meeting include: annual budget, distributing expense, our model and request to amend our DFC's for the Trinity aquifer.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on Groundwater Availability Model Run 11-005 which provides the average drawdown in the Trinity Aquifer at various pumping scenarios in Central Texas GCD. General Manager Bowers reviewed the GAM Run and informed the Board that the model still includes water being pumped from the Paluxy and Hosston within the District. The summary page shows an average drawdown for those layers. He stated that there will be a new Trinity model developed during the next five years which will include our data for the Trinity.

President Simmons asked General Manager Bowers what he suggested the Board adopt. He suggested that they select one scenario 4 which allows for 31,933 acre feet of production in year 1 and production is reduced over the 50 year period to 28,830 acre feet in year 50. This will allow for a 28 foot average drawdown in the Trinity aquifer in the District. We would amend the management plan and keep for five years and then consider if a change is necessary after 5 years based on the new Trinity GAM. He also discussed that the update to the Management Plan needs to include changes to the Hickory aquifer, and include the granite & granite gravel formations. The Granite and Granite Gravel formations are not recognized as minor or major aquifers so no DFC is required.

Wayne Brown moved to:

Adopt Scenario #4 as presented in the Texas Water Development Board GAM Run 11-005.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for a report on the Senate Natural Resources Committee Hearing held March 2, 2011 on SB 332 & SB 667 ownership of groundwater. General Manager Bowers, Hydrologist Sodek, Director Brown and Director Fox attended the hearing. Directors Brown and Fox attended as individuals and ranch owners. Director Brown reported on the various organizations present that had public comment for and against the position that a landowner has vested rights in groundwater beneath their land. Senators Duncan and Frasier debated the issue and ended with a lot more study to be done.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District Drought Management Plan. Hydrologist, Mitchell Sodek, gave a power point presentation on the Palmer Hydrological Drought Index and he and General Manager Bowers reviewed the draft drought management plan. After discussion by the board, President Simmons tabled consideration and/or action on the District Drought Management Plan until the next regular meeting.

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

**a. Rule implementation activities.**

General Manager stated that he planned to act on most of the existing DLP applications in April. He also suggested that the General Manager should be able to grant permits on small wells. President Simmons asked if this would require a rule change and public hearing. The General Manager stated yes, and President Simmons instructed him to develop language for a rule change.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Total as of Feb. 10, 2011</b>	<b>Total as of March 10, 2011</b>
<b>Well registrations</b>	3,226	3,244
<b>Exempt Well Drilling Auth.</b>	208	220
<b>Permit App. Received</b>	111	113

**Permit Applications by Use**

<b>Commercial</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Industrial</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Irrigation</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Public Water Supply</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>

**Permit Applications by Precinct**

<b>Precinct 1</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Precinct 2</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Precinct 3</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Precinct 4</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Precincts 1 2 &amp; 3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>

**b. Meter Purchases**

Mitchell Sodek gave the following report on flow meters purchased by the District:

Seven IMC multi-jet meters were purchased from Austin Fluid Meter Service:

Mark Rowland- 3 (2" at \$475) and 1 (1.5" at \$325) - \$1,750

George Lester- 1 (2") and 2 (1.5") - \$1,125

**Total cost of seven meters: \$2,875.00**

Two larger meters were purchased from Great Plains Meter:

Malcolm Guess- 1 (6") - \$757.74

Chem Lime- 1 (4") - \$714.03

**Total of two meters \$1,471.77**

<b>Nine Total meters Purchased by the District Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$4,346.77</b>
Reimbursement for meters already bought by well owners:	
Camp Longhorn-17 (2'') - \$247 (+ tax and shipping) <b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,691.42</b>
<b>Total number of meters paid for = 26</b>	
<b>Total Expense as of March 11, 2011</b>	<b>\$9,038.19</b>

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on the telemetry system for the Monitoring Well Program. General Manager Bowers reviewed a cost comparison of collecting water level data through a telemetry system versus collecting the data manually. He stated that he cannot justify using the telemetry system at this time. President Simmons tabled consideration and/or action on the telemetry system and the District staff will continue collecting the data manually. The General Manager stated that he would continue to check for a less expensive cell phone data plan and if it was cost effective possibly using the telemetry equipment in the future.

President Simmons then asked for discussion on the retirement of the General Manager and determination of the time frame and process for hiring a replacement. General Manager Bowers informed the Board of Directors that he will reach full retirement age in September and intends to retire at the end of August 2011. President Simmons asked General Manager Bowers if he would consider postponing retirement until the end of the year. He stated that they would seek applicants and plan to hire someone by then but would like for him to stay for a transition period through the end of the year. General Manager Bowers stated that he wants to be available as a consultant for the District for as long as he is needed but would rather not have to report on a daily basis after August 31, 2011.

General Manager Bowers reviewed a news release on his retirement, a draft advertisement for employment for the General Manger position and a position qualification and specific duties sheet. President Simmons asked that groundwater management experience be emphasized more specifically in several places and then for staff to proceed with advertising the position.

President Simmons then called for any Director comments.

Director Henderson asked for a status report on the Geophysical Logging Trailer. General Manager Bowers stated that the trailer had been received and was at the Blanco-Pedernales GCD office and is being equipped at this time. There will be a training session on use of the equipment on Wednesday, March 16, 2011. General Manager Bowers offered a Trinity and Ellenburger monitor well to be logged in the training exercises but had not heard if they would be used.

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

Drought Management Plan.

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 set the next regular board meeting for, Friday, April 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas. The Burnet Bluebonnet Festival, which

occurs on the County Square and blocks entrance and limits parking for the District Office will be in progress on the regular second Tuesday meeting date, therefore, the meeting was scheduled on the third Tuesday of the month.

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

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John Simmons, President

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Clyde Waters, Secretary/Treasurer