

**MINUTES OF
April 15, 2011
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session Friday, April 15, 2011 which was called to order at 9:16 a.m. following the adjournment of a Permit Hearing and a Public Hearing on the Drought Management Plan. The meeting was held in the District office located at 225 S. Pierce Street, Suite 104, Burnet, Texas.

President Simmons asked General Manager Bowers to establish a quorum. The Manager called the roll of Directors and stated that all the members of the Board were present and a quorum existed.

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

7 Members of the Public

President Simmons called the Meeting to order.

President Simmons 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 March 11, 2011.

Clyde Waters moved to:
Approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held March 11, 2011.
Second was by Wayne Brown.
Vote on the motion carried.

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

Wayne Brown moved to:
Approve the expenses for March 2011.
Second was by Todd Fox.

Vote on the motion carried.

General Manager Bowers then provided a quarterly report of the Investment Position of the District on March 31, 2010 in accordance with Section IV of the Public Investment Policy of the District.

President Simmons stated that the next item on the agenda, Consider and/or action on the Alamo Concrete Permit Application, was acted on at the Permit Hearing and no additional action was needed.

President Simmons stated that the next item on the agenda, Consider and/or action on Drought Management, was acted on at the Drought Management Plan Hearing and no additional action was needed.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on Resolution providing for the Sale of Property Acquired by the Burnet Central Appraisal District at Delinquent Tax Sale.

Wayne Brown moved to:

Pass, approve and adopt the Resolution providing for the Sale of Property Acquired by the Burnet Central Appraisal District at Delinquent Tax Sale.

Second by Todd Fox.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for a report on Public Water Education Activities. Wayne Brown, education committee chairman informed the Board of his attendance at a recent water issues meeting regarding surface water and water sewer facilities. Director Brown also stated that the CTGCD Board may in the future want to consider the District implementing water conservation programs similar to those being offered by LCRA.

General Manager Bowers stated that Pete Smith was scheduled to present a request for funding rainwater harvesting equipment at the Helping Center in Marble Falls, Texas. However, the two Hearings scheduled prior to the Board Meeting concluded sooner than expected and Mr. Smith was not present to explain the request. The Manager and Director Brown discussed the request with the Board. Director Brown suggested that the request should be presented to the Education Committee and funding would go through the education committee with funds budgeted for education.

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 would be held on April 27, 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 and possibly readopt all DFC's.

General Manager Bowers informed the Board that he, Mitchell Sodek and Tom Partridge were finalizing characteristics of the Trinity aquifer, Granite aquifer and Granite Gravel aquifer for updates to the Management Plan.

President Simmons then asked for a Report on legislative issues relating to groundwater conservation districts. General Manager Bowers reviewed the status of the bills being tracked by the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) and the District.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on equipping certain monitor wells to allow use of the well for firefighting only. Director Henderson suggested the use of monitor wells for firefighting if it was practical to do so. Board members, staff and Commissioner Dockery discussed what type wells would work for this and the agencies to contact to organize a plan for their use. President Simmons asked Mitchell Sodek to work on a possible program to implement the use of monitor wells for firefighting and report to the Board at a later date.

General Manager Bowers informed President Simmons that Pete Smith had arrived and was prepared to give a presentation to the Board on the Helping Center in Marble Falls, Texas. President Simmons welcomed Mr. Smith and before his presentation informed him that the Board had agreed to fund the request and that the funding would be handled through the education committee. Mr. Smith provided the Board with a more detailed description of the use of the rainwater harvesting demonstration and the community involvement with the Helping Center.

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

- a. **Burnet County Household Hazardous Waste Collection 2011** Manager Bowers stated that he thought the **project** was a great success. He stated that Commissioner Joe Don Dockery was present and had more specific information about the event. Commissioner Dockery reviewed updated numbers which included a total of 357 vehicles which accounted for 16.37 tons of household hazardous waste, 423 gallons of used oil, 250 used oil filters, 103 gallons of antifreeze, approximately 499 batteries, and 4,423 pounds of electronics. The report also provided various donations and other revenues totaling \$18,534. Commissioner Dockery discussed future projects in jeopardy with possible budget cuts and asked that we consider keeping funds in the budget for next years project.

b. **Rule implementation activities.**

Activity	Total as of March 10, 2011	Total as of April 14, 2011
Well registrations	3,244	3,264
Exempt Well Drilling Auth.	220	236
Permit App. Received	113	116
Permit Applications by Use		Permits Issued

Commercial	16	* 1
Domestic, Livestock & Poultry	37	**1
Industrial	7	0
Irrigation	22	0
Public Water Supply	34	0
Total	116	2
Permit Applications by Precinct		
Precinct 1	51	
Precinct 2	28	
Precinct 3	21	
Precinct 4	15	
Precincts 1 2 & 3	1	
Total	116	

***Alamo Concrete Permit Application scheduled for Board Action April 15, 2011**

**** Non Exempt Domestic, Livestock or Poultry**

Issued

New Well

Applicant: Andrew E. and Maureen C. Christian - 221 Chestnut St., Liberty, NY 12754

Well location: 1121 CR 123, Marble Falls, Texas

Application was determined to be Administratively Complete

Notice posted March 3, 2011. Notice published March 8 & 9, 2011

Permit issued on March 22, 2011

Proposed to Issue 36 Existing Non Exempt Domestic, Livestock, or Poultry Wells

All applications were determined to be Administratively Complete.

Notice was posted on March 31, 2011. Notice published April 5 & 6, 2011

Manager proposes to issue 36 permits on April 19, 2011

The wells are equipped to produce in excess of 25,000 gallons of water in a 24 hour period (17.365 gallons per minute). The use of the water is for domestic (which includes irrigation of family lawns or of a family garden and/or orchard), livestock, or poultry. The wells meet the requirements for Operating Permits issued pursuant to § 3.52 and other applicable Rules of the District. They are issued with provisions that limit production generally to only the amount of water that can be used beneficially for the specified purpose of use, instead of limiting production authorization to an express annual production volume.

- c. **Logging Equipment** – Mitchell Sodek provided the Board with a description of the various geophysical logs that were developed using the equipment in the Logging Trailer. He stated that at the present time all four of the District had been present every time the equipment was used. This was to train and familiarize each with the operation of the equipment. He stated that the trailer was parked in front of the District office for anyone to view. He also stated that he and Ron Fieseler were planning to log a well today and anyone who wanted to watch was welcome. He stated that the schedule for use of the trailer had not been developed but felt that the trailer would be available for use by the District usually at any time given 24

hour notice to the other Districts. Certainly we could schedule a week for use when we have wells scheduled to log.

- d. **Granite Gravel Pump Test** – Mitchell reported to the Board that he and Tom Partridge conducted a pump test in the Granite Gravel formation on March 23, 2011. The test was conducted at on a well at Backbone Valley Nursery. The results were analyzed using AQTESOLV computer program. The information will be used in the Granite Gravel Report which will be completed before the next Board Meeting. In addition the Trinity Report is also scheduled to be completed at the same time.
- e. **Leak detection over flow meter** – General Manager Bowers suggested that it may be more beneficial for the District to purchase leak detection equipment rather than the purchase of a flow meter. Director Waters suggested that the District purchase both the leak detector and flow meter. Charles Shell, City of Bertram, demonstrated to the Board the leak detection equipment they use and recommend that the District would benefit by purchasing similar equipment. President Simmons suggested having an agenda item to cover moving money in the budget to capital purchase – field equipment at the next regular meeting.

President Simmons then asked for a report on the number of applications received for the position of General Manager. General Manager Bowers informed the Board that three applications for the General Manager position had been received and that the District would continue to receive applications through April 30, 2011.

President Simmons then called for any Director comments.

Director Brown informed the Board that he would be giving a presentation the following week at Oakalla and Bethel and that he would report on the meetings at the next board meeting.

Director Henderson commented that the staff had posted a monitor well equipment presentation on District FaceBook account and asked the staff if we had stats for hits on the website. General Manager Bowers informed the Board that we do have access to stats on website use.

Director Waters asked Charles Shell, who was in attendance at the meeting, for information on and the cost of recording water meters that the City of Bertram uses.

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

Move money in the budget to purchase field Equipment.

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, May 13, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Simmons adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

John Simmons, President

Clyde Waters, Secretary/Treasurer