

**MINUTES OF
APRIL 9, 2010
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session Friday, April 9, 2010 at 10:06 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

Wayne Brown, Vice President

Jerry Bostick, Secretary/Treasurer

Clyde Waters, Director

Todd Fox, Director

Staff and or Consultants Present

Richard Bowers, General Manager

Donnita Coats, Administrative Assistant

Brian Sledge, District General Counsel

Others present (who signed the attendance Record)

5 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 10:06 a.m.

President Simmons moved Agenda Item Number 8, Consider and/or action on authorizing publication of notice and hearing on amendments to the District Rules to precede Agenda Item Number 2 Public Comment. General Counsel Sledge explained the main points covered by the Draft Amendments to the Rules. He stated that the draft had been proofed and the language cleaned up with no substantial changes to the draft. President Simmons explained that the proposed amendments were drafted as a result of General Manager Bowers request to simplify various rules in order to better implement those rules.

Wayne Brown moved to:

Authorize the District Staff and/or General Counsel to publish notice of a Public Hearing on the Amendments to the District Rules with the hearing to be held on the date of the next scheduled monthly meeting of the Board.

Second was by Todd Fox.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then moved Agenda Item Number 10, Consideration and/or action on a contract with Tom Partridge for engineering services to precede Agenda Item Number 2 Public Comment. Brian Sledge, District General Counsel, suggested that the District allow his firm to create a template to be used for outside contracts for technical services for the District. Vice President Brown asked if the Board or the General Manager would sign contracts for technical services. Mr. Sledge said that it was his understanding that the board had delegated that authority to the General Manager.

President Simmons then asked for public comment.

There was no public comment.

President Simmons then asked the Directors to consider the Minutes of the Board Meeting held March 12, 2010.

Jerry Bostick moved to:
Approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2010 Board Meeting as presented.
Second was by Wayne Brown.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked the Board to consider and/or act on the expenditures for March 2010.

Jerry Bostick moved to:
Approve the expenses for March 2010.
Second was by Todd Fox.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked the Board to review the 2009-2010 Budget.
There were no changes or amendments needed and none were made.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on Resolutions providing for the Sale of Property Acquired by the Burnet Central Appraisal District at Delinquent Tax Sale. General Manager Bowers recommended approval of the resolutions.

Wayne Brown moved to:
Pass, approve and adopt the Resolutions providing for the Sale of Property Acquired by the Burnet Central Appraisal District at Delinquent Tax Sale.
Second was by Todd Fox.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on the Annual Report. General Manager Bowers reviewed and explained the purpose of the report. He stated that Management Goals may need to be redefined if the Management Plan is amended at a future date.

Jerry Bostick moved to:
Adopt the 2008-2009 Annual Report presented with the addition of alpha and numeric stated goals.
Second was by Wayne Brown.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked the General Manager for a staff update.

General Manager Bowers provided the following information:

- a. **Trinity aquifer Report.** – The revised Trinity Aquifer Report will be finalized by the end of April and sent to the Texas Water Development Board and to the Board of Directors.

b. Rule implementation activities. – Total number of well registrations is 986 and 88 new exempt wells drilling authorizations since September 1, 2009.

c. Monitoring well and telemetry status report.

- i. We developed a PowerPoint presentation showing annual water level changes for 2009 for –Trinity, Ellenburger, Granite Gravel & Hickory wells. – Director Fox and the Manager presented this to the Marble Falls Rotary Club. Wayne Brown stated that he would like to get a copy of the presentation and thought it would be a good idea to include the information on the District website.
- ii. We are still working with Solinst on the Telemetry system. We are able to communicate with the unit but not able to communicate with the probe.

d. Report on Director Election activities:

We will know the “unofficial” results on Saturday, May 8, 2010 sometime after the polls close. Barbara will deliver the canvas of early voting sometime Friday, May 14, 2010. We could schedule a CTGCD Board canvas of the election results and swearing of new Directors on May 17, 18, or 19.

A discussion was held in regard to the water quality discussion in January over the City of Burnet Municipal Wastewater Proposed Amendment to their permit and the water quality in Hamilton Creek.

General Manager Bowers provided a priorities list of activities that the District Staff is involved in. He also informed the Board that he is prepared to offer a position with the District to upcoming Tarleton State University Environmental Engineering/Hydrology Graduate, Mitchell Sodek. He also stated that Donnita has contacted a college student who will begin working part-time April 19, 2010.

President Simmons then asked for Director Comments.

President Simmons suggested that the Board hold a two to three hour orientation workshop for all Directors to be held soon after the Director Election Canvass following the May 8, 2010 election. President Simmons asked General Manager Bowers and Administrative Assistant Donnita Coats to find someone to come in and review the Open Records and Open Meetings Acts, the District Bylaws and Policies and the responsibilities of the Board of Directors. President Simmons stated that the Board may have been micro managing the operation of the District to this point in time. General Manager Bowers suggested several options for the orientation but will present additional options at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

President Simmons then asked the Board to identify any agenda items for the next and/or future Board Meetings.

- Rules Hearing
- Canvass Election

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

President Simmons set the Public Hearing on Amendments to the District Rules for Monday, May 17, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. at the main courtroom on the 2nd Floor of the Burnet County Courthouse, located at 220 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas; the next regular board meeting for Monday, May 17, 2010 immediately following the public hearing at the main courtroom on the 2nd Floor of the Burnet County Courthouse, located at 220 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Simmons adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

John Simmons, President

Jerry Bostick, Secretary/Treasurer