

**MINUTES OF
December 10, 2010
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session Friday, December 10, 2010 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 (who signed the attendance Record)

One Member 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.

There were no public comments.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Hearing, and Regular Board Meeting held November 12, 2010.

Wayne Brown moved to:

Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Hearing, and Regular Board Meeting held November 12, 2010.

Second was by Todd Fox.

Vote on the motion carried.

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

General Manager Bowers informed the Board that a category for other income – flow meters and expense – flow meters had been added to the budget as was approved by the Board to take place when flow meters were purchased.

Wayne Brown moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for November 2010.

Second was by Todd Fox.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or take action on an inter-local agreement with other groundwater conservation districts in sharing the use, storage and maintenance of the Geophysical Logging Trailer. General Manager Bowers informed the Board that Mitchell Sodek had attended a meeting with the Blanco-Pedernales and other participating groundwater conservation districts and returned with an inter-local agreement for the Board to consider. The trailer will be delivered to and housed at the Blanco-Pedernales District who will be shown as owner and carry the registration and insurance. It will be added to property insurance at all districts for coverage when it is at a District facility or project. The Board discussed the agreement and agreed that an addendum needed to be added addressing depreciation.

Wayne Brown moved to:

Approve the Inter-local Agreement between Blanco- Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District, Hill Country Underground Water Conservation District, Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District and Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District for the purchase, use, operation, and maintenance of geophysical logging trailer, logging equipment, logging tools, generator and related equipment so long as a depreciation schedule is added to the agreement.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on amending the Monitoring Well Agreement to allow the landowner to have limited use of the well. General Manager Bowers informed the Board that a landowner in the monitor well program had requested use of the monitor well on his property. The original monitor well agreement did not allow use of monitor wells but the District has since allowed limited use in some agreements. General Manager Bowers suggested an addendum be added to the original monitor well agreement to allow for limited use of the wells.

Wayne Brown moved to:

Approve an addendum to the Monitor Well Agreement to allow a landowner limited use of the well.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for an update on the Public Education Program. Director Brown, Education Committee Chairman, informed the Board that a committee meeting was held on December 3, 2010. The committee discussed the need to inform the public about the District, taxes, rules, registration and permitting, aquifers, efficiency and conservation and how and where to best reach the public. He stated that the Burnet County Stock Show and Fair will be held beginning January 6, 2011 and that the committee was requesting that the Board allow the committee to proceed forward with a District display at the event to include educational handouts and conservation products. The committee and District staff would prepare the display and schedule volunteer support. The Board agreed that the committee should proceed with the stock show and fair event.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or take action on a resolution regarding the importance of the fair and impartial consideration of permit applications pending before the District.

General Manager Bowers reviewed a resolution that was written to detail the proper relationship between Permit Applicants, Board Members, District Staff, General Council, and other parties regarding permit applications pending before the District. Board members expressed concern that the

resolution was too extreme and divorced the board members from their constituents. Any further consideration and/or action were tabled until the next regular meeting.

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

The Manager provided information on the following:

a. Rule implementation activities.

Sharon is going through the well registrations and placing a well location on the property so the well will be identifiable on the mapping program. Donnita and I are reviewing specific information on the permit applications which is part of the process of determining if the application is Administratively Complete.

Activity	Total since 9/1/09 as of Dec. 10, 2010
Well registrations	3,096
Exempt Well Drilling Auth.	190
Permit App. Received	106

b. Monitoring well - January – October 2010 and 2009 water level graphs are on the CTGCD Website. Rainfall Date for January – November 2010 and all of 2009 is also on the CTGCD Website. Mitchell is doing the data collection and uploading to the website for both of these programs. **Updates for November will be available by end of next week.**

c. Trinity Aquifer Report – I talked with Bill Hutchison Monday about our Trinity Report. He told me that he was in the process of drafting a letter to the District. He stated that we would need to change our desired future conditions (DFC) to match the information in the report then amend the District Management Plan. He said the particulars of the process would be included in the response letter.

In regard to the managed available groundwater (MAG) and recharge the TWDB has contracted with a firm in Santa Fe, New Mexico to do a recharge study for GMA 8. He is expecting a draft report for the Trinity in February 2011.

When we receive the letter from TWDB I will begin the process of applying to GMA 8 for amending the DFC and MAG for our District.

Director Waters requested that a copy of the Trinity Report response letter from the Texas Water Development Board be sent to the Directors as soon as it is received.

d. Burnet-Llano County Regional Water Study –

Director Waters and General Manager Bowers discussed the meeting of the Burnet-Llano Regional Water Study Joint Project Meeting on Wednesday December 15, from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Burnet Community Center.

Director Waters requested a letter be sent to Susan Roth, project engineer, stating what the District assumed would be counted as in-kind services and the value associated with it.

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The Manager stated that Donnita and he both talked with Susan Roth about the in-kind services the District is providing. Susan did not think we would have any trouble in meeting the \$15,000 in-kind service contribution. The time and expenses of Directors, District staff, and Consultants spent working on the following items from March 18, 2010 to December 31, 2011 can be used to meet the in-kind amount.

The following is a list identifying the various areas we can use for the in-kind services:

- Trinity Aquifer Characterization and Groundwater Availability Assessment Report
- Aquifer information, Managed Available Groundwater, projected water demands, and the estimated amount of groundwater being used within the district on an annual basis. This information will be updated in the District Management Plan.
- District Monitor Well Program
- Preparation of drought management plan
- Reproduction costs and mailings
- Preparation of meeting notices (publishing in newspaper, mailing, printing, etc.)
- Attendance at all project meetings (including travel time)
- Hosting a project meeting (rental fee of facility and staff time to coordinate details)
- Review memorandums/draft reports and provide comments
- Provide assistance and input toward the preparation of the implementation plan

e. Electronic Flow Meter –

Meter cost \$6,200

TWDB Grant 50% for a 3 year Agricultural Water Conservation. General Manager Bowers stated he will not pursue a grant to purchase a flow meter for the District and will purchase it outright if the decision is made to acquire the meter.

- f.** General Manager Bowers stated that the District had requested bids for the renewal of several District Certificates of Deposit and would be setting up a new account with the highest bidder, First State Bank of Central Texas.

President Simmons then called for any Director comments.

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

FY 2009-2010 Audit

FY2009-2010 Annual Report

Resolutions regarding the importance of the fair and impartial consideration of permit applications pending before the 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 set the next regular board meeting for, Friday, January 14, 2011 at 9:05 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Simmons adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

John Simmons, President

Clyde Waters, Secretary/Treasurer