

**MINUTES OF  
FEBRUARY 9, 2009  
BOARD MEETING  
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session Monday, February 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.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  
Clyde Waters, Director  
Todd Fox, Director

**Staff and or Consultants Present**

Richard Bowers, General Manager  
Donnita Coats, Administrative Assistant

**Others present (who signed the attendance Record)**

Six Members of the Public

President Simmons declared a quorum present and called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

President Simmons asked for public comments. Comments were given by two members of the public.

President Simmons then asked the Directors to consider the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of the Board Meeting held January 12, 2009; and the expenditures for January 2009. Vice President Brown discussed the checking account balance and a possible need to invest in Certificates of Deposits. Secretary Bostick and General Manager Bowers informed the Board that they are in the process of acquiring additional CD's.

Clyde Waters moved to:  
Approve the Consent Agenda  
Second was by Todd Fox.  
Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on 2008 – 2009 Budget – line item transfer of budget amounts between accounts without increasing or decreasing the total operating budget. Secretary Bostick reported that the expenditures for the budget item Contract Services – Technical Consultant was over budget because the Board had anticipated hiring a full time employee which would have reduced the expenditure for a Technical Consultant. A full time employee has not been hired but applicants for the position are being interviewed at this time. Secretary Bostick reported that the short term solution would be to move \$10,000.00 from the budget item Capitol Purchase – Vehicle into budget item Contract Services – Technical Consultant and the long term solution would be to get the full time employee hired and reduce consultant fees.

Secretary Bostick then reported that the expenditures for the budget item Contract Services – Legal was also over budget due to the extended time having to be spent on District Rules development. He suggested that the short term solution would be to move \$20,000.00 from the budget item Payroll Expenses - Salary and Wages to budget item Contract Services – Legal. The funds in Salary and Wages are available since the anticipated full time employee has not been hired at this time. Secretary Bostick suggested that the long term solution would be to get an estimate from General Council, Brian Sledge, as to what expenses will be incurred in completing the rules development process; to control legal expenses and to get District Rules adopted.

Jerry Bostick moved to:

Move \$10,000.00 from the budget item Capitol Purchase – Vehicle into budget item Contract Services – Technical Consultant and to move \$20,000.00 from the budget item Payroll Expenses - Salary and Wages into budget item Contract Services - Legal.

Second was by Clyde Waters.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for Consideration and/or take action on the annual District Audit for 2007-2008. Charity Tabor with Michael Warner and Associates reviewed the audit and reported that there were no Non-Compliance Issues and No Control Weaknesses.

Jerry Bostick moved to:

Approve the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District 2007-2008 Annual Audit.

Second was by Wayne Brown.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on computer system remote backup and maintenance. The General Manager discussed the need for additional backup due to the large database and mapping systems the District is acquiring. He presented the costs for a system backup, remote access and computer maintenance contract with Imagine Solutions. He also presented the option to purchase additional computer backup hardware and the use of Imagine Solutions, Burnet PC or other local computer technicians to provide service for maintenance and software problems. Director Waters asked the General Manager to put together a cost and service comparison on backup hardware and service calls from various vendors. President Simmons tabled the subject so that more information could be gathered and presented at a future Board Meeting.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on the Annual Report of District Activities. The General Manager presented the Annual Report on District performance in regards to achieving management goals and objectives for the fiscal year 2007-2008. The members of the Board wanted time to review the report, so President Simmons asked the General Manager to put an agenda item on the next Board Meeting agenda for consideration and/or action on the FY 2007-2008 Annual Report.

President Simmons then asked the General Manager for an update on the Monitoring Well Program. The General Manager reported that Fiscal Year 2008 planned for the development of thirteen (13) monitor wells using existing unused wells and drilling of new wells. Eleven (11) of the thirteen (13) monitor wells are equipped and in operation. He reported that none of the 11 wells are equipped with telemetry equipment but he has contacted the Texas Water Development Board about working with them and using the USGS Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES). This will require purchasing equipment at each location to upload the data to the GOES. The Monitor Well Program project scheduling software was discussed and will be reviewed by the General Manager and Secretary Bostick.

President Simmons then asked for an update on Groundwater Management Area 8(GMA 8). The General Manager reported that there will be a GMA 8 meeting on March 16, 2009 to discuss the petition filed with the GMA and the request for funds from GMA Districts. The Board discussed the amount of involvement required and the amount of involvement recommended for the District in GMA 8 business.

President Simmons then asked the General Manager for the Managers Report. The General Manager recommended that the District hold informational meetings for the public regarding District operations, aquifers, rules, etc....

In answer to the Managers Report and as a part of Directors Comments, Director Fox suggested that the immediate focus needs to be on the monitoring well program and Director Brown suggested that there needs to be an immediate focus on drought recommendations.

President Simmons then asked the Board to identify any specific agenda items for the next Board Meeting.

Computer Backup and Maintenance Cost Comparisons  
Annual Report  
Monitor Well Update with New Project Scheduling Program

President Simmons set the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting date for Monday, March 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office.

At 7:35 p.m., President Simmons announced that after a brief break, the Board would go into a closed executive session under Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Section 551.074 Texas Government Code, to discuss personnel matters, that no action would be taken during executive session, and that the Board would reconvene in open meeting at the end of the closed session.

At 7:45 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session.

At 8:20 p.m. President Simmons announced that the Board was reconvening in open session and invited the public to rejoin the meeting.

The Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 8:20 p.m.  
No actions were taken resulting from the Executive Session.

President Simmons adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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John Simmons, President

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Jerry Bostick, Secretary