

**MINUTES OF
February 10, 2012
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 9:00 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, Director
Todd Fox, Vice President Steve Henderson, Director
Clyde Waters, Secretary/Treasurer

Staff and or Consultants Present

Charles Shell, General Manager Donnita Coats, Administrative Assistant
Mitchell Sodek, Hydrologist

Others present

2 Members of the Public

President Simmons asked General Manager Shell to establish a quorum through a roll call of Directors; declared a quorum present; and called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

President Simmons asked for public comment.

Russ Mortenson, Double Horn Creek Subdivision Resident, informed the Board that he had been alerted that LCRA had approached the owner of the Double Horn Creek Public Water supply to purchase water from them. He expressed concerns that the sale of this water would possibly affect his water supply and increase costs for those on the water supply system. He asked if the District could address this issue. General Manager Shell informed Mr. Mortenson and the Board that the District had received a permit application for Double Horn Creek Public Water Supply and that the application was under review. He informed Mr. Mortenson that he could request special notice of the Permit Hearing for Double Horn Creek or any other Permit Hearing held by the District. He also informed him that he had the right to contest a permit if he could show that he was an affected person and followed the procedures in the District Rules for contesting a permit.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 13, 2012.

Clyde Waters moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 13, 2012.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for January 2012 and review of the 2011-2012 Budget.

Steve Henderson moved to:

Approve the expenses for January 2012.

Second was by Todd Fox.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on a Hearings Examiner for Permit Hearings. General Manager Shell reviewed resumes and proposals that he had received from two hearings examiners.

Clyde Waters moved to:

Retain Mr. Bill Zukauckas as Hearings Examiner for the District for any Permit Hearings that the Board referred to a Hearings Examiner.

Second was by Todd Fox.

President Simmons – Yea

Vice President Fox – Yea

Secretary/Treasurer Waters – Yea

Director Henderson – Yea

Director Brown – Nay

President Simmons declared the vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on Legal Fees for the General Manager during Contested Permit Hearings. General Manager Shell reminded the Board that General Counsel Sledge had pointed out that he represents the District at Permit Hearings and not the General Manager. He asked if it was the District's obligation to pay for any legal fees, relating to permit hearings, incurred by the General Manager.

John Simmons moved to:

Pay for outside legal counsel for any legal fees that are incurred by the General Manager relating to permit hearings.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on bids for a District Website. General Manager Shell reviewed a bid package from Vu Nguyen with VU Consulting that he considered a good and thorough package. Directors Waters and Henderson asked General Manager Shell to contact Mr. Nguyen to see if he would be willing to give a presentation of his bid package to the Board at a future meeting.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on an Addition to the Joint Election Agreement between the Burnet County Elections Administrator and the District and the appointment of Election Officials for the May 12, 2012 Director Election. Donnita Coats presented Exhibit D Continued Contract for Election Services to be added to the Joint Election Agreement and a list of Election Officials who have agreed to work the May 12, 2012 election for Board Consideration.

Todd Fox moved to:

Approve the addition of Exhibit D Continued Contract for Election Services to the Joint Election Agreement between the Burnet County Elections Administrator and the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District.

Second was by Wayne Brown.

Vote on the motion Carried.

Todd Fox moved to:

Appoint the Election Officials who have agreed to work the May 12, 2012 Election as presented.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on Determination of Drought Stage. Hydrologist Sodek reviewed the most recent monitor well level graphs and reported little change from January levels. He reported on the water levels for the City of Burnet Wells and stated that there are no issues, at this time, with the levels due to increased pumping but the District will continue to monitor the wells extensively. No action was taken to change the current Stage 3, Severe Drought.

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

a. Rule implementation activities

Activity	Total as of January 12, 2012	Total as of February 9, 2012
Well registrations	3,344	3372
Exempt Well Drilling Auth.	372	387
Permit App. Received	120	122

Permit Applications by Use		Permits Issued
Commercial	14	6
Domestic, Livestock & Poultry	39	39
Industrial	8	0
Irrigation	26	8
Public Water Supply	35	17
Total	122	70

Permit Applications by Precinct

Precinct 1	52
Precinct 2	31
Precinct 3	22
Precinct 4	16
Precincts 1 2 & 3	1
Total	122

b. Upcoming Permit Hearings and Procedures

A Permit Hearing will be scheduled for the end of March or beginning of April for permit applications that are administratively complete.

c. Update on TCEQ/Childress Outhouses, LLC

Reviewed the District's letter of concern sent to TCEQ regarding the application of domestic septage products by Childress Outhouses, LLC, Registration #710921 and the response letter from TCEQ.

d. Report on GMA 8 Activities

There will be a Joint Planning meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 29, 2012, at the Liberty Hotel located at 205 South Caddo Street, Cleburne, Texas.

e. Report on Spicewood Beach Well

The District has been in contact with LCRA and they have pulled the pump, installed a smaller pump on the well and are looking at other options to provide the water that the CCN is obligated to furnish.

Director Brown informed the Board that County Extension Agent, Wade Hibler, has suggested installing a rainwater harvesting system at the Spicewood Fire Station and that the education committee would look into the possibility of the District contributing to the effort. The committee will also look into other rainwater harvesting projects in the Spicewood area that could also be used for demonstrating to the public how rainwater harvesting systems work.

f. Update on Logging Trailer Activities

Hydrologist Sodek reported that twenty-eight wells have been logged since purchasing the trailer and that with a conservative cost estimate of \$500.00 per well, the cost of the trailer has been covered in less than a year of use. The data collected will be used for a database for modeling and other data building projects.

g. Studies of the Ellenburger Aquifer

Discussed the possibility and cost of conducting radionuclide and isotope aging and flow path and rates data testing on wells in the county. President Simmons asked that consideration and/or action on these studies be put on a future agenda.

President Simmons then called for any Director comments.

General Manager Shell informed the Board that he and Hydrologist Sodek were considering attending several one to two day courses, offered at Texas A&M University, that would be beneficial for them in conducting District business.

Director Waters asked that General Manager Shell continue to monitor the Counties position on LCRA groundwater use.

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

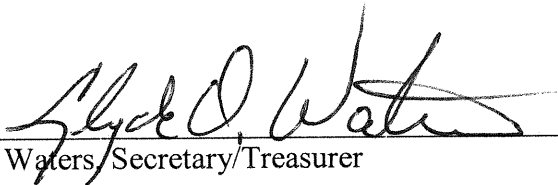
President Simmons stated that Directors could contact the Manager or himself prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.

President Simmons then set the date for the next regular board meeting for, Friday, March 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Simmons adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.



John Simmons, President



Clyde Waters, Secretary/Treasurer