

**BREWSTER COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Monday, February 4, 2008

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District was called to order by Chairman Tom Beard at 8:40 a.m. A quorum was present. Members of the Board present were: Chairman Tom Beard, Vice-Chairman Mike Davidson, Leo Dominguez, Tom Santry, Hiram Sibley, and Rob Dean. General Manager Conrad J. Arriola was also present.

Chairman Beard declared that a quorum was present and the notice of the meeting had been posted as required by law.

3. Convene Public Meeting to Receive Public Comment: Requests, Suggestions, Recommendations, and Comments Regarding the Revised District Management Plan

Chairman Beard asked for any public comment regarding requests, suggestions, recommendations, or comments regarding the revised District's Management Plan. Noting there were not any members from the public present, Chairman Beard asked to the General Manager if he had received public input regarding changes to the District's Management Plan. The General told the Board he had not received any phone calls, emails, or faxes concerning the changes.

4. Adjourn Public Meeting

Chairman Beard asked for a motion to now adjourn the public comment portion of the hearing. Mr. Santry moved to adjourn this portion of the meeting and Mr. Dean seconded the motion. Chairman Beard asked for the vote and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

5. Convene Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the District

At approximately 8:45 a.m., Chairman Beard called to convene the regular meeting of the Board of District

6. Review, Discuss, Modify, Publish Changes (As Advisable Considering Public Comments) to: District Management Plan

The General Manager told the Board he had forwarded the copy of the District's Management Plan to the Texas Water Development Board for their initial review on November 29, 2007. He told the Board he had received comment back from the TWDB on January 22, 2008. Rima Petrossian, TWDB, provided the General Manager with

comments on what the District needed to incorporate into the District's Management Plan before approval and submittal. The General Manager gave a copy of the comments to the Board for their review. The General Manager told the Board most of the comments referred to incorporating and attaching the Groundwater Availability Model and tables from the State Water Plan to the District's Management Plan. The General Manager told the Board after incorporating these documents the Management Plan would be ready for submittal to the Texas Water Development Board.

7. Action on: District Management Plan

Mr. Dean moved to approve the District's Management Plan with incorporating the suggested changes by the Texas Water Development Board, and Mr. Santry seconded the motion. Chairman Beard asked for the vote and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion

8. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 10, 2007, and January 7, 2008

The General Manager presented to the Board the minutes for the December 10, 2007 meeting, and the January 7, 2008 minutes. Mr. Davidson moved to accept both sets of minutes and Mr. Dean seconded the motion. Chairman Beard called for the vote and the Board unanimously accepted the motion.

9. General Manager's Report, Director's Report

The General Manager told the Board he had been working on updating the changes to the District's Management Plan. The General told the Board he had received four new well applications and approved all four.

10. Financial Report

The General Manager presented the January 2008 financial report to the Board. The General Manager told the Board that the District had \$4,865.72 in their checking account and had approximately \$14,192.10 in their savings account. After reviewing the financial report, Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the financial report, and Mr. Sibley seconded the motion. Chairman Beard called for the vote, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the financial reports. (Financial reports will be attached to the minutes)

11. Discussion of and Action on Approval of Drilling Permit Applications

The General Manager reported to the Board that he had received four new well applications for the month of January. The General Manager told the Board that each well had met the District's requirements.

Gil Bartee
Lorre Garcia
Enes Wetzel
James Evans

Mr. Santry moved to accept the new well drilling permits and Mr. Dean seconded the motion. Chairman Beard called for the vote and the Board unanimously accepted the motion.

11. Consider an Discuss Groundwater Management Area #4 Issues/ Discussion and appropriate action

The Board decided that there were no issues related to GMA #4 that needed the Board's action at the present time. The General Manager told the Board he has not received any correspondence from the other members in GMA #4.

12. Consider and Discuss possible membership to the Texas Water Conservation Association

The General Manager gave the Board information about what services and resources the District would receive if the District decided it wanted to be a member in the TWCA. The General Manager told the Board the cost of being a member is \$250 a year and he thought it would be a good idea to join because of the educational resources the District would get. Mr. Davidson moved to join the TWCA and Mr. Santry seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for the vote and the Board unanimously approved to join the TWCA.

13. Address and Discuss any Drought Conditions in the District

The General Manager told the Board he had not received any drought plans from the entities he had contacted. So far, the District only has the City of Alpine's plan.

14. Report on Lobbying/Political Issues

Chairman Beard told the Board he did not have lobbying or political issues to discuss at this time.

15. Administrative and Procedural Matters

Chairman Beard asked the General Manager if he had any administrative or procedural matters were that needed to be discussed. The General Manager told the Board he did not.

16. Public Comments

No public comment

17. Adjourn

The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.