

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

Monday, January 7, 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, Leo Dominguez, Tom Santry, Hiram Sibley, Rob Dean and Billito Donnell. 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. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 10, 2007

The minutes for the December 10, 2007, minutes were not available. The General Manager apologized to the Board for not having the minutes available. He told the Board he would have them available at the next meeting.

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

The General Manager presented the 2007 Annual General Managers report to the Board. The General Manager told the Board he did not receive any applications for new wells during the month of December. The General Manager gave the Board a review and copy of all new wells that were drilled in 2007. He told the Board that 34 new wells were drilled compared to 64 wells in 2006.

The General Manager also told the Board that he had received a call from Keith Good, a lawyer who advises the North Plains GCD and Mesquite GCD, who told the General Manager that his clients had agreed with the District's letter to the Texas Supreme Court in regards to the Guitar case. Chairman Beard told the Board he was pleased and expressed again his thoughts that TAGD does not and should not speak and or act on behalf of every GCD in the State.

Mr. Santry moved to accept the annual well report and General Manager's report. Mr. Dean seconded the motion and Chairman Beard asked for a vote. The Board voted unanimously to accept Mr. Santry's motion.

5. Financial Report

The General Manager presented the 2007 Annual Financial Report to the Board and he presented the December 2007 financial report to the Board. He told the Board he did not have any bills at the time to pay. Mr. Sibley asked the General Manager why there was

one hundred dollars showing in the fees/permit received line item if there were not new wells drilled in the month. The General Manager told the Board the one hundred dollars he deposited were from wells from the previous month.

Set 2008 Budget/Budget Amendments

Next, the Board went over and discussed changes to the new 2008 Budget. Ending the FY '07, the Board went over and made the following changes and amendments to FY '08. The Board decided to make the following changes:

Fees/Permits: \$3,500 to \$1,750
Salary: Raise salary from \$6,600 to \$8,400
Travel/Manager: Raise from \$1,000 to \$1,500
Training/Education: Raise from \$500 to \$1,500
Research/Outreach: Lower from \$12,000 to \$9,000

Mr. Dean moved to accept the financial report and moved to set 2008 Budget with the changes. Mr. Santry seconded the motion and Chairman Beard asked for the vote. The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Dean.

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

The General Manager reported to the Board that he did not receive any new well drilling applications for the month of December.

7. 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.

8. Consider and Discuss changes to the District's Management Plan and Rules/ Discussion and appropriate action

No changes were made to the District's Management Plan. Chairman Beard told the General Manager to go ahead and file a notice of hearing in the newspaper. The General Manager told the Board he would run the ad, setting a hearing to approve the Management Plan, for the next two weeks.

9. Report on Lobbying/Political Issues

Chairman Beard told the Board that a staffer from Senator Uresti's office will be coming in the next week to meet with County officials. He told the Board it would be a good idea for the Directors to come meet with the staffer. The General Manager told the Board

he would find out the details and let the Directors know of a time and date for the meeting.

10. Administrative and Procedural Matters

No administrative or procedural matters were discussed.

11. Public Comments

No public comment

12. Adjourn

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