

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

**Monday, June 2, 2008**

**WORKSHOP**

**1. Consider revisions and amendments to Rules**

Vice-Chairman Mike Davidson asked the Board to look over the recent revisions of the District's Rules. Mr. Davidson discussed the changes that were made at the last meeting and informed the public about the changes. He discussed that changes were made in Section 1. Definitions and Concepts, and the changes were to the following definitions: "Exempt Well," "Historic Use," and "Transfer Permit."

Also, Mr. Davidson stated that in Section 8, Permits and Registration, the Board decided to change the date when a landowner should voluntarily register their non exempt wells to June 1, 2009.

**2. Consider revisions to Applications for (1) Drilling and (2) Operating Permits and to form for Well Registration**

Mr. Davidson told the Board that the he would like to spend time at the next meeting discussing the Rules and more specifically the operating permit. He told the Board that a thorough review of the permit and what certain documentation should the Board request on an operating permit.

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The called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District was called to order by Vice-Chairman Mike Davidson at 10:30 a.m. A quorum was present. Members of the Board present were: Vice-Chairman Mike Davidson, Leo Dominguez, Tom Santry, Rob Dean and David Bynum. General Manager Conrad J. Arriola was also present.

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

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

The General Manager gave a copy of the April 7, 2008, and May 13, 2008 meeting minutes to Board for approval. After review, Mr. Santry moved to accept the minutes, and Mr. Bynum seconded the motion. Mr. Davidson called for the vote, and the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

### **4. General Manager's Report, Directors' Report/Discussion and appropriate action**

The General Manager told the Board he had been working on the revisions to the District's rules. He told the Board he attended the Groundwater Management Area #4 meeting in Van Horn. The General Manager gave a report on the progress the Texas Water Development Board is making in regards to finishing and updating the Groundwater Availability Models(GAMs) for the minor aquifers in Brewster County and in the GMA #4.

### **5. Financial Report**

The General Manager presented the Board the May 2008 financial report. He reported that the only expenditure the District had for the Month was for monthly salary. He also reported that the District did not have any pending bills at the current time. Mr. Dean moved to accept his report and Mr. Dominguez seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Davidson called for the vote and the Board approved the General Manager's financial report.

### **6. Discussion and appropriate action on Drilling permits**

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

Rose Bassham  
Amy Slater  
Ben Rummerfield

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

### **7. Discussion and appropriate action on Operating Permits**

The Vice-Chairman stated that the Board did not work on the permit during the workshop because the Board needs to go back and examine the permit

## **8. Discussion and appropriate action on Amending District Rules**

The Vice-Chairman told the Board to look over the new revisions that Board just made in the workshop. The General Manager told the Board he would make the changes and send them to the Board before the next meeting. The Vice-Chairman stated he would like to wrap up these changes so the Board could go forward and start the hearing notice process.

## **9. Discussion and appropriate action on Amending or Revising Drilling and Operating Permit Applications**

There was no action taken on this item.

## **10. Discussion and appropriate action on matters related to Groundwater Management Area #4**

The General Manager did not report any more on this item.

## **11. Discussion and appropriate action on contracting database consultant**

Mr. Davidson told the Board that Steve Finch and Jeff Bennett approached him about the possibility of creating a database for the District. Mr. Davidson told the Board that the District needs to start thinking about establishing a database that would help the District. The General Manager stated that a database would be good for the District and the District should think about sending out requests for proposals.

## **12. Discussion and appropriate action on ex-officio members**

Mr. Davidson stated that David Bynum, ex-officio member of the Board has been a great help and resource for the District since becoming a member of the Board. Mr. Davidson stated that he now recommends that Jeff Bennett, hydrologist, who works for the Science and Resource Management Department at Big Bend National Park, become an ex-officio member of the Board. The General Manager told the Board that any new additions to the Board should be first presented and confirmed by the Brewster County Commissioners Court. Mr. Davidson agreed and told the Board he would visit with the County Judge and ask the Court to please consider this request. Mr. Dominguez moved to recommend to Commissioners Court that this appointment be presented to Commissioners Court for their approval. Mr. Santry seconded the motion, and Mr. Davidson called for the vote. The Board unanimously approved the motion

## **13. Personnel Matters**

### **A. Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074, Government Code, VTCA**

Mr. Davidson stated that the Board would not go into executive session.

#### **14. Administrative and Procedural Matters**

The General Manager informed the Board that the next scheduled meeting is set for Monday, July 7, 2008. He informed the Board that he would be on vacation during that time. Mr. Davidson set the next meeting for the following week and told the General Manager to please keep everyone updated on a firm date.

#### **12. Public Comment**

Marci Roberts asked the Board for a clarification on exempt and non-exempt wells.

Jeff Bennett asked the Board if he could present the findings of the GAM run on the Edwards Trinity. He would like to provide the District with the information.

#### **13. Adjourn**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.