

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

Tuesday, May 13, 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 that changes and one addition were made to the following definitions at the last meeting: "Exempt Well" "Historic Use" – The Board added the definition "Transfer Permit" to the list.

Leo Dominguez asked if the time period in "Historic Use" was correct. Mr. Davidson told him that it had been changed, and the definition now reflects the change.

Billito Donnell stated he had a concern about applying for an operating permit. Mr. Donnell stated a person should not have to apply for an operating permit if that person does not know how much water they will be producing. He stated a person should be able to drill first and then fill-out the appropriate form.

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 Board should table this item for next meeting. He stated that the Board needs to work Operating Permit Section in the rules first, then change the form accordingly.

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 11:17 a.m. A quorum was present. Members of the Board present were: Vice-Chairman Mike Davidson, Leo Dominguez, Tom Santry, Hiram Sibley and Billito Donnell. 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 told the Board he did not have the minutes available for this meeting.

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 also told the Board that the next Groundwater Management Area #4 meeting was set for May 22, 2008 in Van Horn. He stated he would be attending the meeting and would give a report at the next meeting. Hiram Sibley made a motion to accept the General Manager's report, and Tom Santry seconded the motion. The Vice-Chairman called for the vote, and the Board unanimously approved the report

5. Financial Report

The General Manager presented the Board the April 2008 financial report. He reported that the District paid their annual web-hosting bill for \$138.96. He also reported that the District did not have any pending bills at the current time. Mr. Donnell moved to accept his report and Tom Santry 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 five new well applications for the month of April. The General Manager told the Board that each well had met the District's requirements:

Roy Smith
Paul Hudson
Lynn Lindsay
Jan Sibley
Clayton Williams Ranch Co.

Mr. Santry moved to accept the new well drilling permits and Mr. Donnell 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. The General Manager asked Buddy Cavness his timeline on when he would want to go into production. He told the Board he would like a decision within the next four to five months.

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 reiterated to the Board that the next meeting would take place in Van Horn on May 22, 2008.

11. Administrative and Procedural Matters

The Vice-Chairman told the Board that the next meeting would take place on Monday, June 2, 2008. The General Manager did not have any matters to discuss on this item

12. Public Comment

A gentlemen from the audience asked the Board if it would be a good idea if all wells within a half-mile distance from an operating well should be metered? He asked if the wells would be in good standing.

Next, a gentlemen from the audience asked if a transfer permit and transportation permit can be the same?

13. Adjourn

The Board adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.