

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

**Monday, October 20, 2008**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING**

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 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present. Members of the Board present were: Vice-Chairman Mike Davidson, Leo Dominguez, Hiram Sibley, David Bynum and Rob Dean. 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 of September 20, 2008**

The General Manager gave a copy of the September 20, 2008, meeting minutes to Board for approval. After review, Mr. Dean stated to the General Manager that the changes the Board made to Section 1, Rule 1.3 were not reflected in the minutes. Also, Mr. Dean commented that neither were the changes in Section 5, Rule 5.2.2 or the changes made to Section 8, Rule 8.3 were also not reflected in the minutes. The General Manager told the Board he would go back and clean up the changes.

Mr. Dean moved to accept the minutes with corrections, and Mr. Sibley 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 reported to the Board that the District had received seven new well permit applications for the Month. Also, the General Manager reported to the Board about the well database proposal he had received from Banks Environmental Inc. The General Manager told the Board that a representative from Banks would be willing to talk about the proposal to the Board next meeting.

The General Manager also reported to the Board that he had written the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) back and gave supplied them with a timeline that the District was going to follow to finish up the corrections and revisions to the District's Management Plan. The General Manager told the Board he was working with Rima Petrossian from the Texas Water Development Board in regards to revisions.

Also, the General Manager reported to the Board that he had heard from Janet Adams, Jeff Davis and Presidio County GCD General Manager, about the next Groundwater Management Area #4 meeting maybe meeting before the new year. He reported that there was not a concrete date set.

## **5. Financial Report**

The General Manager presented the Board the September 2008 financial report. He reported that the District had no expenditures for the month, besides monthly salary. He reported to the Board that he had a few pending bills from the Texas Association of Groundwater Districts, the Alpine Avalanche, and the monthly phone/postage bill. Mr. Dean moved to accept the report and bills 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 September Drilling permits**

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

Jose Uranga  
Lloyd Rudder  
Dr. Paul Oh  
Aubrey Painter  
Allan Delaney  
Sam Carson  
Chris Jordan

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

## **7. Consider and discuss well database needs for the District/ Discussion and appropriate action**

The General Manager told the Board a representative from Banks Environmental Data, Inc. would come to the next meeting to present the proposal the Board had received.

**8. Consider and Discuss contracting legal counsel to review and comment on the District's Rules and Management Plan/ Discussion and appropriate action**

Mr. Davidson told the Board he put this item on the agenda to discuss the importance of having the District Rules and Management Plan being looked over by someone with a legal background. He told the Board he would contact Caroline Runge, Menard Co., General Manager, to inquire if she would be willing to look over the Rules.

**9. Consider and Discuss Appointing a Strategic Planning Committee/ Discussion and appropriate action**

Mr. Davidson told the Board he put this item on the agenda to create discussion about maybe appointing a strategic planning committee for the District. Mr. Davidson told the Board the committee would be a working group consisting of a couple of members from the Board, along with the General Manager and citizens from Brewster County. The committee could work on a few issues related to Board and report back to the Board with recommendations. Mr. Davidson asked the Board what they thought of this idea.

Mr. Dominguez stated he liked the idea of the planning committee but he rather have the Board make the decisions about the direction of the District. He stated that the process of making decisions should always be open, and a committee acting on behalf of the District could be perceived as closed and secretive.

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

The General Manager did not have any information on this item but he told the Board he would check to see when the next meeting would be taking place.

**11. District Management Plan/ Update**

The General Manager already updated the Board about the process of the Management Plan and he would report back to the Board once he hears back from the Texas Water Development Board and TCEQ.

**12. Consider and Discuss how to best pursue the District's interest in the 2009 Legislative Session/ Discussion and appropriate action to go forward**

The General Manager told the Board the process to start filing bills will be beginning shortly. Mr. Davidson asked the General Manager to check on the status of V.A. Stephens and her availability to the District during the 2009 Legislative Session. The General Manager told the Board he would check with the County in regards to her availability.

### **13. Administrative and Procedural Matters**

The General Manager told the Board he did not have anything to report on this item. David Bynum brought to the Board's attention he recently had been on the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation's website and came across the driller's log for Buddy Cavness' well. Mr. Bynum told the Board the log stated that Mr. Cavness deepened his well from 300 ft. to 400 ft. Mr. Davidson and the General Manager told the Board they would look into the matter.

### **14. Public Comment**

### **15. Adjourn**

The Board adjourned at 10:22 a.m.