

**COASTAL BEND GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**AGENDA PREPARED AND POSTED:** February 5, 2010  
**DATE OF MEETING:** February 11, 2010  
**TIME OF MEETING:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE WHERE MEETING WAS HELD:** District Office, 109 E. Milam, WHARTON, TEXAS 77488.

**I. In Attendance:**

Ronald Gertson – President; L.G. Raun, Jr. – Vice President CBGCD; Edmund Weinheimer – Secretary CBGCD; Leonard Wittig – Director CBGCD; Arthur Priesmeyer – Director CBGCD; Neil Hudgins – Manager CBGCD; Mandy Bain – Office Manager CBGCD; Philip Spenrath.

**II. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 A.M.

**III. Public Comments:**

Vice President Raun introduced Philip Spenrath. Mr. Spenrath is the current mayor of El Campo. He is also in the running for the office of county judge. Vice President Raun suggested that Neil Hudgins make it a goal to visit local city council meetings at least on an annual basis.

**IV. Approval of Minutes:**

Vice President Raun made a motion to accept the January 12, 2010 regular meeting minutes as presented. Secretary Weinheimer seconded. All voted for; motion carried.

**V. Manager's Report:**

Financial Report – Mr. Hudgins reported a checking account balance of \$ 129,266.92 and a money market balance of \$ 524,462.05. A budget vs. actual, a list of total District investments, and the balance sheet was also presented. After discussion and review, Director Priesmeyer made a motion to approve the checking account balance, the money market account balance, the investment report, and a list of detailed checks and deposits for the month of January as presented. Director Wittig seconded. All voted for; motion carried.

Well Registration Update – Mr. Hudgins presented the Board with a detailed breakdown of current Exempt and Non Exempt Well Information. There are a total of 4,283 wells registered. 757 of the 4,283 are non exempt wells.

Water Use Report - Staff presented the Board with a report of the 2009 water usage. Ninety three percent of the reports are reported on the presented summary sheet. Permit holders pumped 69% of the permitted amounts for 2009. Due to the severe drought, the usage is significantly higher than last year.

Well Monitoring Update – Mr. Hudgins presented the Board with the water level readings for the month of February. Water levels are rebounding very positively. With the continuing rains, the trend should continue.

GMA 15 – Mr. Hudgins presented the Board with the most recent GAM run from the Texas Water Development Board. The Board reviewed the GAM run. The GMA 15 will meet in Victoria on Thursday, February 18, 2010. President Gertson and Mr. Hudgins plan on attending the meeting. The deadline to submit a Desired Future Condition to the TWDB is September 1, 2010.

- VI. **Review and Approve Permit Applications:** After discussion and review of the permit applications, Director Priesmeyer made a motion to approve the submitted permit applications as presented. (See attached.) Director Wittig seconded. All voted for, with Vice President Raun abstaining from voting on the Betty S. Raun MD Trust OP-09120701; motion carried.
- VII. **Accuracy of Water Use Reports:** Staff reported to the Board on the status of the accuracy of the water use reports. Staff stated that several permit holders admitted to guessing on their reports as to the hours the wells ran and the accuracy of the gallons per minute. There were also reports filed that reported exact water usage amounts as the last couple of years. The Board suggested that staff develop a letter and a worksheet to mail out to each of the permitted users explaining the importance of accurate water usage reporting. Staff also presented the Board with the list of the 2009 past due reports. After the completed presentation, Secretary Weinheimer made a motion to send a certified letter to first occurrence violators, warning them that the past due water use report is a violation of their permit terms and conditions and to send a certified letter and \$100.00 invoice to those that have a second occurrence of their permit terms and conditions. Vice President Raun seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- VIII. **Discussion on District Rules:** After discussion and review of Rule 3.11 (c) Hydrogeological Assessment and Aquifer Test Report, Vice President Raun made a motion to add wording to the Rule as follows: *“An application for an amendment to an existing permit that would; increase the total authorized withdrawals to an amount greater than has been authorized by any previous permit issued for production from that well or well system; and increase the total or aggregate production to more than 1200 acre feet of groundwater annually”*. Secretary Weinheimer seconded. All voted for; motion carried. After discussion and review of Rule 7.4 Replacement Wells (b), Vice President Raun made a motion to change the wording to read *“A replacement well shall retain historical user status so long as all the conditions of this rule are met.”* Director Priesmeyer seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- IX. **Progress of URS** – Steve Young with URS is currently working on Task 1, 2, and 3 at the present time. The estimated completion of the 3 tasks will be around 60 days. After completion of the 3 Tasks, Mr. Young will participate in a kickoff meeting with the groundwater districts to discuss the results of the tasks. See attached for list of tasks.
- X. **Next Meeting:** The next general board meeting was set for Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office, 109 E. Milam, Wharton, Texas.
- XI. **Adjournment:** Secretary Weinheimer made a motion to adjourn. Director Priesmeyer seconded. All voted for; motion carried. Adjournment at 10:10 a.m