

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

AGENDA PREPARED AND POSTED: April 8, 2011
DATE OF MEETING: April 12, 2011
TIME OF MEETING: 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE WHERE MEETING WAS HELD: Wharton Civic Center – Meeting Room B,
1407 N. Richmond Rd., WHARTON, TEXAS 77488.**

I. In Attendance:

II. Ronald Gertson – President CBGCD; L.G. Raun – Vice President CBGCD; Edmund Weinheimer – Secretary CBGCD; Arthur Priesmeyer – Director CBGCD; Leonard Wittig – Director CBGCD; Neil Hudgins – Manager CBGCD; Mandy Bain – CBGCD; James Hlavinka, Jason Hlavinka, Phillip Miller.

III. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 A.M.

IV. Public Comments:

Mr. James Hlavinka received an invoice for \$250.00 from the District regarding a fine for overpumping his permit. He stated that he didn't have any idea that he would be using his well and that he didn't realize he had to call the office to amend his permit for more water. He said that if he had known that there was a fine he would have come in and taken care of any issues. He would like to see the District maybe have better communication with the permit holders on these issues. Mr. Miller then spoke and asked the Board to consider revoking his implemented fines since he really didn't know what water usage numbers his farmer was submitting.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Director Priesmeyer made a motion to accept the March 8, 2011 regular meeting minutes as corrected and March 8, 2011 permit hearing minutes as presented. Secretary Weinheimer seconded. All voted for; motion carried.

VI. Manager's Report:

Financial Report – Mr. Hudgins reported a checking account balance of \$ 110,757.79 and a money market balance of \$ 560,448.14. A budget vs. actual, a list of total District investments, and the balance sheet for March was also presented. After discussion and review, Secretary Weinheimer 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 March 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 for the 2011-2013 permitting term.

Well Monitoring Update – Mr. Hudgins presented the Board with the March well monitoring report. The index wells have averaged a two foot drop in water levels. Due to the dry weather conditions, the pumping season began earlier than usual.

Water Use Report – Mr. Hudgins presented the Board with a 2010 Water Usage Summary of the water use reports that have been submitted for 2010. 83% of the reports have been submitted. Water usage for 2010 is appearing to be lower than last year's usage, however, there is a significant increase in the use of meters so the accuracy of the reports is improving.

Upcoming Meetings – There is a tentative GMA 15 meeting scheduled for May 4, 2011 in Victoria. President Gertson mentioned a Water Day at the capital on April 27, 2011.

VII. **Review and Approve Permit Applications:** After discussion and review of the permit applications, Director Priesmeyer made a motion to approve permits as presented. Vice President Raun seconded. All voted for, with Leonard Wittig abstaining. Motion carried. (see attached for complete list of permits)

VIII. **Rule Amendment regarding Rule 3.11(c) Hydrogeological Assessment and Aquifer Test Report:** After discussion and review, Vice President Raun made a motion to amend District Rule 3.11 (c) from:

Hydrogeological Assessment and Aquifer Test Report. The following permit applications shall be accompanied by a current hydrogeological assessment of the projected effects of the requested groundwater use and an aquifer test report:.

- An application for a new well that involves the production of more than 1200 acre-feet of groundwater annually;
- An application for a new well that will be aggregated by the District with other new or existing wells that involves the aggregate production of more than 1200 acre-feet of groundwater annually
- 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

To read:

Hydrogeological Assessment and Aquifer Test Report. The following permit applications shall be accompanied by a current hydrogeological assessment of the projected effects of the requested groundwater use and an aquifer test report:.

- An application for a new well that involves the production of more than 1800 acre-feet of groundwater annually;
- An application for a new well that will be aggregated by the District with other new or existing wells that involves the aggregate production of more than 1800 acre-feet of groundwater annually
- 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 1800 acre-feet of groundwater annually

Director Priesmeyer seconded. All voted for; motion carried.

IX. **Pump Test and Hydrogeological Report Guidelines:** Mr. Hudgins presented the Board with a rough outline of possible amendments to the District’s current pump test and Hydrogeological report guidelines from Steve Young of INTERA. After reviewing the outline, Secretary Weinheimer made a motion to adopt the outline as policy with Mr. Young providing more detail to the policy at a later time. Director Priesmeyer seconded. All voted for; motion carried.

- X. **Draft Managed Available Groundwater Report for GMA 15:** After discussion and review, Vice President Raun made a motion to accept the Draft GAM Run 10-028 Managed Available Groundwater issued by the Texas Water Development Board. Director Wittig seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- XI. **Unfinished Business:** The Board discussed hosting a water forum for the constituents of Wharton County. They discussed holding the forum at the Wharton County Civic Center on June 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Staff will begin working on a draft agenda for the forum.
- XII. **Next Meeting:** The next general board meeting was set for Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office, 109 E. Milam, Wharton, Texas.
- XIII. **Adjournment:** Director Priesmeyer made a motion to adjourn. Director Wittig seconded. All voted for; motion carried. Adjournment at 10:41 a.m.