

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

AGENDA PREPARED AND POSTED: May 7, 2010
DATE OF MEETING: May 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:

II. Ronald Gertson – President CBGCD; L.G. Raun – Vice President CBGCD; Edmund Weinheimer – Secretary CBGCD; Leonard Wittig – Director CBGCD; Neil Hudgins – Manager CBGCD; James Ekstrom.

III. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:19 A.M.

IV. Public Comments:

None.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Vice President Raun made a motion to accept the April 13, 2010 regular meeting minutes, and 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 \$ 98,500.19 and a money market balance of \$ 525,756.30. A budget vs. actual, a list of total District investments, and the balance sheet for April was also presented. After discussion and review, Vice President Raun 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 April as presented. Secretary Weinheimer 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 5,212 wells registered. 761 of the 5,212 are non exempt wells.

Water Use Report - Staff presented the Board with a report of the 2009 water usage. Ninety-nine percent of the reports are reported on the presented summary sheet. Permit holders pumped 72% 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 May. Water levels are rebounding very positively. With the continuing rains, the trend should continue.

GMA 15 – Neil reported that the next GMA meeting will be held on June 2nd in Victoria. At that meeting, the goal is to propose a DFC for all relevant aquifers in the GMA.

VII. Review and Approve Permit Applications: After discussion and review of the permit applications and amendments to applications, Vice President Raun made a motion to approve the submitted permit applications as presented. (See attached.) President Gertson seconded. All voted for, motion carried.

- VIII. **Budget Amendment:** Secretary Weinheimer made a motion to increase the budget item “Additional Staff” by \$100, and to decrease “Attorney” by \$100. President Gertson seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- IX. **Review District Rule 3.11(c) in Reference to Hydrogeological Assessment and Aquifer Test Report:** In the current Rules, the District required at hydrogeological assessment and aquifer test report for any new production of 1200 ac ft or more or when amending an existing permit to exceed 1200 ac ft. The board instructed Mr. Hudgins to research the possibly of having an ‘in-house’ geologist and any other necessary personnel to refer to. This way if the District receives an application and notices that these additional requirements are to be met, the District could establish a one-time fee that would cover all the work and the Board’s review of the application. In the current rules, the manager has the ability to approve an ‘emergency’ amendment to an existing permit if one is necessary, but it is unclear if the manager has the authority to approve an amendment prior to the completion of a hydro assessment and pump test if one is needed. Mr. Hudgins is to ask our attorney if a rule change is necessary to allow the manager to grant such an amendment. He was also instructed to verify a rule change to clarify that any renewals of permits that exceed 1200 ac ft are also subject to these requirements.
- X. **Discussion of Letter for Late Water Use Submittals:** Mr. Hudgins reported to the Board that all in violation of their second offense of having submitted their water use reports after the deadline have paid their \$100 settlement. Staff received two letters back undeliverable. Mr. Hudgins was to check with the appraisal districts to verify these addresses.
- XI. **Progress of Intera assisting CBGCD in the Joint Planning Process.** Mr. Hudgins reported that Steve Young of Intera is coming to Wharton to meet with CC/CB/CPGCDs on May 24th to present all the work done regarding establishing DFCs for Colorado, Wharton, and Matagorda Counties using the LCRB model as opposed to the Central Gulf Coast GAM.
- XII. **Discuss Partnership with NRCS and Sam Houston RC&D in Agricultural Water Enhancement Program. (Possible Action)** Mr. Hudgins reported to the board that David Reed of SH RC&D has contacted him to see if it would be a possibility for the CBGCD to partner with them on their application for AWEP funds. The only responsibility of the District would be to supply those applicants for funds using groundwater be supplied with a flow meter if they do not already have one. LG Raun made the motion to partner with SH RC&D and Ronald Gertson seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- XIII. **Next Meeting:** The next general board meeting was set for Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office, 109 E. Milam, Wharton, Texas.
- XIV. **Adjournment:** Vice President Raun made a motion to adjourn. Director Wittig seconded. All voted for; motion carried. Adjournment at 10:12 a.m.

