

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

AGENDA PREPARED AND POSTED: September 5, 2008
DATE OF MEETING: September 9, 2008
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 CBGCD; L.G. Raun – Vice President CBGCD; Leonard Wittig – Director CBGCD; Edmund Weinheimer – Secretary CBGCD; Arthur Priesmeyer – Director CBGCD; Neil Hudgins – Manager CBGCD; Mandy Bain – Administrative Assistant CBGCD.

II. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 A.M.

III. Public Comments:

None.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Secretary Weinheimer made a motion to accept the minutes with the following corrections: Under Manager’s Report: *Financial Report* the money market balance of \$853,988.65 should be a money market balance of \$583,988.65. The sentence “The District has used right at 80% of the budget this year”, changed to The District has used right at 80% of the budget through the end of July.” In section XIV., **Budget Workshop**, changed from “Vice President Raun made a motion to accept the budget” to “Vice President Raun made a motion to propose the budget” Vice President Raun seconded. All voted for; motion carried.

V. Manager's Report:

Financial Report – Mr. Hudgins reported a checking account balance of \$24,288.71 and a money market balance of \$566,144.35. A budget vs. actual and a list of total District investments was also presented. The Quarterly Investment Report was also submitted to the Board. Vice President Raun made a motion to approve the financial report 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. The current information sheet represents the 2008-2010 permit term water numbers. There are a total of 4,127 wells registered. 716 of the 4,127 are non exempt wells.

Well Monitoring Update – Mr. Hudgins presented the Board with the water level readings for the month of September. Water levels for September are either slightly higher than readings for August or stayed about even.

Water Use Report – Staff presented the Board with a report of the 2007 water usage. One hundred percent of the reports were reported on the summary sheet. Due to excessive rainfall in 2007, only 21% of the permitted water amounts have been used for this year.

Upcoming Meetings – A Groundwater 101 conference will be held in mid November in Austin. Mr. Hudgins will update the Board as more information becomes available.

- VI. **Review and Approve Permit Applications:** After discussion and review of the permit applications, Secretary Weinheimer made a motion to approve the submitted permit applications as presented. Director Wittig seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- VII. **Alcoa Update:** Whitaker has taken over the liability for the trichloroethylene groundwater plume in El Campo. The Board would like Staff to contact TCEQ to request information about the current location of the plume and how quickly the plume is moving. District Staff needs to create a water quality network of wells to begin monitoring the water quality in the county.
- VIII. **Exemption Status for the East Bernard Lodge No. 817, A.F. & A. M.:** After discussion and review, President Gertson made a motion to grant the requested tax exemption status to the East Bernard Lodge No. 817, A.F. & A. M. Director Priesmeyer seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- IX. **Cancellation of November 4, 2008 Election:** After Secretary Weinheimer certified the following candidates are unopposed for election to office for the election to be held on November 4, 2008: Director – Precinct 1; Leonard Wittig and Director – Precinct 3; L.G. Raun, Jr., Secretary Weinheimer made a motion to cancel the Election for Directors. Director Priesmeyer seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- X. **Participation in TCDRS Retirement Plan:** After discussion and review the authorization to maintain TCDRS plan provisions for plan year 2009, the Board Vice President Raun made a motion to increase the Districts matching participation of the retirement plan from 100% matching rate to 115% matching rate. Director Wittig seconded. Four voted for the motion; one against. Motion carried. After a question about the plan was raised, Secretary Weinheimer made a motion to rescind the vote on the prior motion and table any more discussion or decisions until a presentation on the Cost of Living Adjustment can be made at the next meeting. Vice President Raun seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- XI. **Budget Amendment:** Director Priesmeyer made a motion to decrease the budget item “Vehicle Maintenance and Repair” by \$836.11 and increase the budget items “Payroll Expense - Other” by \$824, and “Payroll Expense; Medicare” by \$12.11. Secretary Weinheimer seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- XII. **2008/2009 Budget:** After discussion and review, Vice President Raun made a motion to accept the 2008/2009 Budget as presented. Secretary Weinheimer seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- XIII. **2008/2009 Tax Rate:** After discussion and review, Vice President Raun made a motion to set the 2008/2009 tax rate at \$0.00706 per \$100 valuation. Secretary Weinheimer seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- XIV. **Review of Proposed Chapters for the Special District Local Laws Code:** The Board reviewed the preliminary draft of the Texas Legislative Council Special District Local Laws Code Chapter 8829. The District’s Attorney, Greg Ellis, also reviewed the preliminary draft.
- XV. **PDSI/Situation Report** – Mr. Hudgins presented the Board with the Quarterly copy of the PDSI and Situation Report.
- XVI. **Unfinished Business:** None.
- XVII. **Next Meeting:** The next general board meeting was set for Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office, 109 E. Milam, Wharton, Texas.
- XVIII. **Adjournment:** Vice President Raun made a motion to adjourn. Director Wittig seconded. All voted for; motion carried. Adjournment at 10:33 a.m.

