

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

AGENDA PREPARED AND POSTED: January 08, 2016
DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2016
TIME OF MEETING: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE WHERE MEETING WAS HELD: Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District, 109 E. Milam, WHARTON, TEXAS 77488.

I. In Attendance:

Ronald Gertson – President CBGCD; L.G. Raun – Vice-President CBGCD; Edmund Weinheimer – Secretary CBGCD; Leonard Wittig – Director CBGCD; Daniel Berglund – Director CBGCD; Neil Hudgins – Manager CBGCD; Jaime Bosch – Office Manager CBGCD; Steve Cooper; Wes Birdwell.

II. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:13 A.M.

III. Public Comments:

Steve Cooper was introduced as a new LCRA board member.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Secretary Weinheimer made a motion to accept the meeting and permit hearing minutes for November 10, 2015 with corrections (adding Vice-President Raun to I. and type correction V. Director Berglund seconded. All voted for; motion carried.

V. Manager's Report:

Financial Report – Mr. Hudgins reported a checking account balance of \$61,530.26 and a money market balance of \$881,916.91. A budget vs. actual and the balance sheet for November and December were also presented. After discussion and review, Director Berglund made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Secretary Weinheimer seconded. All voted for; motion carried.

Quarterly Investment Report – Mr. Hudgins presented the board with the current investments of CBGCD funds and the available Certificate of Deposit Rate from Industry State Bank of 1.35% with an APY of 1.36%. After discussion and review, Director Berglund made a motion to approve the investment of \$500,000.00 in a 12 month certificate of deposit, after CBGCD Treasure approves Industry State Bank's current financials, and Industry State Bank will pledge securities sufficient to cover the deposit. The district will leave remaining balances in the money market account and interest checking account as presented. Secretary Weinheimer seconded. All voted for; motion carried.

Well Monitoring Update – Mr. Hudgins presented the board with the monitor well levels as of January 01, 2016. Report shows 53 feet, an increase from December 2015. This is the highest January level since 2011. The average of the monitor wells in the critical depletion study area show an increase from prior month reports.

Exempt & Non Exempt Well Information Report – Mr. Hudgins presented the board with the exempt and non exempt well information report as of January 2016.

Upcoming Meetings – GMA 15 January 14, 2016 Western Ricebelt Conference January 20, 2016.

VI. Discuss and Approve Permit Applications: After discussion and review of the new drill permit applications, Director Berglund made a motion to approve the permit applications OP-05012506 for Willie Gavranovic; OP-15123002 for Ann Witt; OP-

- 15123001 for Robert Penner; OP-15123003 for Robert Penner; and OP-15123004 for Robert Penner. Vice-President Raun seconded. All voted for motion carried.
- VII. **Review Requests For Meter Requirement Exemptions:** Mr. Hudgins presented the board with the request for meter exemption from Coastal Warehouse and Tradewind Ag. After review and discussion, Vice-President Raun made a motion to approve Coastal Warehouse's request for office use only, and deny Tradewind Ag's request. Director Berglund seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- VIII. **Discuss TWDB Grant Conditions:** Mr. Hudgins explained to the board that the current TWDB water meter grants require reimbursement of 50% of the meter even if the 50% cost is over \$600.00.
- IX. **Discuss and Possible Action on Authorizing Participation in an Amicus Brief to be Filed in Support of the Lone Star GCD in City of Conroe et al v Lone Star GCD:** Greg Ellis explained the case and that the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District would be filing an amicus brief in support of the pleas to the jurisdiction filed by the District and the District's Directors. Ellis suggested the Board consider supporting the amicus brief with a financial donation and add the District's name to the Brief. Vice-President Raun made a motion to join the amicus brief and provide up to \$2000 from reserve funds, with the final amount based on other GCD involvement; Director Berglund seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- X. **Review Water Quality Results:** Mr. Hudgins presented the board with information from the result of the water quality testing.
- XI. **Review CBGCD Rules:** CBGCD board members, Greg Ellis, and staff continued the discussion on the CBGCD rules. No action was taken.
- XII. **PDSI/Situation Report:** Mr. Hudgins presented the board with the current PDSI report. The report shows no drought conditions within the district.
- XIII. **Unfinished Business:** None
- XIV. **Public Comments/Announcements:** Wes Birdwell informed the board that the City of Wharton is moving forward with their hydr-test.
- XV. **Date of Next Meeting:** The next CBGCD board meeting was set for Tuesday, February 09, 2016 at 8:00 am.
- XVI. **Adjournment:** Secretary Weinheimer made a motion to adjourn. Director Wittig seconded. All voted for; motion carried. Adjournment at 11:51 a.m.