

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

**AGENDA PREPARED AND POSTED:** September 06, 2018  
**DATE OF MEETING:** September 11, 2018  
**TIME OF MEETING:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE WHERE MEETING WAS HELD: Coastal Bend GCD, 109 E. Milam,  
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488.**

**I. In Attendance:**

Ronald Gertson – President CBGCD; Edmund Weinheimer – Secretary CBGCD; Daniel Berglund – Director CBGCD; Aland Wittig – Director CBGCD; Neil Hudgins – Manager CBGCD; Jaime Bosch – Office Manager CBGCD; Greg Ellis; Steve Cooper; and Judge Spenrath.

**II. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 A.M. by President Gertson.

**III. Public Comments:**

None

**IV. Approval of Minutes:**

Secretary Weinheimer made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, with the corrections of XII. Wittig to Berglund and XXI. Wittig to Berglund and the permit hearing minutes as presented for August 14, 2018. Director Berglund seconded. All voted for; motion carried.

**V. Manager's Report:**

Financial Report – Mr. Hudgins reported a checking account balance of \$353,988.77; a money market balance of \$385,524.65; and CD balance of \$512,915.16. A budget vs. actual and the balance sheet for September was also presented. After discussion and review, Secretary Weinheimer made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Director Wittig seconded. All voted for; motion carried. Mr. Hudgins also reported that the only insurance increase will be for dental (\$37.64 to \$41.40).

Well Monitoring Update – Mr. Hudgins presented the board with the monitor well levels as of September 01, 2018. The index well graph shows a 1-foot recovery from the previous month of August. The critical depletion study area monitor wells show a similar recovery.

Upcoming Meetings – GMA 15 in October

**VI. Cancel Election of Directors for November 06, 2018:** After certifying the following candidates are unopposed for election to office for the election to be held on November 6, 2018: Director Precinct 2 – Ronald Gertson, Director Precinct 4 – Daniel Berglund, Director At Large – Edmund Weinheimer, Jr. Director Berglund made a motion to cancel the Election for Directors. Secretary Weinheimer seconded. All voted for; motion carried.

**VII. Discussion to Approve Permit Applications:** After discussion and review of the permit application for Trancontinental Gas Pipeline CO LLC, Director Berglund made a motion to approve the permit application as presented. Secretary Weinheimer seconded. All voted for; motion carried.

**VIII. Discuss Possible Budget Amendments Regarding 2017-2018 FY Budget:** After review and discussion Secretary Weinheimer made a motion to approve the following budget amendments: \$1,000 to Advertising/Public Notices from GW

Modeling/Engineer; \$1,000 to Ad Valorem Services (WCAD) from GW Modeling/Engineer; and \$1,000 to Telephone-Office from GW Modeling/Engineer. Director Wittig seconded. All voted for; motion carried.

- IX. **Discuss Possible Adoption of 2018-2019 Budget:** Mr. Hudgins presented the proposed 2018-2019 budget. Director Berglund made the motion to adopt the 2018-2019 Budget as presented which would necessitate a Tax Rate of \$0.0083/100 valuation. Director Wittig seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- X. **Discuss Possible Adoption of 2018-2019 Tax Rate:** Director Berglund made a motion to adopt a Tax Rate of \$0.0083/100 valuation. Director Wittig seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- XI. **Review and Discuss CBGCD Rules on Spacing and Screening Requirements:** At the July 2018 board meeting, the CBGCD Board considered new permit applications for wells with higher capacity (GPM) that would not be required to screen deeper than 175ft in accordance with CBGCD Spacing/Screening Rules. The current Spacing/Screening rules are based on annualized permitted amounts rather than GPM. The Board of Directors asked Mr. Hudgins to discuss our current rules with CBGCD Hydrologist Steve Young to get his opinion on whether or not the district needed to apply some type of GPM limitations in addition to our current Spacing/Screening rules. After a few phone conversations, Mr. Young felt that since the higher GPM pumping was only occurring for a fairly short period of time (1-2 weeks) to meet the irrigators needs, he did not recommend any changes that the district should consider. No further action was taken.
- XII. **Litigation Update a) Review and Discuss Current AG Opinion Requests RE: GCD Authority on Defining Agricultural Irrigation b) City of Conroe, et al v. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, et al (District Court) c) Fazzino v Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District (District Court) d) Recharge Texas (End OP0) v Environmental Stewardship (3<sup>rd</sup> Court of Appeals) e) Cockrell Investment Partners, Ltd. V Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District (District Court) f) Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District v Edwards Aquifer Authority (District Court):** Greg Ellis updated the board on the current status of the cases.
- XIII. **Legislative Update:** Greg Ellis updated the board on the current legislative meetings and groundwater issues.
- XIV. **PDSI/Situation Report:** The report shows a portion within CBGCD area is abnormally dry.
- XV. **Possible Future Agenda Items:** None
- XVI. **Public Comments/Announcements:** None.
- XVII. **Set Next Meeting Date and Agenda:** Director Berglund made a motion that the next CBGCD board meeting be set for Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 8:00 am. Secretary Weinheimer Seconded. All voted for; motion carried.
- XVIII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.