

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

**AGENDA PREPARED AND POSTED:** May 08, 2024  
**DATE OF MEETING:** May 14, 2024  
**TIME OF MEETING:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE WHERE MEETING WAS HELD: CBGCD Office, 109 E. Milam, WHARTON, TEXAS 77488.**

**In Attendance:**

Ronald Gertson – President CBGCD; Daniel Berglund – Vice-President CBGCD; Tim Anderson – Secretary CBGCD; Aland Wittig – Director CBGCD; Alan Heskamp – Director CBGCD (8:25a.m.); Neil Hudgins – Manager CBGCD; Jaime Bosch – Office Manager CBGCD; Greg Ellis; Judge Spenrath

**I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 A.M. by President Gertson.

**II. Public Comments:**

None

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

Director Wittig made a motion to approve the March 12, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Secretary Anderson seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.

**V. Manager's Report:**

Financial Report – Mr. Hudgins reported a checking account balance of \$325,595.94; a money market account balance of \$299,170.95; 2018 CD balance of \$846,249.39; 2020 CD balance \$552,452.59. A budget vs. actual, deposit and check details, and the balance sheet were also presented. After discussion and review, Vice-President Berglund made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Director Wittig seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.

Quarterly Investment Report – Mr. Hudgins presented the board with the quarterly investment report as of April 30, 2024. After discussion and review, Secretary Anderson made a motion to approve the report as presented. Vice-President seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.

Well Monitoring Update – Mr. Hudgins presented the board with the monthly monitor wells level and Lissie transducer level for May 2024 and the bi-annual monitor wells level for March 2024. The index well graph shows 51.5 feet, the same level as the previous month of April 2024. The Lissie transducer shows a similar trend to the index wells. The bi-annual well graph shows 50.8 feet, 1.54 feet lower than March 2023, and a recovery of 8 feet from November 2023.

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**VI. Discussion to Approve Permit Applications:** President Gertson opened the public hearing for permit applications at 8:03 a.m.; asking if there was anyone present to give public comments; after hearing none, President Gertson closed the public hearing at 8:04 a.m. Mr. Hudgins presented the following permit applications: OP-24041902 for Debra Lauritsen, OP-24041903 for Dean Hansen; OP-23022803 for Michael Popp; OP-24041901 for HA Gulfstar LLC. After review and discussion, Vice-President Berglund made a motion to approve the permits as presented. Director Wittig seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.

- VII. **Discuss CBGCD Permit Violations:** Mr. Hudgins presented a 2023 over pumping permit violation for permit OP-21022401, owner by David and Virginia Pratka. After review and discussion, Vice-President Berglund made a motion to issue a compromise and settlement agreement stating that this violation is considered a 2<sup>nd</sup> violation, resulting in a \$1,000 fine, that monthly meter readings are required to be submitted to CBGCD, and CBGCD general counsel attorney, Greg Ellis, is authorized to file a civil lawsuit if a 3<sup>rd</sup> violation occurs. Secretary Anderson seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.
- VIII. **General Counsel’s Report on Groundwater Litigation and Legislation:** Greg Ellis gave updates on the current litigation and legislation.
- IV. **PDSI:** The report shows no drought in CBGCD area.
- IX. **Possible Future Agenda Items:** None
- X. **Public Comments/Announcements:** None
- XI. **Set Next Meeting Date and Agenda:** Secretary Anderson made a motion that the next CBGCD board meeting be set for Tuesday, July 09, 2024 at the CBGCD office. Director Heskamp seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.
- XII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.