

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
RED RIVER GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014

**AT THE GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD ROOM
5100 AIRPORT DRIVE
DENISON, TX 75020**

Members Present: Mark Patterson, Harold Latham, Don Wortham, David Gattis, Mark Gibson, Mark Newhouse, William Purcell

Members Absent: None

Staff: Drew Satterwhite, Carolyn Bennett, Wayne Parkman, and Carmen Catterson

Visitors: Ron Cannon, Rock Creek Resorts
Alex Moser, AL Moser Drilling
Joey Rickman, City of Honey Grove

NOTE: The audio recording of the hearing is the official record of the hearing. These minutes are provided only for convenience.

1. Call to Order, establish quorum; declaring hearing open to the public; introduction of Board.

President Patterson called the hearing to order at 2:00 PM. All members were present.

2. Review draft amendment to the Temporary Rules

Mr. Satterwhite provided a brief explanation of the suggested amendments to the Temporary Rules. Several new definitions were added relating to new or amended rules. Well systems were expanded to define them as pumping into any reservoir, including swimming pools, ground storage tanks or distributions systems. Test holes were defined and guidelines were added. Well capping specifications and requirements were added to the Temporary Rules to prevent contamination to the aquifer by wells not being used. In the event the casing is deteriorated, it could be rehabilitated and not capped or plugged.

The reporting periods were clarified and a provision was added to allow the reporting of water loss by public water systems on an annual basis instead of quarterly. The staff also proposes to allow the information to be submitted on a form provided by the District or on a form approved by the District. Hydrogeologic criteria for well spacing was extended to December 2016 to allow for the completion of the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs). Well spacing guidelines were also removed to allow for the completion of DFCs.

Guidelines were included for replacement wells, including the new well being drilled on the same tract of land and being the same size as the existing well. In addition, the old well must be plugged upon completion of the new well.

Late fees were modified to a flat rate of 15%. The accounting system will not allow for tiered late fees. The only other change was that well meters were expanded to allow for more current technology.


3. Public Comment (verbal comments limited to three (3) minutes each; written comments may also be submitted for the Board's consideration.)

Mr. Moser asked about the process of approval of well registrations. Mr. Satterwhite explained that he is the one who approves the well registrations, unless it needs to be addressed by the Board. Mr. Moser asked what qualifications Mr. Satterwhite held as a water well driller. Mr. Satterwhite explained that he is a professional civil engineer and followed the guidelines as established by the Board of Directors to determine if a proposed well met the requirements to be approved. Board Member Purcell asked what process would be followed if a well application was declined. Mr. Satterwhite responded that if an application was declined by the General Manager, the applicant would be provided the option to address the Board. Mr. Moser expressed discontent with the current spacing for replacement wells. The Board responded that the spacing requirements have been removed in the proposed Temporary Rules. To qualify as a replacement well, the new well must be designed to match the existing well. Any wells that do not match the existing specifications will be considered new wells.

4. Adjourn or continue public hearing on proposed rules

The Board unanimously adjourned the public hearing at approximately 2:12 PM.

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Recording Secretary


Secretary-Treasurer