# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING NORTH TEXAS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Tuesday, May 12, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Governor Abbott's March 16, 2020, action to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, a quorum of the Board of Directors of the North Texas Groundwater Conservation District ("District") will hold a permit hearing and Board meeting via telephone and video conference call beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Any member of the public who wishes to participate remotely may do so through the remote access options provided above.

Members Present:

Thomas Smith, Ronny Young, Allen Knight, Joe Helmberger, Ryan Henderson,

David Flusche, and Lee K. Allison

Members Absent:

Ron Sellman

Staff:

Drew Satterwhite, Carolyn Bennett, Paul Sigle, Theda Anderson, Debi Atkins and

Velma Starks

Visitors:

Kristen Fancher, Fancher Legal

Peter Schulmeyer, Collier Consulting

Dana Lumpkin, Water Centric Lina Ramey, Bella Mansions Kenneth Ramey, Bella Mansions

Michelle Carte, Upper Trinity Regional Water District

#### **Permit Hearing**

### Agenda:

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

President Thomas Smith called the permit hearing to order at 10:08 a.m.

2. Review the Production Permit Applications of:

**Applicant:** Bella Mansions, LLC; 3320 Belt Line Rd., Farmers Branch, TX 75234 **Location of Well:** 1701 S. Stemmons Freeway, Sanger, TX 76266; Latitude: 33.34290°N, Longitude: 97.18270°W; About 200 feet west of I-35 Frontage Road and 0.5 mile south of the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup>

Street and I-35 Frontage Road

**Purpose of Use:** Vineyard Irrigation and Pond(s)/Surface Impoundment(s)

Requested Amount of Use: 1,570,000 gallons per year Production Capacity of Well: 30 gallons per minute

Aguifer: Trinity (Antlers) Aquifer

General Manager Drew Satterwhite reviewed the Bella Mansions permit. This well has already been drilled and there was more water than anticipated. It was expected to be an exempt well, however; the owners want to keep 30 gpm well. That is the reason for the production permit. Disccussion was held. District has disclaimers that well owner needs to get permission documentation from cities, counties, etc. The District only gives permission from the District to drill a well.

Applicant: Ipomoea Homes II; 3171 Birchridge Dr., Frisco, TX 75033

Location of Well: Little Bluestem Lane, Frisco, TX 75035; Latitude: 33.1436944°N, Longitude:

96.7474722°W; About 850 feet east of Independence Parkway and 0.4 mile north of the intersection of

Independence Parkway and Rolater Road

Purpose of Use: Landscape Irrigation and Pond(s)/Surface Impoundment(s)

Requested Amount of Use: 5,800,000 gallons per year for 2020 and 4,420,000 gallons per year after

2020

Production Capacity of Well: 80 gallons per minute

Aquifer: Woodbine Aquifer

General Manager Drew Satterwhite reviewed the Ipooea Homes permit.

Public Comment on the Production Permit Applications.

There were no public comments.

4. Consider and act upon the Production Permit Applications, including designation of parties and/or granting or denying the Production Permit Applications in whole or in part, as applicable.

Board Member Ronny Young made the motion to accept both permits as presented. Board Member Joe Helmberger seconded the motion. The Board was polled individually. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjourn or continue permit hearing.

President Thomas Smith adjourned the permit hearing at 10:19 a.m.

### **Board Meeting**

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

President Thomas Smith asked Board Member Joe Helmberger to provide the invocation.

## 2. Call to order, establish quorum; declare meeting open to the public

President Thomas Smith called the meeting to order 10:21 a.m., established a quorum was present, and declared the meeting open to the public.

## 3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## 4. Consider and act upon approval of the minutes from the April 14, 2020, Board meeting.

President Thomas Smith asked for approval of the minutes from the April 14, 2020 meeting. Board Member Joe Helmberger made the motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Ronny Young seconded the motion. The Board was polled individually. Motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Consider and act upon approval of invoices and reimbursements, Resolution No. 2020-05-12-01.

General Manager Drew Satterwhite reviewed the liabilities with the Board. Board Member Joe Helmberger made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-05-12-01. Board Member Ronny Young seconded the motion. The Board was polled individually. Motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Receive reports from the following Committees\*:

- a. Budget and Finance Committee
  - 1) Receive Monthly Financial Information

General Manager Drew Satterwhite reviewed the monthly financial information with the Board.

### b. Investment Committee

1) Receive Quarterly Investment Report

General Manger Drew Satterwhite reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report with the Board.

## 7. Discussion and possible action on temporarily authorizing stamp resolutions.

General Manager Drew Satterwhite reminded the Board that at the previous meeting the signing of checks and disbursements during the COVID-19 Pandemic and meetings being held online were discussed, however; resolutions were omitted from the discussion. Resolutions were scanned and emailed to officers for signatures. This procedure will continue, if it is the procedure the Board wishes staff to follow. Board suggested temporarily use stamp to stamp signatures on resolutions. Board Member Joe Helmberger made the motion to approve with the same procedure as check signing temporarily until time board can meet in person. Board Member Allen Knight seconded the motion. The Board was polled individually. Motion passed unanimously.

8. <u>Discussion and possible action regarding entering into an agreement with Texas A&M Agrilife for irrigation modeling.</u>

General Manager Drew Satterwhite reviewed with the Board the model used by the District to determine information on irrigation permits. The District Staff suggests that the District model be reviewed by Texas A&M Agrilife. The cost for Phase 1 is \$2200 dollars for review of the District model and any revisions. The cost would be split with RRGCD. The cost for NTGCD would be not-to-exceed \$1100 dollars. The contract would be authorized contingent upon review with Kristen Fancher and Thomas Smith. Board Member Joe Helmberger made the motion to spend \$1100 dollars to get Phase 1 underway. Board Member Allen Knight seconded the motion. The Board was polled individually. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Update and possible action regarding the process for the development of Desired Future Conditions (DFCs).

General Manager Drew Satterwhite reminded the Board that the GMA 8 meeting will be Friday, May 15. It will also be held via video and telephone conference. This would be an opportunity for any board member who would like to join the meeting without having to travel to a meeting.

10. Consider and act upon compliance and enforcement activities for violations of District rules.

General Manager Drew Satterwhite informed the Board that there were no updates.

- 11. <u>General Manager's Report: The General Manager will update the board on operational, educational and other activities of the District.</u>
  - a. Well Registration Summary

General Manager Drew Satterwhite reported that there were 23 new well registrations.

12. Open forum/discussion of new business for future meeting agendas.

A suggestion was made to check when in person meetings will be allowed in group settings. Find new meeting place if school district is not open at time that in person meetings are allowed.

13. Adjourn public meeting

Board President Thomas Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Secretary-Treasurer