

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING
RED RIVER GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

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

Members Present: George "Butch" Henderson, George Olson, Don Wortham, Harold Latham, Don Morrison

Members Absent: David Gattis, John Young

Staff: Jerry Chapman, Carolyn Bennett and Carmen Catterson

Visitors: Jerry White, Grayson County
Joey Rickman, City of Honey Grove
Denny Brackeen, Marilee SUD
Kevin Farley, City of Pottsboro
Missy Rickman, City of Savoy
Howard Trammell, South Grayson WSC
Mary Shankles, Texoma Enterprise
Howard Ziecke, property owner

I. Call to Order

President Henderson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Board Members introduced themselves and the entities they represent. Board Members Gattis and Young were absent.

II. Introduction of Visitors

All visitors and Board members introduced themselves and the entity they represented.

III. Consider and act upon approval of Minutes of August 30, 2010 Meeting.

Board Member Morrison motioned to approve the Minutes of the August 30, 2010 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Wortham and passed unanimously.

IV. Receive report on well information collection process.

Ms. Bennett explained the well information report is still in draft form. Marilee SUD's well information is not currently included. Their information was not contained in the data pulled from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) website. This information will be draft for some time while the data from five sources is compiled into one comprehensive database. Based on the information collected to date, Fannin County uses approximately 11 million gallons per day and Grayson County uses approximately 28.4 million gallons per day. So far, only 53 wells in Fannin County and 478 wells in Grayson County are not considered exempted for monitoring. President Henderson requested the Board review the information and search for known wells that are not included to help speed the process.

V. Receive update on Groundwater Availability Model

At the previous meeting, the President was authorized to submit a letter to the TWDB requesting a Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) for the Trinity and Woodbine Aquifers in Fannin and Grayson Counties. The report has been prepared, but is still pending Bill Hutchison's review. Mr. Chapman spoke with Mr. Hutchison on Tuesday and Mr. Hutchison said he would try to mail the report this week. As soon as the report is received, the staff will provide it to the Board for review. The GAM will be a key element for the groundwater management plan and rules.

VI. Receive report on recommendations to be made by the Texas Water Conservation Association Groundwater Committee to the 83rd Texas Legislature

Mr. Chapman reported that he is serving on a committee for the Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA). This committee has been meeting since February. The last meeting was held on Monday and will have one or two more before the end of the year. The Committee has discussed many subjects, some are still contested and some have been agreed on. One of the ongoing discussions is whether the GAM should be used to issue water rights based on permits or use. The Committee feels the water permits should be issued based on use, not on a requested amount. Another issue being discussed is posting notices for the Groundwater Management Area meetings. Currently, proof of posting must be received from each county in the GMA in order for the actions taken during the meeting to be upheld. If the Committee's recommendation is accepted by the Legislature, only proof the posting was submitted to the County Clerks would be necessary. The group is represented by a variety of interest groups from municipalities, water marketers, groundwater districts, etc.

VII. Consider and discuss draft Management Plan

The initial draft management plan provided to the Board last month was based on the format used by the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District. Since that time, the staff came into possession of the Northern Trinity GCD's plan, which was approved earlier this year by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The Northern Trinity GCD's plan is much more concise and clear than the previous plan, and the information is more pertinent to this area. Mr. Chapman recommended combining the two documents and reviewed the recommended changes with the Board. The Board agreed with all recommended changes and requested to be provided with a new draft at the next meeting.

VIII. Consider and discuss creation and development of Rules and the appointment of a Committee

Board Member Latham recommended forming a committee to develop rules for the District. He volunteered to serve on the committee. President Henderson requested two additional volunteers for the committee. Vice President Olson and Board Member Wortham offered to serve on the committee. The committee members will review the draft rules of the North Texas GCD and provide recommendations for the Red River GCD's rules.

Mr. Chapman also requested the Board to encourage individual entities to provide letters of opposition to the Texas Railroad Commission against the Fenco application. The staff was directed to draft a letter to the Railroad Commission for President Henderson to sign.

IX. Citizens to be Heard.

Mr. Zeicke, a property owners, requested information on how water districts work and what regions exist in Texas for water planning efforts. The staff will provide Mr. Zeicke with maps of the GMAs, GCDs and other information. Mr. Chapman briefly explained the different water planning areas and their functions.

Mr. Brackeen thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication. Marilee SUD, the District he represents, is governed by two GCDs. He keeps hearing how the Boards are attempting to keep costs down and really appreciates the efforts. Ms. Shankles questioned who sets the standards and limits on projected growth in areas over a long period of time and whether traffic movement is taken into account. Mr. Chapman explained that the water planning regions incorporate information obtained from the State and water providers. The population estimates are formed with input from many different avenues. The water plans are updated every five years. The Desired Future Conditions were established by GMA 8 for this area. Since the District had not been formed at the time the conditions were set, the District had no say in the numbers. However, when the numbers are revisited in a few years, the District will be able to provide input into the planning process.

X. Discuss future meeting date and agenda

The Board considered possible topics for the next Board meeting, including discussing funding possibilities. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 2:00 PM.

XII. Adjourn

Upon motion by Vice President Olson seconded by Board Member Morrison and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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Recording Secretary


Secretary-Treasurer