

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

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011

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

Members Present: George "Butch" Henderson, George Olson, Don Wortham, David Gattis, Harold Latham, Don Morrison, John Young

Members Absent: None

Staff: Jerry Chapman and Carmen Catterson

Visitors: Kevin Farley, City of Pottsboro
Joe Shephard, City of Howe
Jeff Stanley, City of Howe

I. Call to Order

President Henderson called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

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 February 21, 2011 Meeting.

Board Member Morrison motioned to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2011 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Young and passed unanimously.

IV. Citizens to be heard

No citizen comments received.

V. Consider and act upon establishing a depository and appointing Investment and Finance Committee

The Board discussed possible depositories. Mr. Chapman stated that the Board would most likely need two accounts, one for operations and one for investments. Mr. Chapman recommended sending out a request for proposals to local banks to see what kind of interest could be obtained. The Board agreed

that it would be best to have a local bank for ease of access, preferably Sherman. The Board directed the staff to draft a letter to send to all local banks requesting proposals.

VI. Consider and act upon a Resolution relating to fiscal management activities

The staff provided a draft resolution to the Board that includes instructions on how fiscal activities might be conducted. The resolution states that two signatures are required on checks by either the President, Vice President or Secretary/Treasurer. One correction was noted on the Resolution. The Board requested the staff to correct the error and provide it for signatures at the next meeting.

Board Member Gattis motioned to approve a Resolution relating to fiscal management activities. The motion was seconded by Board Member Young and passed unanimously.

VII. Receive update on billing

The staff is behind on submitting the invoices to the 51 entities, but the invoices should be mailed out in the next day or two. The letter includes amounts for both quarterly and annual amounts.

VIII. Consider and act upon approval of proposal and contract for the development of geodatabase and web-based application for the District and consider and act upon entering into an agreement related to the development of geodatabase and web-based application with other groundwater conservation districts in Groundwater Management Area 8

The geodatabase proposal was reviewed at the last meeting. Mr. Chapman explained the process that was used by the North Texas Groundwater Conservation District (NTGCD) to select CDM as the company to develop the geodatabase and website for well registration. Vice President Olson questioned the perfect time to begin developing the geodatabase. Vice President Olson expressed a concern that the District would begin falling behind if this process was delayed too long. Mr. Chapman explained the process that the NTGCD was undergoing regarding well registration. The Board discussed possible start dates for registration and the limits that the low budget provides. Mr. Chapman reported that the invoices would be mailed to the 51 entities within the next week and the Board reviewed options in the event that entities do not remit payment in a reasonable period of time.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

IX. Consider and act upon authorization to join the Texas Water Conservation Association and the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Both of these organizations are water related. The Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA) is the largest and includes many members from various water organizations. The Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) is a piece of the water interest. The TWCA is used by the Legislature for advice and information. The TAGD provides technical assistance for groundwater districts with regard to groundwater activities. The first year of membership with TAGD is free and the TWCA is \$500 per year. The entire Board would be registered as a member and each Board member could receive mailings, if they so choose. This would enable the Board to access information available through their database. Mr. Chapman has access to the TWCA information through the Authority. However, if something happens that is specific to the District, it could be questioned as to why the District was not a member. President Henderson recommends joining the TAGD since it is free.

The Board opted to wait to join the TWCA at a later date when funds have been received.

Vice President motioned for the District to join the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts. The motion was seconded by Board Member Young and passed unanimously.

President Henderson and Board Member Latham requested to be included on the TAGD Google Group.

X. Consider and act upon authorization for the creation of a District website and e-mail addresses for the Board.

Currently the District information is provided as a link on the Authority's website. This needs to be separated to simplify information and to make the District more available to the public. Mrs. Catterson provided a maximum cost of \$500 per year through GoDaddy.com, the Authority's web host. The Board discussed the cost and agreed that the District needed a separate website and email addresses.

Board Member Gattis motioned to authorize the creation a District website and e-mail addresses for the Board. The motion was seconded by Vice President Olson and passed unanimously.

XI. Consider and act upon a Resolution recommending changes to Senate Bill 322

The bill referenced is incorrect. The agenda posting should read Senate Bill 332. Brian Sledge, attorney with the Lloyd Gosselink firm provided Mr. Chapman with a side-by-side analysis of the original bill with the current version that is currently in the Natural Resources Committee. This substitute bill adds a provision that the property owners can take water as long as it meets any governing groundwater district's guidelines. This will most likely be the bill that is passed by the Committee. The Board discussed whether the District should draft a Resolution opposing the current bill. Several local cities have submitted resolutions in opposition of the bill to the legislation.

Board Member Gattis recommended the staff draft a Resolution opposing any changes to Chapter 36.02 of the Water Code to be approved by the Board at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Morrison and passed unanimously.

XII. Consider and discuss draft Temporary Rules

Mrs. Catterson reported one change to Section 4, Rule 4.2(e) that was proposed by Board Member Latham. Board Member Latham explained that the modification eliminates any discrimination between exempt and non-exempt wells. Vice President Olson questioned the definition of emergency purposes and requested they eliminate a(2). The Board agreed. Vice President Olson then questioned the amounts of violation amounts. The difference between a minor and a major is only \$50 and he felt the penalty difference should be higher. The Board discussed changing the cost of a major violation to \$500 for a first and \$1,000 for a second. President Henderson illustrated several spelling and grammatical errors.

XIII. Consider and act upon setting a date for public hearing.

The Board agreed to schedule the public hearing on April 28, 2011 at 7:00 PM, with the Board meeting starting at 6:30 PM. The Board agreed that the Grayson County College auditorium would be the best location, if possible.


XIV. Discuss future meeting date and agenda

The Board briefly discussed possible meeting dates, and agreed to schedule the next meeting for Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

XV. Adjourn

Upon motion by Board Member Morrison seconded by Board Member Young and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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Recording Secretary


Secretary-Treasurer