

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

**MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010**

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

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

Members Absent: Don Morrison

Staff: Jerry Chapman and Carmen Catterson

Visitors: Jonathan Cannon, Herald Democrat  
Robin McCoy, Senator Craig Estes Office  
Cheryl Reynolds, Pink Hill WSC  
Heather Waldriff, Pink Hill WSC  
Mayor Sherry Howard, City of Tom Bean  
Mayor Ruth Ann Collins, City of Van Alstyne  
Bill Herrington, City of Van Alstyne

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I. Call to Order

President Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Board Members introduced themselves and the entities they represent. All members except Don Morrison were present.

II. Introduction of Visitors

Mr. Chapman introduced visitors Heather Waldriff and Cheryl Reynolds with Pink Hill Water Supply Corporation, Robin McCoy with Senator Craig Estes' office, Mayor Sherry Howard with the City of Tom Bean, Jonathan Cannon with the Herald Democrat, Bill Herrington and Mayor Ruth Ann Collins with the City of Van Alstyne. Mr. Chapman also introduced Secretary Carmen Catterson and the Board of Directors.

III. Consider and act upon approval of Minutes of May 24, 2010 Meeting.

Vice President Olson motioned to approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2010 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Latham and passed unanimously.

IV. Consider and act upon request by the City of Tom Bean for approval of a water well site.

Mayor Howard of Tom Bean provided information on the request from the City for a permit to drill a well on property owned by the City. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has issued a Notice of Deficiency to the City for not pumping enough water to meet the City's needs. The City owns a 300-foot by 300-foot piece of property and would like a permit to drill a new water well. The City has two wells, but only one is used to supply the City's water. The City is in the process of applying for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funding and will need written authorization from the District for the well

before the funding can be approved. The City requested that the Board expedite the creation of rules so that the permit can be issued as soon as possible. Board Member Henderson explained that the District cannot issue a permit until the rules are approved. Mr. Chapman reported that he discussed the situation with Mr. Alan Lambright of the USDA and that waiting until the rules are in place to take action on this item will not affect the City's application. Board Member Henderson informed the City that the rules should be in place within one year and that this matter would be revisited at that time. This motion died for a lack of action.

V. Citizens to be Heard

Mr. Chapman requested to speak to the Board for a few minutes to discuss Desired Future Conditions (DFC) for Groundwater Management Area (GMA) 8. GMA 8 encompasses the area from the Red River south to Waco as far as Montague County and east to Texarkana with 57 counties and 13 Groundwater Conservation Districts. Mr. Chapman explained that the DFCs were created without input from the Red River District because the District had not been formed at that time. The available groundwater according to the DFCs is currently within the available margins. The District does not currently have the time or resources to devote to contesting the DFCs. Mr. Chapman recommended the Board accept the current DFCs and pursue modifying them when the next round occurs in five years.

VI. Discuss future meeting date and agenda.

Board Member Henderson expressed a desire to meet more often. The Board needs time to make decisions and pursue completing several necessary tasks. He recommended the Board meet once a month for a few months until things are more settled. If necessary, meetings could be held more often. The Board agreed to meet on the last Monday of each month with the next meeting being held at 2:00 PM on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Vice President Olson motioned to schedule the next meeting on August 30 at 2:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Wortham and passed unanimously.

VII. Adjourn

Upon motion by Olson seconded by Gattis and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

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WORK SESSION

I. Call to Order

President Henderson called the Board Work Session to order at 1:30 p.m. The Board Members introduced themselves and the entities they represent. All members except Don Morrison were present.

II. Discuss and prepare timeline of activities

The Board needs to actively pursue the development of the Bylaws, Groundwater Management Plan, and Temporary Rules so they can address issues like the well Tom Bean needs to drill. Mr. Chapman explained that the Groundwater Management Plan needed to be developed and approved before a fee schedule could be approved and funds collected. The Board agreed to work toward a timeline that includes approving the Bylaws in August, the Groundwater Management Plan by October and the Temporary Rules by

December. This timeline is subject to change, but at least provides some idea of where the Board would like to be by January 2011.

III. Discuss creation of Bylaws

Mr. Chapman explained that many cities follow a fiscal year from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. However, the Texas Water Development Board and many rural water providers use a calendar year for their budgets. The Board agreed that using a calendar year budget would be more reasonable. The Board also agreed to use Robert's Rules of Order. The Board agreed that the Bylaws would be ready for action in August.

IV. Consider and discuss draft Management Plan

A Groundwater Management Plan is required. A draft version has been provided to the Board for review. The document is very rough and will need more input from the Board before it is ready to submit to the TWDB for review. This will be placed on the August agenda for further discussion. The template was based on the Post Oak Savannah GCD plan and modified accordingly.

V. Discuss Policies and Procedures for the Board of Directors

The Policies and Procedures for the District have been discussed for the last few months. Mr. Chapman provided a draft copy of the rules the North Texas GCD is considering approving. The North Texas GCD is not too far ahead of the Red River GCD. The rules will be temporary at first to allow for changes. Normally, wells under 25,000 gallons per day are exempted. All wells are required to be permitted, though. The goal would be to have the rules in place to begin collecting funds before January 2012. Mr. Chapman also recommended inviting water providers and well drillers to the meetings so they can provide information and input into the development of rules. President Henderson confirmed that six Board members are needed to approve the Rules. The Board will have to work together to achieve the desired goal.

VI. Adjourn

Upon motion by Gattis seconded by Olson and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at approximately 2:38 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

*J. Don Hartman*  
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Secretary-Treasurer