

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

MONDAY, JULY 19, 2011

**AT THE GRAYSON COUNTY COLLEGE
CRUCE STARK AUDITORIUM
6101 GRAYSON DRIVE
DENISON, TX 75020**

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

I. Call to Order

President Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. All Board members except Don Morrison was present. The Board Members introduced themselves and the entities they represent.

II. Consider and act upon approval of Minutes of April 28, 2011 Meeting and Public Hearing and May 23, 2011 Meeting.

The April 28, 2011 minutes are not available at this time. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Board Member Gattis motioned to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Wortham and passed unanimously.

III. Consider and act upon authorization to submit Requests for Proposals for development of geodatabase.

Mr. Chapman explained that in the near future, it will be necessary for the District to create a geodatabase to collect information on all wells in Fannin and Grayson Counties. The Authority also works with the North Texas GCD in Collin, Cooke and Denton Counties. The North Texas GCD has entered into an agreement with a firm to create a geodatabase. The staff would like to solicit proposals for geodatabase services for the Board to review at the next meeting. This system is the only way to collect and sort the information that will be collected and to make it available to the public for usage reporting. A dollar amount is not estimated at this time, but will have an idea of cost if the North Texas GCD consultant is used. President Henderson reported that Mr. Chapman and he met with Prairielands GCD and the North Texas GCD and learned about several problems that have occurred with their consultant. It might be better for the District to review alternative suggestions and proposals.

Vice President Olson motioned to authorize the staff to submit Requests of Proposals for the development of a geodatabase and web-based registration system. The motion was seconded by Board Member Latham and passed unanimously.

IV. Discuss draft Temporary Rules

The most current draft of the Temporary Rules was passed out to the Board for review. President Henderson asked the Rules Committee to review the changes that were incorporated. Board Member Gattis

reported that the first change made is Rule 1.1(2) regarding the definition of Agriculture. This definition was amended to include the cultivation of sod. Rule 1.1(37)(a) was amended to remove vanity ponds from the definition. Rule 2.1 was amended to change the gallons required for exemption to 40,000 gallons per day. Rule 3.3(b) was added to include that all existing exempt wells should be registered to limit the location of future wells that could reduce the capacity of existing wells. Rule 5.3 was amended to allow retail public utilities that operates pipelines and has a water loss management plan to be exempted from enforcement from the District. Rule 6.1(b) was amended to address the transfer of water out of District within the same water provider's service area.

V. Consider and act upon establishing date and procedures for public hearing

The Board discussed possible dates for the next public hearing and agreed that August 18, 2011 at 6:00 PM at Cruce Stark Auditorium at Grayson County College would be the best time. Ms. Catterson was requested to distribute the new draft of the temporary rules and a summary of changes to the public.

Board Member Gattis motioned to schedule the next public hearing to discuss the rules for August 18, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Cruce Stark Auditorium. The motion was seconded by Board Member Latham and passed unanimously.

VI. Discuss future meeting date and agenda.

The Board agreed to have the next regular Board meeting on August 29, 2011 at 4:00 at the GTUA offices. The August 29, 2011 meeting will also issue the Oaths of Office for new board members and include the adoption of the Temporary Rules.

VII. Citizens to be Heard

Mr. Alex Moser questioned the acreage issue in the draft temporary rules. The Board responded that the acreage requirement was removed and the pumpage exemption was raised to 40,000 gallons per day. Mr. Moser acknowledged that fact, but requested the Board raise the limit to 50 gallons per minute.


The public asked when the new draft temporary rules would be available and were informed they would be posted on the website by Thursday.

The public asked how they could nominate a citizen to serve on the Board and were also directed to contact their legislators if they would like to discuss changing the composition of the Board. The Board was also asked if all domestic wells are exempt and were told that they are now exempt in the current draft of the temporary rules. President Henderson stressed the importance of registering all wells so the District can provide protection for the water production of existing wells.

VIII. Adjourn

Upon motion by Board Member Gattis seconded by Board Member Latham and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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Recording Secretary


Secretary-Treasurer