

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

Thursday, July 22, 2021

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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 Red River Groundwater Conservation District ("District") will hold a Board meeting via telephone and video conference call beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2021.

Members Present: Chuck Dodd, David Gattis, Mark Gibson, Harold Latham, Billy Stephens, Mark Newhouse, and Mark Patterson

Members Absent:

Staff: Drew Satterwhite, Paul Sigle, Nichole Sims, Wayne Parkman, Theda Anderson, and Velma Starks

Visitors: Kristen Fancher, Fancher Legal

Board Meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Board President Mark Patterson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Board Member Chuck Dodd offered the invocation for the group.

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

Board President Mark Patterson called the meeting to order at 10:04 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 Minutes of June 17, 2021, Board Meeting.

Board Member Chuck Dodd made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Billy Stephens. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Budget and Finance.

- a. Review and approval of monthly invoices.

General Manager Drew Satterwhite reviewed the invoices with the Board. Board Member David Gattis made the motion to approve the June and July invoices. Board Member Mark Newhouse seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Receive monthly financial information.

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

- c. Receive Quarterly Investment Report.

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

- d. Consider and act upon 2022 Operating Budget.

- e. Consider and act upon 2022 Groundwater Production Fee and Fee Schedule.

General Manager Drew Satterwhite provided items d. and e. background information for the Board. The Budget Committee met on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 and went through the budget details and fee schedule. The District's fiscal year is based on a calendar year from January 1st through December 31st, while many of the groundwater producers who pay production fees operate on fiscal years that begin October 1st through September 30th. For this reason, the Board has attempted to establish production fees as early as possible in the budget planning process. There is a need to add another field technician position. Another truck and flow meter would need to be purchased by NTGCD for that position. Discussion was held. Board Member David Gattis made the motion to approve the budget and fee schedule for 2022 as presented. Board Member Mark Newhouse seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Receive Quarterly Report on Management Plan.

General Manager Drew Satterwhite reviewed the Quarterly Report with the Board.

7. Consider and act upon authorizing Texas A&M AgriLife to proceed with Phase II Irrigation Model.

General Manager Drew Satterwhite provided background information for the Board. Phase I consisted of evaluating the methodology being used by the District and providing a few refinements. Phase I was completed and came in at \$800 less than the not to exceed amount of \$2,200. Phase II will incorporate the addition of new grass irrigation, cool season grasses, flower beds, golf courses, sporting fields, sod farms, tree and shrub farms, greenhouse/nurseries, hay production, etc. In addition, this model will take into account the different types of irrigation systems such as center pivot, standard sprinkler systems and drip irrigation. The Phase II not to exceed amount is \$2,500. The cost is to be split with North Texas GCD making RRGCD's contribution \$1,250. Board Member Billy Stephens made the motion to authorize Texas A&M AgriLife to proceed with Phase II Irrigation Model. Board Member Chuck Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

General Manager Drew Satterwhite informed the Board that GMA 8 was supposed to have had a meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2021. In order to be sure the project stays on schedule going forward, weekly conference calls will be held with WSP and their sub consultants. The next GMA 8 meeting will be scheduled after the summary report is completed. It may be early October to mid-October when the GMA 8 meeting will be scheduled. Discussion was held.

9. Consider and act upon compliance and enforcement activities for violations of District Rules.

No enforcement actions at this time.

10. General Manager's report: The General Manager will update the Board on operational, educational and other activities of the District.

- a. Well Registration Summary

General Manager Drew Satterwhite reviewed the well registration summary with the Board.

- b. Update on Injection/Disposal Well Monitoring Program

No update at this time.

- c. Legislative Update

Kristen Fancher, legal counsel, provided update. None of the Special Session items concern the district. No virtual meetings can be held after September 1, 2021. The District can continue to have the remote meeting for staff. No Board Member can participate remotely.

Discussion of vanity ponds was held.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for August 19. It can be cancelled if there is no permit hearing.

12. Adjourn.

Board President Mark Patterson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Velma Starks
Recording Secretary

Mark Patterson
Secretary-Treasurer