

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
RED RIVER GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2012

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

Members Present: George "Butch" Henderson, George Olson, David Gattis, Harold Latham, Don Morrison, Mark Patterson

Members Absent: Don Wortham

Staff: Jerry Chapman, Carolyn Bennett and Carmen Catterson

Visitors: Jonathan Cannon, Herald Democrat
Alex Moser, AL Moser Drilling Co.
Susan Moser, AL Moser Drilling Co.
Joey Rickman, City of Honey Grove
Edgar Rountree, Desert WSC
Joe Strong, Fannin County Commissioners Court
Tammy, AL Moser Drilling Co.

NOTE: The audio recording of the hearing is the official record of the hearing. These minutes are provided only for convenience.

1. Call to Order, establish quorum; declaring hearing open to the public; introduction of Board.

President Henderson called the hearing to order at 1:30 PM. All members except Secretary/Treasurer Wortham and Board Member Patterson were present. The Board introduced themselves and the manner of their appointment to the Board. Board Member Patterson arrived at 1:36 PM.

2. Summary presentation and review of proposed District Management Plan

President Henderson explained that the District is required to approve the Management Plan before September 1, 2012. After the public hearing, the Board plans to adopt the Plan for submission to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Mr. Chapman briefly reviewed the Management Plan goals and responsibilities. The District has received at least 30 well registrations since the well registration period began on April 1, 2012. Some goals, such as subsidence and precipitation enhancement do not apply to the District. Several goals were addressed by placing links to additional information on the District's website. Regarding the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs), the District plans to review the information and compare the numbers to the received groundwater production

reports. Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8) reapproved the DFCs last year, which extended the timeline to readopt until 2016. This will provide more time for education and information gathering.

The Management Plan was submitted to the TWDB for a pre-review, which was returned with minor changes in tables and supplemental documents. Mr. Bill Hutchison with LBG-Guyton, Associates was available by phone to answer any questions from the Board or public.

3. Public Comment (verbal comments limited to three (3) minutes each; written comments may also be submitted for the Board's consideration.)

Mr. Moser clarified that the Board intended to vote on the Plan today and President Henderson agreed that after the Board provides formal approval of the Plan, it will be submitted to the TWDB for final review and approval.


Mr. Moser asked about the permitting process for new wells to be drilled and the time required to receive authorization to drill. President Henderson responded that this item can be further discussed during the regular meeting, but that the Board requested the staff provide the initial non-exempt applications to the Board for review. Mr. Moser stated that occasionally while drilling a well a neighbor will request he drill a well at the next site and it could be very costly to have to wait several days to drill the well. President Henderson stated that if a hole is drilled without authorization, it could be a problem if the location is not approved.

Mr. Chapman commented that the staff has been very diligent regarding turning around the well applications received for existing wells and for new non-exempt wells. However, in special circumstances where special consideration is required, the staff does not have clear instructions and guidelines for approval and will bring it to the Board's attention for approval. Mr. Moser asked if Mr. Chapman consulted with a licensed driller before approving applications and Mr. Chapman responded that he consults with Mr. Hutchison, a licensed hydrogeologist to discuss special circumstances. The Board expressed again that they did not intend to approve each well, unless there were additional considerations to be reviewed.

4. Adjourn or continue public hearing on proposed rules

The Board unanimously adjourned the public hearing at approximately 1:55 PM.

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Recording Secretary


Secretary-Treasurer