

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 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, Don Morrison, John Young

Members Absent:

Staff: Jerry Chapman, Carolyn Bennett and Carmen Catterson

Visitors: Henry Salisbury, American Legion Post 231  
Jerry White, Grayson County  
Jonathan Cannon, Herald Democrat  
Joey Rickman, City of Honey Grove  
Kevin Farley, City of Pottsboro  
Melissa Rickman, City of Savoy  
Howard Trammell, South Grayson WSC  
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 2:00 p.m. The Board Members introduced themselves and the entities they represent.

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 July 26, 2010 Meeting.

Board Member Gattis motioned to approve the Minutes of the July 26, 2010 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Latham and passed unanimously.

IV. Receive update on legal expenses.

Mr. Brian Sledge, the attorney that represented the District to create the enabling legislation submitted a letter to the District to write off the remaining balance of \$1,449.23. The account is now considered closed. Mr. Chapman reported that Semgas, LLC entered into bankruptcy and could not pay the debt. Shephard AFB called to inquire about the balance owed and was informed that this debt was considered closed, but they should keep a note on file to watch for future invoices.

V. Consider and act upon request by the American Legion Post 231 for approval to drill well

Mr. Henry Salisbury with the American Legion Post 231 submitted a request to drill a new well since their old well is more than 30-years old. After their initial request, the well did dry up and they began receiving emergency assistance from the Red River Authority of Texas. The new well is needed as quickly as possible. President Henderson reported that no rules are currently in place to authorize a permit for drilling. Will submit a letter stating no rules are in place that could prohibit the drilling of a well.

Board Member Morrison motioned to submit letter to the American Legion Post 231 confirming that no rules are in place at this time. The motion was seconded by Board Member Young and passed unanimously.

VI. Consider and act upon adoption of Bylaws

Board Member Gattis motioned to adopt the Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Vice President Olson and passed unanimously.

VII. Receive report on well information collection process

Ms. Carolyn Bennett provided information to the Board regarding the well information collection process. Mr. Chapman reported that the District is slightly behind in achieving goals as compared to the North Texas Groundwater Conservation District. Some basis of information is needed to base the management plan, the rules and the fee schedule. Many wells have been in existence for decades. All wells will need to be identified and catalogued. Ms. Bennett is in the process of collecting information from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). A draft of Grayson County is complete, but she has not started Fannin County at this time. At this time, Ms. Bennett has three boxes of well information for Grayson County and one box of well information for Fannin County. The major water providers will need to be contacted to receive information on wells. Any wells drilled before the 1960s are not included in the information provided by the State.

VIII. Consider and discuss draft Management Plan

Due to a power outage, the Board agreed to review the draft management plans provided to the Board after the meeting so the information can be discussed at the next meeting. The Board will review the information and note the areas that need work and discussion. Mr. Chapman explained that the first draft provided to the Board is one that was put together by the staff as an example for the Board. The second draft was provided by the TWDB last week. The document is the groundwater management plan for the Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District and was approved in May by the TWDB. This document may be more applicable than the previous document because of geography. There are several locations where the two documents could be combined.

IX. Consider and act upon authorizing the President to submit a request to the TWDB to prepare a Groundwater Availability Model run.

A Groundwater Availability Model to determine how much water is available is required for the groundwater management plan. This model is provided at no cost by the TWDB. The staff drafted a letter for the President to sign to request this document from the TWDB.

Board Member Gattis motioned to authorize the President to submit a request to the TWDB to prepare a Groundwater Availability Model. The motion was seconded by Board Member Latham and passed unanimously.

X. Consider and discuss creation and development of rules

The staff received a copy of the temporary rules for the North Texas GCD. The North Texas GCD Board is preparing to move forward with approving the rules in the next few months. They have already started posting notices for public hearings. The Board discussed possible budget information and possible methods for income. Funds are quickly becoming necessary to run the District. Options for receiving funds could be borrowing funds from local water provides and providing them with a credit toward the initial billing once a fee schedule is developed.

XI. Citizens to be Heard

Bill Herrington with the City of Van Alstyne questioned the well registration process. Since the TCEQ requires all wells to be registered, do the cities have to register all wells with the District as well? The Board explained Chapter 36 of the Water Code specifies that each well owner register their wells with the local groundwater district. Whether or not the wells are monitored is dependent upon the rules established by the District. The Board agreed that putting an article in the newspaper to explain the process of well registration to the public might be a positive idea. The articles should be written with the attitude of protecting the citizens and their water.

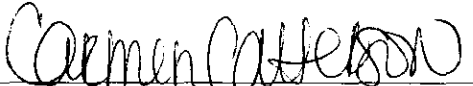
XII. Discuss future meeting date and agenda.

The Board of Directors unanimously agreed to schedule the next meeting on September 27, 2010 at 2:00 PM.

XIII. Adjourn

Upon motion by Board Member Gattis seconded by Vice President Olson and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at approximately 2:54 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

  
Secretary-Treasurer