

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011**

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

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

Members Absent: George Olson

Staff: Jerry Chapman, Carolyn Bennett and Carmen Catterson

Visitors: Alex Moser, AL Moser Drilling Co.  
Joey Rickman, City of Honey Grove

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I. Call to order, declare meeting open to the public, and take roll.

President Henderson called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The board members introduced themselves and the manner of their appointment to the Board. All members except George Olson were present.

II. Public Comment

No comments received.

III. Consider approval of Minutes of October 19, 2011, board meeting

Board Member Morrison motioned to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2011 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Wortham and passed unanimously.

IV. Review and approval of monthly invoices.

The only invoices received this month are from GTUA for October and November for a total of \$5,705.09. The supplementing documentation is reversed for the invoices.

Board Member Patterson motioned to approve the monthly invoices. The motion was seconded by board Member Gattis and passed unanimously.

V. Receive update on the development of a Water Well Geodatabase and Web-Based Application.

A memorandum from Adam Rose with Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. was provided. This firm was engaged by the District to develop the water well geodatabase and web-based application. The staff met with Mr. Rose on November 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the system. This system will enable users to register their wells online, report their water production and pay fees. The system will be online by April 1, 2012 to begin registering wells. The report includes action items and the fields that will be included in the database. Mr. Chapman spoke with Mr. Rose today to encourage them to bill for all work completed through December 31<sup>st</sup> so the costs can be paid from the 2011 budget.

Mr. Chapman shared the staff's experience working with the North Texas GCD and the firm hired to create their system. The North Texas GCD has spent approximately \$136,000 on the system and has received a request for an additional \$24,000. The North Texas GCD well registration site also has many problems with the fundamental system.

Alan Plummer & Associates, Inc. is much better prepared to develop the site and has so far been very responsive. They have agreed to bill as much as possible for their current activities through the 2011 budget.

VI. Discuss development of Management Plan and consider approval of a contract for hydrogeological services.

One of the District's requirements is to develop a Management Plan to manage groundwater resources. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has approximately 14 points that the District must address. Mr. Chapman stated that he is not an engineer or a hydrologist and recommends hiring a firm with more experience in groundwater matters. LBG-Guyton Associates is a well-known groundwater engineering firm. Dr. Bill Hutchison with LBG-Guyton Associates provided a proposal and cost estimate to provide the hydrogeological services. Dr. Hutchison's proposal addresses the required management goals and recommended methods of responding to these goals in the Management Plan, including providing estimated available groundwater based on desired future conditions.

Mr. Chapman reviewed the proposal with the Board and stressed the importance of working with the other eleven groundwater districts in Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8). The District must have a final Management Plan in place by September 1, 2012. Dr. Hutchison will provide information to the Board by January 2012 for a work session in February to discuss options and then submit a draft plan to the TWDB in March or April. The TWDB has up to 90-days to approve the draft and then the Board would have to approve the draft and submit the final version to the TWDB in July or August.

Mr. Chapman recommends the Board discuss the Management Plan in January and have a work session in February. Board Member Morrison recommended changing the May 31, 2011 date to April 30, 2011. The Board will have to work quickly to approve the Management Plan and submit to the TWDB in April or May. The cost estimate is \$14,000, which is a very reasonable cost.

The Board took a brief break at 2:28 PM while Mr. Chapman called Dr. Hutchison to discuss the feasibility of adjusting the date to submit the report to the TWDB. The Board reconvened at 2:33 PM.

Board Member Morrison motioned to approve the contract with a date of March 31, 2011 to submit the report to the TWDB on Page 5. The motion was seconded by Board Member Latham and passed unanimously.

VII. Discuss bylaws and establishing a date for a public hearing for the approval of amended bylaws.

The initial bylaws were drafted by the staff when the District was first created. Brian Sledge, the District's legal counsel has reviewed them and made several changes. The Board discussed the changes to the bylaws. Board Member Gattis asked if the bylaws needed to reflect compensation for mileage expenses and Mr. Chapman responded that Section 2.8 reflects the District's policies on that matter. The staff recommended scheduling the public hearing for January.

Board Member Gattis motioned to hold the public hearing to amend the bylaws for immediately preceding the January 18, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Wortham and passed unanimously.

VIII. Receive update on Groundwater Management Area 8 and representation on the Region C Water Planning Group

The last session of the Texas Legislature included a provision that each Regional Water Planning Group add a member to represent the GMAs in their boundaries. Each GMA was requested to provide a representative for each Water Planning Group. GMA 8 is within the boundaries for Regions B, C, G and K. The Red River GCD is inside Region C and submitted a nomination for Board Member Latham to represent GMA 8 on Region C. GMA 8 received three other nominations, but selected Board Member Latham to represent GMA 8 on the Region C Regional Water Planning Group. GMA 8 preferred Board Member Latham because of his practical experience in the water field.

GMA 8 is a parent organization that the District must work with all the other GCDs in the region. The District cannot establish desired future conditions without the assistance of 7 of the 12 GCDs in GMA 8.

IX. Consider and act upon renewal of agreement with Greater Texoma Utility Authority for 2012

Greater Texoma Utility Authority (GTUA) has provided administrative services to the District since 2010. The contract is similar to the one currently in effect, except that it is updated for current costs per employee and for updated activities.

Board Member Gattis motioned to approve the renewal of the agreement with GTUA. The motion was seconded by Board Member Latham and passed unanimously.

X. General Manager's Report

The District is currently operating under budget. Mr. Chapman reported that the drought is bringing a great deal of attention to groundwater. Friction is increasing between property owners and the oil and gas industry. The North Texas GCD has hired a field technician and he is locating many more wells than were anticipated. This will probably be true for this area as well.

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

The January 18, 2012 meeting was scheduled for 2:00 PM with a public hearing beginning at 1:30 PM. The Board discussed including approval of the bylaws and development of the management plan at the meeting.

Mr. Moser addressed the Board and offered his assistance regarding developing the Management Plan and creating guidelines for the aquifers. His company has obtained substantial data over the past 20 years and he offered to provide that data to the District free of charge. The Board thanked Mr. Moser and Mr. Chapman expressed a need for monitoring well data that is currently being collected. Mr. Moser responded that he would begin recording additional data when he pulls pumps regarding static water level of the aquifer and pump rates.

Mr. Chapman encouraged Mr. Moser to attend meetings and to invite other well drillers. Mr. Moser responded that he did not intend to appear adversarial toward the District.

XII. Adjourn

Upon motion by Board Member Gattis seconded by Board Member Latham and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at approximately 3:04 PM.

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Recording Secretary

  
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