

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2010

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

Members Present: George "Butch" Henderson, George Olson, Don Wortham, David Gattis, Harold Latham, Don Morrison, John Young

Members Absent: None

Staff: Jerry Chapman, Carolyn Bennett and Carmen Catterson

Visitors: Jonathan Cannon, Herald Democrat
Joey Rickman, City of Honey Grove
Kevin Farley, City of Pottsboro
Missy Rickman, City of Savoy
Howard Trammell, South Grayson WSC
Bill Schindler, Tri-County Sod
Doug O'Connor, Trinity Turf,
Jeff Bice, Two Way SUD
Keith Welch, Welch Farms

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 September 30, 2010 Meeting.

Board Member Morrison motioned to approve the Minutes of the September 30, 2010 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Gattis and passed unanimously.

At this time, President Henderson asked Mr. Chapman to provide an update on the Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA) Groundwater Committee meeting that was held on November 29, 2010. The Committee has been meeting since January to discuss groundwater legislation. Groundwater is a very important resource that includes approximately 60% of the State's water use. This will be an important factor as the State moves forward in the future regarding water and population planning. More than 30 different interest groups are represented on the Committee including water marketers, attorneys, and water providers. The sheet provided to the Board includes 14 issues discussed at the meeting on the 29th. Mr. Chapman briefly overviewed the issues, which include Desired Future Conditions, water permits, Texas Water Code language, attorney fees, mitigation, appellate process, clarification of livestock exemptions, enforcement of oil and gas

reporting, and Groundwater Management Area agenda posting requirements. The Committee recommended some of the items to the Legislature, but some could not reach a consensus.

IV. Receive and discuss Groundwater Availability Model

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provides the Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) upon request by each Groundwater Conservation District. The GAM contains the information for both the Trinity and Woodbine Aquifers. The report shows on page 5 the estimated annual flow into the Trinity Aquifer of 10,535 acre-feet per year. The estimated outflow per year in the Trinity is 7,378 acre-feet. The estimated annual flow between the aquifers is 326 acre-feet per year. The table on page 6 shows an estimated annual precipitation recharge for the Woodbine of 36,390 acre-feet per year. The volume of water being discharged is 9,571 acre-feet. The estimated volume of flow into the aquifer is 1,827 acre-feet and within the aquifer is 2,607 acre-feet. This information will be included in the Groundwater Management Plan.

V. Consider and discuss draft Management Plan

The staff and Board worked together to combine two previous draft management plans. The staff made the recommended changes and included the GAM in the new draft of the plan. After the plan is complete, the staff will submit it to the TWDB for review to make sure it complies with all State statutes. The Board will need to develop rules before the plan can be adopted. The staff reviewed the current draft of the plan with the Board and the Board made a few recommended changes. The staff promised to make the changes and bring the next draft to the following meeting.

VI. Consider and discuss creation and development of Temporary Rules

Last meeting the Board suggested using the North Texas GCD and Northern Trinity GCD temporary rules for the Rules Committee members to compile into one document. Vice President Olson was on the committee, but does not have the time to commit to the project, so he requested Board Member Gattis take his place on the Board. No objections were heard. The Board opted to table the rules until the Committee has an opportunity to develop a comprehensive document.

VII. Consider and act upon temporary methods for financing the District

The Board has discussed possible methods for interim financing in the past. The City of Leonard has set aside a line item in their budget to help fund the District's endeavors. Vice President Olson reported that the City of Sherman has done the same. The Authority has currently expended approximately \$16,000 for the District. The Board agreed to request the Authority provide a more comprehensive list of amounts due and they would provide options for providing funding at the next meeting.

IX. Citizens to be heard

Mr. O'Connor requested the Board's input and thoughts on agricultural exemptions for this area. He stated he would like to see more consideration than is being provided by the North Texas GCD. The Board stated that no decisions have been made at this time, but that they are considering a 25,000 gallons per day limit. President Henderson stated that all circumstances and concerns will be taken into consideration.

President Henderson reminded the Board that all members need to make sure that Carmen has received the bond renewals. The Board requested that Carmen pull the appointment information so that all members are aware of terms and expiration dates. Mr. Chapman requested permission to order an official seal for the District, which the Board agreed.

X. Discuss future meeting date and agenda


The Board agreed to schedule the next meeting for Monday, January 31, 2010 at 2:00 PM, which will return the District to its regular schedule for Board meetings.

XII. Adjourn

Upon motion by Vice President Olson seconded by Board Member Gattis and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

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Recording Secretary


Secretary-Treasurer