

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' PUBLIC MEETING
NORTH TEXAS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014

**CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 SOUTH RUSK
GAINESVILLE, TX 76240**

Members Present: Thomas Smith, Philip Sanders, Ronny Young, Chris Boyd, Eddy Daniel, and Kenny Klement

Members Absent: Dan Collins, Evan Groeschel, and Ron Sellman

Staff: Drew Satterwhite, Debi Atkins, Carolyn Bennett, Wayne Parkman and Carmen Catterson

Legal Counsel: Kristen Fancher, Sledge Fancher, PLLC

Visitors: Axel and May Haubold, Mack's Bed Rock Ranch
Keith King, The Weekly News of Cooke County
Pete Schulmeyer, Collier Consulting
Neal Welch, City of Sanger

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

President Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary/Treasurer Young provided the invocation.

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

President Smith called the public meeting to order at 10:12 AM. All Board members were present except Board Members Collins, Groeschel and Sellman.

3. Public Comment

No public comment received.

4. Approval of Minutes from the October 21, 2014, board meeting

Board Member Daniel motioned to approve the Minutes from the October 21, 2014, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Boyd. The motion passed unanimously, with Board Members Collins, Groeschel and Sellman absent.

5. Consider and act upon approval of invoices and reimbursements.

Mr. Satterwhite reviewed the invoices.

Secretary/Treasurer Young motioned to approve the invoices as presented in Resolution No. 2014-11-18-1 for a total cost of \$30,824.44. The motion was seconded by Board Member Klement and passed unanimously with Board Members Collins, Groeschel and Sellman absent.

6. a. Budget and Finance Committee

1) Receive Monthly Financial Information

Mr. Satterwhite reviewed the District's current financial position, including revenues and expenditures.

2) Consider and act upon amendment to 2014 budget

Mr. Satterwhite provided a summary of recommended amendments to the 2014 budget. These included adding funds to the hydrogeologists and the legal line items and increasing the revenue.

Board Member Daniel motioned to approve the amended 2014 budget. The motion was seconded by Vice President Sanders and passed unanimously with Board Members Collins, Groeschel and Sellman absent.

b. Investment Committee

No report received

c. Rules and Bylaws Committee

No report received

d. Groundwater Monitoring and Database Committee

No report received

e. Policy and Personnel Committee

No report received

f. Conservation and Public Awareness Committee

Board Member Klement suggested that the District should recommend that sprinklers be turned off during the winter, which could cause dangerously slick roads. The Board agreed to post something on the website recommending sprinklers be turned off during the winter months.

g. Management Plan Committee

No report received

h. Desired Future Condition Committee

No report received

7. Update and possible action on the Northern Trinity/Woodbine Aquifer GAM Overhaul Project and the development of proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs)

Board Member Daniel reported that the GAM update is complete and only waiting for the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) approval. The TWDB has committed to meet the deadline to approve the GAM by the end of the year. The TWDB is in the process of updating their servers to be able to run the model. President Smith thanked Board Member Daniel for all his work and dedication to the project.

8. Update and possible action regarding the process for the development of Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) including the consideration and possible approval of consulting services

Board Member Daniel reported that the DFC Committee met by conference call with James Beach of LBG Guyton on November 17th. They discussed possible GAM runs that LBG Guyton is recommending to be completed. The DFC Committee agreed to authorize LBG Guyton to negotiate with other consultants for districts in GMA 8 on the GAM runs needed. The Board agreed with Mr. Beach representing the District and negotiating with other districts for joint GAM runs.

The Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8) group met on November 3rd. Bill Mullican is working for GMA 8 to help work through the DFC process and all the requirements. The DFC process will be lengthy and complicated. Mrs. Fancher commented that legislators are watching GMA 8 to see how the process works. The process being used may become the standard for establishing DFCs.

The Board agreed unanimously that the DFC Committee should move forward with authorizing GAM runs and to approve Mr. Beach to negotiate with other consultants to establish joint runs, as long as the cost remains under the budgeted \$20,000.

9. Consider and act upon 2015 Administrative Services contract with the Greater Texoma Utility Authority

The Greater Texoma Utility Authority (GTUA) has provided administrative services to the District since 2010. The GTUA Board of Directors is satisfied with the agreement and approved the 2015 agreement on November 10th.

Secretary/Treasurer Young motioned to approve the 2015 Administrative Services contract with GTUA. The motion was seconded by Board Member Boyd. Secretary/Treasurer Young expressed his appreciation for the work performed by GTUA. President Smith agreed that the staff was incredibly responsive, which makes it easier for the Board. The motion passed unanimously with Board Members Collins, Groeschel and Sellman absent.

10. Consider and act upon draft Irrigation Use Estimates

The TWDB provides an annual estimate of draft irrigation use. Mr. Parkman has contacted the AgriLife agents, but has received no comments. Board Member Klement commented that the hay estimates for Cooke County seemed high. Mr. Parkman explained that the estimates were provided by the previous AgriLife agent for Cooke County in 2013. Board Member Daniel expressed that unless the District had better information, which is not available, the Board should accept the information provided.

Board Member Daniel motioned to approve the irrigation water use estimates as provided by the TWDB. The motion was seconded by Board Member Boyd and passed unanimously with Board Members Collins, Groeschel, and Sellman absent.

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

No report received.

12. General Manager's Report

Mr. Satterwhite reported the total number of registered wells in the District. Mr. Satterwhite explained that in the process of taking over the water monitoring program, several wells were discovered that are non-exempt and must be registered. Mr. Satterwhite recommended that the well registration fee be waived in exchange for them allowing the District to continue monitoring the water levels of their wells. The Board agreed unanimously.

Mrs. Fancher reported that the District provided comment on new rules being established by the Texas Railroad Commission. The comments were received and duplicated by several other districts.

Board Member Klement commented that he has two wells that have been impacted by injection wells. The injection wells have caused salt water to enter the freshwater formation. Mrs. Fancher responded that the amended rules will allow the Railroad Commission to revise permits for existing wells. Mrs. Fancher stated that she would bring more updates as they occur in the future. The Board agreed that if there was a particular well that needed attention, the District could send a letter to the Railroad Commission requesting the well be addressed.

12. Open Forum / discussion of new business for future meeting agendas

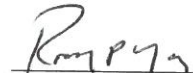
The Board agreed to cancel the meeting, provided nothing occurs that needs attention. The regularly scheduled meeting for January will be on January 13, 2014 in Denton County.

13. Adjourn public meeting

The public meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

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Recording Secretary


Secretary-Treasurer