

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2011**

**AT THE GRAYSON COUNTY COLLEGE  
CENTER FOR WORKPLACE LEARNING AUDITORIUM  
6101 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: None

Staff: Jerry Chapman, Carolyn Bennett and Carmen Catterson

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I. Call to Order and introduction of Board

President Henderson called the hearing to order at 4:10 PM. The Board Members introduced themselves and the manner of their appointment to the Board. All members were present.

At this time, President Henderson moved out of posted agenda order to Item V.

V. Approval of a Resolution Adopting the Temporary Rules for the Red River Groundwater Conservation District.

Mr. Brian Sledge with the Lloyd Gosselink Firm addressed the Board and the public to review all the changes made. The changes included minor typographical changes, as well as cleaning up the definition of livestock to match the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ). The dates for reporting water use was modified to March and September of each year. Exempt wells will include all wells used solely for domestic wells and all wells with a capacity of 40,000 gallons per day (27.778 gallons per minute) or less. New wells are classified as all wells drilled on or after April 1, 2012 and must be registered with the District.

Action on this item will take place under the posted agenda order. At this time, President Henderson moved back to the posted agenda order beginning with Item II.

II. Public Comment

Alex Moser asked if the Board would accept the logs the drillers send the State and the Board stated that the District would take those reports.

A member of the public clarified that all new wells drilled after April 1, 2012 must be registered with the District. He also asked if wells that are modified after April 1<sup>st</sup> must be registered. The Board responded that all wells considered new must be registered to protect existing wells.

A member of the public asked how long the temporary rules would be in effect and when the permanent rules will become effective and the Board responded that would hopefully take effect within the next two years.

III. Consider approval of Minutes of April 28, 2011, Meeting and Public Hearing, the July 19, 2011, Meeting and the August 18, 2011, Public Hearing

Board Member Gattis motioned to approve the Minutes of April 28, 2011, Meeting and Public Hearing, the July 19, 2011, Meeting and the August 18, 2011, Public Hearing Minutes. The motion was seconded by Board Member Morrison and passed unanimously.

IV. Review and approval of monthly invoices.

The Board was provided a copy of the invoices. The invoices total \$51,713.03. The total amount of funds are not available currently, so GTUA will hold the checks until funds are available.

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

V. Approval of a Resolution Adopting the Temporary Rules for the Red River Groundwater Conservation District.

Board Member Gattis motioned to approve a Resolution Adopting the Temporary Rules for the Red River Groundwater Conservation District. The motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Wortham and passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of irrigation use estimates information for the Texas Water Development Board

Mr. Chapman reported that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) sent a letter on August 2, 2011 with a request for the District to verify their estimates for irrigation use. If possible, the TWDB would like better information to be provided to at least to approve the data that exists. Some of the data is clearly outdated, as there is no cotton being grown in the District any more. The Board discussed the information provided and agreed that the data was outdated and needed to be updated.

Board member Gattis recommended removing all acreage for cotton, reducing the wheat to 50 and increasing the other uses to 100. He also recommended increasing the percentage of groundwater used for irrigation to 95%. They requested the staff to contact the Agriculture Extension Agents in each county to try to get better data to provide the TWDB.

Board Member Latham motioned to table this item until next month. The motion was seconded by Board Member Gattis and passed unanimously.

VII. Approval of exempt use estimates information for the Texas Water Development Board

These numbers were provided to the District by the TWDB with a request for the District to either approve the existing numbers or modify them with better information. As the District has not had any chance to begin collecting data, the Board agreed that there was no better information available at this time. These numbers have to be provided to the TWDB before September 1<sup>st</sup>. The GAM numbers

can be redone at any time and the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for Groundwater Management Area 8 will be reapproved in five years.

Vice President Olson motioned to approve the Exempt Use Estimates. The motion was seconded by Board Member Gattis and passed unanimously.

VIII. Receive presentation on proposals for the development of a Water Well Geodatabase and Web-Based Application

The Board received presentations from INTERA, Aquaveo, LLC and Alan Plummer & Associates. Each firm spent approximately 20 minutes reviewing their proposals and answering the District's questions.

President Henderson appointed a Committee to provide a recommendation to the Board. President Henderson appointed Board Members Latham and Patterson and Mrs. Catterson to the Committee.

Board Member Gattis also requested the Committee consider not hiring a firm and instead have the staff create a system to collect well data. He stated that he did not feel that the District would have enough activity in the next three years to justify spending \$60,000 at this time.

IX. Development of groundwater availability model for management of groundwater resources and development of desired future conditions for aquifer(s) in Groundwater Management Area 8

Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071, the Board of Directors adjourned into closed Executive Session at 5:54 PM to discuss Legal Matters.

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 7:18 PM. President Henderson stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

X. Selection of an auditing firm for 2011 fiscal year

Mr. Chapman stated that the Board will need an audit for the 2011 fiscal year. He requested that the Board authorize the staff to request proposals from auditing firms to present to the Board at the September meeting. He estimates that the cost should be approximately \$3,000.

Board Member Gattis motioned to authorize the staff to solicit proposals from auditing firms for the 2011 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Board Member Morrison and passed unanimously.

XI. Amended 2011 budget and draft 2012 budget

Board Member Morrison motioned to table this item until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice President Olson and passed unanimously.

XII. Future meeting date and agenda

The Board elected to schedule the next meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 2:00 PM at the GTUA offices.

XIII. Adjourn

Upon motion by Board Member Gattis seconded by Board Member Latham and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at approximately 7:29 PM.

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Carmen Castellon  
Recording Secretary

Don Latham  
Secretary-Treasurer