

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

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014

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

Members Present: Mark Patterson, Harold Latham, Don Wortham, David Gattis, Mark Gibson, Mark Newhouse, William Purcell

Members Absent: None

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

Visitors: Ron Cannon, Rock Creek Resorts
Alex Moser, AL Moser Drilling
Joey Rickman, City of Honey Grove

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

President Patterson called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM. The Board members introduced themselves and the manner of their appointment to the public. All members were present.

2. Public Comment.

No comments received.

3. Consider approval of Minutes of March 20, 2014 board meeting

Board Member Gattis motioned to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2014 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice President Latham and passed unanimously with Board Member Purcell abstaining.

4. Review and approval of monthly invoices.

Mr. Satterwhite explained that the legal bill was for the rules amendments.

Board Member Gattis motioned to approve the monthly invoices for a total of \$35,617.91. The motion was seconded by Board Member Newhouse and passed unanimously.

5. Receive Monthly Financial Information

Mr. Satterwhite reviewed the monthly financial information.

6. Consider and act upon amending Temporary Rules

Board Member Gibson provided comment on Page 36 the Water Well Construction Requirements. He expressed that the penalty should be clarified to reflect that the fine is \$500 or \$1000 plus the cost of remediating the well.

Board Member Gattis motioned to approve amending the Temporary Rules with the recommended clarification of the well construction guidelines. The motion was seconded by Vice President Latham. Board Member Purcell commented that he was not a well driller, but had worked under various levels of government. He encouraged that the Board not create regulation creep, which becomes onerous to the constituents. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Receive Quarterly Report

Mrs. Bennett reported that the rainfall was low for the first quarter of 2014. The drought index maps were provided showing the drought levels and the rainfall maps show the low levels of rain.

8. Consider and act upon adopting a policy regarding utilization of legal services by members of the Board of Directors

Mr. Satterwhite briefly reviewed the provided resolution policy. The policy would require that Board members approach the president with a request to address legal counsel.

Board Member Gibson motioned to adopt a policy regarding utilization of legal services by members of the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Board Member Gattis and passed unanimously.

9. Consider and act upon amending FY 2014 budget

At prior meetings, the Board authorized several consulting contracts. The existing budget also included \$2,000 for field technician equipment. Since the budget was adopted, the staff has discovered that several other items would be helpful in the field. The North Texas GCD approved purchase of several tools, including a flow meter tester, a thickness tester, and water level testing equipment. The District is not required to begin water level testing. However, the District does need to be able to verify gallons per minute. The North Texas GCD expressed willingness to allow the Red River GCD to participate in the purchase of the equipment to reduce total cost to both districts. The proposed budget includes the above changes, as well as additional legal expenses. The current revenue could also be adjusted to reflect higher expected revenues.

Board Member Gattis motioned to amend the FY 2014 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Gibson and passed unanimously.

10. Consider and discuss FY 2015 budget preparation

The staff requested the Board to establish a committee to help with budget preparation. The fiscal year does not end until December, but the Board tries to adopt the budget in August to allow for the cities and water suppliers to utilize the information for their budget cycles.

The Board established a committee of Board Members Patterson, Gibson and Wortham.

11. General Manager's Report

Mr. Satterwhite reported that the District would be audited by the State Auditor's Office on the District's procedures and policies. This will be a desk audit from Austin with information being provided by email by the staff.

Mr. Satterwhite has been working with the District's hydrogeologists Mr. Bill Hutchison and Mr. James Beach with LBG Guyton. Mr. Hutchison recommended that the District use Mr. Beach while he remotely monitors the situation. If the process needs additional assistance or an outside opinion, Mr. Hutchison would be available. In addition, Mr. Hutchison has the ability to run the model for well spacing and development of DFCs if needed.

Mr. Beach is recommending a work session to review the draft model and the current DFCs based on the data used in the existing groundwater model. The data for the final two model runs is due July 18th.

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

The Board agreed to host the work session in the GTUA Board Room on either the 7th or 14-17th. The next Board meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 17, 2014 at 2:00 PM. The staff will provide an update to the Board and the public on the official date of the work session and the next Board meeting once they have been finalized with Mr. Beach.

11. Adjourn

The Board adjourned at approximately 2:49 PM.

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Carmen Catterton
Recording Secretary

J. Don Wark
Secretary-Treasurer