

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

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

Members Present: Ronny Young, Eddy Daniel, Evan Groeschel, Kenny Klement and Ron Sellman

Members Absent: Thomas Smith, Philip Sanders, Chris Boyd, and Dan Collins

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

Visitors: Axel & May Haubold, Bed Rock Ranch
Keith King, The Weekly News of Cooke County
Vanessa Price, City of Callisburg
Pete Schulmeyer, Collier Consulting
Neal Welch, City of Sanger
Jennifer Vogel, Representative Springer's Office

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

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

2. Call to order, establish quorum; declare meeting open to the public

Secretary/Treasurer Young called the public meeting to order at 9:37 AM. All Board members were present except Board Members Boyd, Collins, Sanders and Smith.

3. Public Comment

Mr. Haubold asked if the District had a map of the waters of the United States that was high enough resolution to see the waters in Cooke County. Mr. Satterwhite agreed to try to find a map.

4. Approval of Minutes from the August 12, 2014, board meeting

Board Member Daniel motioned to approve the Minutes from the August 12, 2014, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Groeschel. The motion passed unanimously, with Board Members Boyd, Collins, Sanders and Smith absent.

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

Board Member Groeschel asked Mr. Satterwhite to explain the Sledge Fancher, PLLC invoice. Mr. Satterwhite responded that it included the attorney time and expenses to travel to the previous meeting, as well as some GMA 8 pro rata expenses.

Board Member Sellman motioned to approve the invoices as presented in Resolution No. 2014-09-09-1 for a total cost of \$33,086.06. The motion was seconded by Board Member Daniel and passed unanimously with Board Members Boyd, Collins, Sanders and Smith 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 amended budget for FY 2014

The Board requested a budget amendment at the previous meeting. This amendment includes adjusting for the additional payments made to the three counties, the 2012 auditing fees, which was not received until earlier in 2014, and the legal cost was increased to \$50,000, which will hopefully be sufficient. The fuel and maintenance and the insurance costs were decreased to reflect more accurate amounts.

Board Member Daniel commented that the amendment seemed reasonable and could always be amended again in December.

Board Member Klement motioned to adopt the amended budget for FY 2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Groeschel and passed unanimously with Board Members Boyd, Collins, Sanders and Smith absent.

3) Consider and act upon budget for FY 2015

The Board adopted the rate schedule of \$0.10 per 1,000 gallons for non-exempt use and \$1 per acre-foot for agricultural use in August 2014. The budget was not adopted at that time due to some concern with expected income being too conservative. The first half of the year was 34% down from 2013. With the same decrease in pumping, the revenue could be expected to be \$615,000.

Board Member Groeschel motioned to adopt the budget for FY 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Daniel and passed unanimously with Board Members Boyd, Collins, Sanders and Smith 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

No report received

g. Management Plan 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 revised GAM has been submitted to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The model has been reviewed and comments have been received. The TWDB should take action before the end of the year, but possibly within a month or so. The updated model will become the official model for the Trinity and Woodbine Aquifers.

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

The next GMA 8 meeting is scheduled for November 3rd. The DFC process will require a great deal of detail and effort. Board Member Daniel commented that the new model shows that the water being pumped by one district impacts other districts more than was originally thought. It will be a long, challenging process and will require decisions to be made by each groundwater district. Each model run will impact many different districts, so the need for regional cooperation is very high.

Board Member Groeschel asked when the DFC Committee should begin meeting. Board Member Daniel and Mr. Satterwhite reported that the DFC Committee will need to become active very quickly. They will need to meet before the next board meeting to complete some tasks for the next GMA 8 meeting. The District's Temporary Rules are set up to migrate into Permanent Rules with minimal changes. The Permanent Rules will include spacing and permitting requirements.

9. Board Member Resignation – Collin County

Board Member Collins provided a letter resigning from the Board of Directors. He is moving to Dallas County and will not be eligible to serve on the Board. Secretary/Treasurer Young acknowledged the resignation and confirmed that Board Member Collins would continue serving until he is replaced.

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

Pursuant to Government Code 551.071, the Board of Directors adjourned into closed Executive Session at 10:07 AM to discuss the following:

Consultation with Attorney

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 10:26 AM. Secretary/Treasurer Young stated no action was taken on items discussed during the Executive Session.

Board Member Daniel motioned to issue an enforcement penalty of \$150 against Strittmatter Irrigation. The motion was seconded by Board Member Groeschel and passed unanimously with Board Members Boyd, Collins, Sanders and Smith absent.

11. General Manager's Report

Mr. Satterwhite reported the number of wells registered. The staff reached out to the well registration website consultant to add the ability to export the primary use of wells to expand the monthly report. Inform Environmental is working to complete the sampling project. Mr. Satterwhite is scheduled to meet with the General Managers of Upper Trinity GCD and Prairielands GCD to receive the report from Dr. Hildenbrand.


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

The next meeting is scheduled for October 14 in Gainesville at the City Council Chambers. Board Member Daniel reported that Item 7 should be left on for another month and then can be removed. Secretary/Treasurer Young requested that Item 10 be left as a standing agenda item. The DFC Committee will meet before the next Board meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Young thanked the visitors for attending the meeting.

13. Adjourn public meeting

The public meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

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Recording Secretary



Secretary-Treasurer