

TEXANA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING  
Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2011  
Jackson Co. Services Bldg.

Members Present: Robert Martin, Kenneth Koop, Clarence Schomburg, Johnny Dugger, Michael Skalicky, and Jim Revel.

Members Absent: Ray Brundrett

Guests: Jim Allison, Kendrick Callis, and Merrick Biri

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Skalicky, Board President, at 8:15 A. M.

Mr. Skalicky introduced Mr. Merrick Biri, TWDB, who was in the area taking annual well measurements. Mr. Biri explained the State's monitoring program and its importance. He also informed the Board how to access well information through the TWDB website. Mr. Biri indicated that he would inquire about any training course and basic groundwater information that would be available for Board members to assist in their education about groundwater in general.

The minutes of the December 16, 2010 Board meeting were presented for review by Mr. Revel, Board Secretary. Mr. Koop moved that the minutes be approved as printed. Mr. Dugger seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Brundrett, Board Treasurer, was not present for presenting a Treasurer's Report. Mr. Revel reviewed the November Bank Statement which had an ending balance of \$2300.80. Mr. Revel presented a record of a \$200.00 payment he had made to JI Companies for the Hartford Bonding Insurance invoice that had not been paid since August' 10. It was understood that Mr. Brundrett had provided the invoice to the County Commissioners for payment, but the invoice had not been paid. Mr. Skalicky moved that Mr. Revel be reimbursed the \$200.00 from Board funds. Mr. Schomburg seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Skalicky stated that the Finance Committee of Mr. Brundrett, Mr. Skalicky, and Mr. Revel, plan to develop a revised 2011 budget that could serve as the basis for loan from the County Commissioners' Court. Mr. Skalicky will try to get on the next County Commissioners' meeting agenda to discuss and get approval for a loan. This could allow the Board to advertise for the general manager position and have the funds to hire a part-time or full-time manager and operate this year, since revenue from the ad valorem tax won't be available until 2012.

Mr. Allison discussed the revisions of the District enabling legislation by presenting a background about the legislation leading up to the district's establishment and the current process of revising enabling legislation. The revisions proposed consolidate three separate pieces of source law bills into one, which is Chapter 8857 of the Special District

Local Laws Code. There was discussion around three topics that the Board desires be added to the proposed revisions. Mr. Schomburg moved that eminent domain wording be removed from the legislation, the election date for Board members be changed from May to November of even years, and that wording in the enabling legislation related to river authority be removed. Mr. Skalicky seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Allison will prepare the appropriate wording to the State Legislature and a public notice for print in the local newspaper about revising the enabling legislation.

Mr. Allison provided input to Mr. Skalicky for responding to a TWDB inquiry about the financial authority of the District. Mr. Skalicky would follow-up with a response and provide a copy for District records.

With there being no need to close the meeting, Mr. Skalicky skipped items 7, 8, and 9 on the agenda.

At that time, Mr. Skalicky declared the Public Hearing on the District Groundwater Management Plan open and asked if anyone had input or comments about the Plan. Upon hearing no public input, Mr. Skalicky declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mr. Revel moved that the Board incorporate the non-substantive changes suggested by TWDB pre-review #3 and adopt the Management Plan with the proposed changes. Mr. Schomburg seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Skalicky declared the Public Hearing on the District Groundwater Rules open and asked if anyone had input or comments about the Rules. Upon hearing no public input, Mr. Skalicky declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mr. Revel moved that the Board adopt the Rules. Mr. Dugger seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Skalicky and Mr. Revel subsequently signed the District Resolutions adopting the Management Plan and Rules.

Mr. Skalicky presented a list of well drillers in Jackson and surrounding counties. He will plan an open meeting with area well drillers after the State approves the Management Plan and Rules, which will probably be in April' 11.

As a follow-up to developing District administrative forms and procedures, Mr. Revel stated that he and Mr. Martin, with assistance from Mr. Tim Andruss (VCGCD), will have them available for review at the February Board meeting.

Mr. Skalicky discussed the General Manager position and how the Board might fill the position. It was general consensus that the position should be filled by March 1<sup>st</sup>, which is when the Plan and Rules are expected to be approved. The position has been advertised on the District website since last month. One individual, Craig Brooks has shown interest in filling the temporary position of acting General Manager. Mr. Revel presented Mr. Brook's resume and discussed their relationship in the Carancahua Volunteer Fire Department. He pointed out that as a licensed Geologist, Mr. Brooks has pertinent

experience that would serve him well in the position of General Manager and the Board would be hard-pressed to find a better candidate. Mr. Skalicky volunteered to lead the interview effort and to develop an employment agreement, with Mr. Allison's assistance, if the Board desires to make an offer to accept Mr. Brook's services.

Mr. Revel presented a District Calendar of activities/events for Board members use. Key activities, such as well drillers' meeting, forms review, budget committee meetings, Plan and Rules review, as well as each scheduled monthly meeting were noted.

Mr. Martin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Schomburg seconded the motion and it carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:20PM.

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Jim Revel, TGCD Board Secretary