

TEXANA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2011
Jackson Co. Services Bldg.

Members Present: Ray Brundrett, Clarence Schomburg, Michael Skalicky (arrived 8:45AM), Kenneth Koop and Jim Revel.

Members Absent: Robert Martin and Johnny Dugger

Guests: Mr. Sam Hoerster IV and Mr. Paul Harrison

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Koop, Board VP, at 8:35 A. M.

The minutes of the March 21, 2011 Board meeting were presented by Mr. Revel, Board Secretary. Mr. Koop noted a mistake with the minutes in reference to TWDB. Mr. Schomburg moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Mr. Brundrett seconded and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Mr. Brundrett, Board Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Koop requested that the Treasurer's report be approved by general consent. All the Board was in favor. Mr. Brundrett presented an invoice from the Risk Management Insurance Fund that had not been paid. Mr. Revel would follow-up with the Fund to determine if the invoice was valid and Mr. Brundrett would make sure it got paid, if that were the situation. (Mr. Skalicky arrived at 8:45AM and assumed the duties of chairing the meeting.)

Mr. Revel indicated that Mr. Damon Moore, Chief County Appraiser, had contacted him about what exemptions the District had approved. Since the District has not approved any tax exemptions, Mr. Moore suggested that we address the issue and at least consider the state mandated tax exemption for the disabled veterans just like the Water Drainage Districts and the ESD's had done. Mr. Brundrett moved that the District approve the tax exemption for Disabled veterans and the motion was seconded by Mr. Schomberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Skalicky provided an update on SB 332. Mr. Skalicky reviewed several viewpoints and ramification of each as it related to the bill and there was some discussion among the Board members of the new bill's potential impact.

Mr. Skalicky and Mr. Revel discussed the enabling legislation currently in committee and the projected election dates being considered. Based on the minutes of previous board meetings, Mr. Revel had put together a progression of Board position election dates for the state committee to consider and presented same for Board discussion.

The Board discussed the open General Manager position. Mr. Sam Hoerster IV, a Jackson County rancher, was in attendance and voiced his interest in filling the position.

There was dialogue and discussion between Mr. Hoerster and the Board about reimbursements, salary, time, and duties.

Mr. Koop moved that the GM position be filled by Mr. Hoerster on a contract basis, starting on May 1st and continuing to December 31, 2011; Mr. Hoerster would be paid \$15/hr. up to 16 hrs/wk. and be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses; This would be confirmed in a contract agreeable to Mr. Skalicky and Mr. Hoerster, as drawn up by Mr. Allison. Mr. Revel seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Mr. Revel indicated that he would arrange a visit for him and Mr. Hoerster with Mr. Andruss, GM of the VCGCD, prior to the next meeting to discuss the General Manager position and some of the District's first steps in setting up an office. Procedures for reimbursement and pay would be developed by the Board Treasurer, Mr. Hoerster and the County Controller.

Mr. Schomburg moved to close the meeting to conduct private consultation telephonically with Mr. Allison at approximately 10:20 AM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brundrett and passed.

The Board returned to the open meeting at approximately 10:50 AM. At that time, Mr. Skalicky declared the District Business meeting open.

Mr. Revel provided resolution wording citing the election progression that he had presented and moved that it be approved by the Board. Mr. Schomburg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (A Resolution was prepared and signed separately by Mr. Skalicky and Mr. Revel after the meeting. The resolution was provided to Mr. Allison for state legislation distribution.)

It was suggested that any discussion about a Well Drillers' workshop to assist local well drillers in becoming aware of the District's adopted rules be addressed at the next District Monthly Meeting. This would allow Mr. Hoerster to familiarize himself with the GM duties and have discussions with other GM's on the conduct of such workshops.

Since there was no further business, Mr. Brundrett moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Koop seconded the motion and it passed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Jim Revel, TGCD Board Secretary