

TEXANA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING

Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2010
Jackson Co. Services Bldg.

Members Present: Michael Skalicky, Robert Martin, Jim Revel

Members Absent: Ray Brundrett, Bo Malek

Guests Present: Warren Evans, Bobby Genke, Jr, Johnny Dugger, Zac Ferguson, Lynard Olson, Darrell Ferguson, Chris Lundstrom (Editor of the Edna newspaper), Lindsey Bradford, Roland Espinosa, Rima Petrossian

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Skalicky, President of the Board, at 1:00 P.M.

The minutes of the June 18, 2010 board meeting were read by Mr. Revel, Board Secretary. Mr. Martin moved that the minutes be approved as read; Mr. Revel seconded the motion; motion was carried.

Mr. Skalicky announced that the County Commissioners had voted to provide about \$750 to the district for operating funds.

There was no Treasurer's report, because Mr. Brundrett was not present.

There was a discussion about establishing a banking account. Mr. Revel Moved that the district establish an account with Citizens Bank, if there were no conflicts of interest, due to Mr. Malek's employment by Citizens Bank. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Revel reported that the Board members had errors and omission liability insurance in force, effective July 14, 2010 through June 30, 2011 and would be invoiced for payment in late July. Mr. Martin moved that the district pay the E&O insurance when billed. Mr. Revel seconded and the motion carried.

Ms. Rima Petrossian was introduced for a discussion about the District's Management Plan and Rules revisions. She provided a TWDB checklist that is used to review Management plans and reviewed it. The District's old plan had 7 goals and the revised will need to address 12 goals. It has to address the desired future conditions (DFC) and include rules. She stressed that the district's revised goals only need to be addressed if applicable. Since the district is essentially starting new, the plan needs to be simplified, but attainable. She suggested that the draft plan and rules need to be provided to the public through the newspaper and/or through a website. Each goal was reviewed and commented on.

Mr. Skalicky reported that he had tried to contact Mr. Brundrett's son about developing a website for the District, but was not successful. Ms. Lundstrom indicated that the County Commissioners had approved the County Auditor's office assisting with setting up a webpage on the Jackson County website for the District. They also will provide space for an office, office furniture, copying, and phone service in the County Services Building.

Mr. Martin reported on the recent GMA meeting and provided minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Skalicky had received a request to provide a board member name to be on the Region P Planning Group. Mr. Revel moved that the sitting president of the District Board be that representative. Mr. Martin seconded and the motion carried.

There was a discussion about the timeline and potential candidates for the District Board positions on the November General Election Ballot. There also was discussion about an ad valorem tax proposition. Both items need to be voted on by the District and the county commissioners before August 24, 2010. Mr. Skalicky indicated that the Board would need to meet again before the scheduled August meeting and suggested the next meeting be July 23 to get started. Mr. Revel moved same and Mr. Martin seconded. Motion carried.

Amendment added 7/23/10: The Advisory Group will assist in addressing the rules and concerns that hindered the passage of the previous ad valorem tax proposition.

Due to the meeting running longer than planned, discussions were curtailed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10PM.

James (Jim) L. Revel – Board Secretary

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July 23, 2010
Jackson Co. Services Bldg.

Members Present: Michael Skalicky, Robert Martin, Jim Revel, Ray Brundrett

Members Absent: Bo Malek

Guests Present: Brandon Critendon, Warren Evans, Fredrich Woodland, Milam Simons, Clarence Schomberg, William Browning, Larry Koop, Dorothy Koop, Norris Fitzpatrick, Eva Ferguson, Johnny Dugger, Zac Ferguson, Darrell Ferguson,, Thomas Larkin, Shelly Srp, Alton Hermes, Robert Zuse, Wayne Gregrey, Chris Lundstrom, Hensley Weaver, Ronnie Childs, Kelly Kazmir, Ray Hick, Jared Darilek, Theodore Wkallus, Lance Koop, Dwain Darilek, Vance Mitchell, Brian Miska, David Murgge, Lee Hafernack, Roland Espinosa,

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Skalicky, President of the Board, at 8:00 A. M.

The minutes of the June 18, 2010 board meeting were read by Mr. Revel, Board Secretary. Mr. Martin added an amendment to the minutes that the advisory Group will assist in addressing the rules and concerns that hindered the passage of the previous ad valorem tax proposition. Mr. Martin moved that the minutes be approved as amended; Mr. Brundrett seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Martin introduced Mr. Andrus, Manager of the VGCD, who spoke about his role and the assistance he could provide to the District Board. He also discussed legal support and how VGCD developed their rules, particularly the category of “exempt wells”.

Mr. Martin provided a proposed resolution that Mr. Revel read. The proposed resolution was developed with Mr. Andrus’ assistance along with several of the Advisory Group and Mr. Martin. It addressed several of the citizens’ concerns in moving forward with rule development. It was recommended that the proposed resolution be incorporated into the rules as they are developed and it should be simple wording so that all the citizens can understand the rules.

Mr. Vance Mitchell, along with several other citizens, voiced their support of the resolution and pointed out the need to educate the citizens of the county about our groundwater resources. This should be done through news articles, speaking at local organization meetings, meeting with local city managers, and District web site, to name a few.

In order to proceed with public meetings to gather input for revising the Management Plan and Rules, Mr. Revel offered to prepare a revised Management Plan incorporating the recommendations made the previous meeting by Ms. Petrossian. Mr. Martin offered

that he would work on revising the previous adopted rules and incorporate the proposed resolutions. Both the revised Management Plan and revised Rules could be discussed at the next meeting on August 6th and potentially finalized for the first public meeting on August 11th in Ganado.

Mr. Revel reviewed the need to have a public meeting two separate nights in August and September in order to meet the October 15 date established by the TCEQ CA. A Board member would be responsible for conducting each meeting and handling meeting arrangements. The scheduled meeting would be August 11th in Ganado (Mr. Skalicky), August 25th at JEC (Mr. Brundrett), September 14th in Edna (Mr. Martin), and September 27th in Carancahua area (Mr. Revel).

Mr. Skalicky offered that he would head up a committee that would address public relations and District awareness. Vance Mitchell, Shelly Srp, and Lindsey Bradford (volunteered by Ms. Srp) volunteered to assist on the committee.

Mr. Revel presented the wording of the ad valorem tax proposition to be presented to the County Commissioners' Court August 9, 2010. Mr. Revel moved that a \$0.01 per \$100 valuation of property ad valorem tax proposition be approved by the Board. Mr. Brundrett seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Skalicky stated that he had received bids for establishing a checking account from three banks, 1st Victoria, Prosperity, and Citizens. All were similar except Citizen's bank had a branch in Ganado and Edna. Mr. Brundrett moved that the District establish an account at Citizen's Bank. Motion was seconded by Mr. Martin and the motion carried.

Mr. Skalicky stated that the next meeting would be 8:00A.M, August 6 at the County Services Bldg. There being no further business, Mr. Brundrett moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00A.M.

James (Jim) L. Revel – Board Secretary