

**MINUTES OF
AUGUST 3, 2009
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session Monday, August 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the District office located at 225 S. Pierce Street, Suite 104, Burnet, Texas.

The following persons were present:

Members Present

John Simmons, President
Wayne Brown, Vice President
Jerry Bostick, Secretary/Treasurer
Clyde Waters, Director
Todd Fox, Director

Staff and or Consultants Present

Richard Bowers, General Manager
Donnita Coats, Administrative Assistant
Tom Partridge, P.E.

Others present (who signed the attendance Record)

Two Members of the Public

President Simmons declared a quorum present and called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

President Simmons asked for public comments.

Ben Redler, President , Timber Ridge Property Owners Association (POA) expressed the concern the members of the POA had in regard to a permit pending before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a Municipal Utility District adjacent to the POA. He stated that the indications were that water would be pumped out of an existing quarry and sold outside the area. They were concerned this would deplete the groundwater in the area surrounding the quarry. He concluded his comments by asking, is there anything the District can do.

The General Manager stated that the Enabling Act of the District provides us with the authority to require a permit for any activity that extracts groundwater or allows more than 25,000 gallons of groundwater a day to escape. He also stated that the proposed Rules outline the requirements if it is water being pumped from a quarry for use for other than quarry activities. However, before the District can regulate this activity they would have to adopt rules.

During the discussion it was asked if we could monitor the water level within the subdivision. Mr. Redler stated that he knew of a couple of unused wells that possibly could be used.

The Manager stated that he would get with Mr. Redler to see about equipping one or two wells in that area.

President Simmons then asked the Directors to consider the Minutes of the Board Meeting held July 13, 2009.

Jerry Bostick moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the July 13, 2009 Board Meeting as presented.

Second was by Wayne Brown.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked the Board to consider the expenditures for July 2009.

Clyde Waters moved to:
Approve the expenses for July 2009.
Second was by Wayne Brown.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked the Board for consideration and/or action on the Budget and funds held account.

The Board discussed District Certificate of Deposits and the carry over amounts for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. No Action was taken.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on staff recommendations regarding the 3D Earth Modeling proposal for contract services presented by Robert Ruggiero, P.G. at the July 13, 2009 Board Meeting. General Manager Bowers reported that he and Tom Partridge, P.E. had reviewed the proposal and do not feel that it is in the best interest of the District to contract with Mr. Ruggiero at this time. Mr. Bowers told the Board that they may want to consider the proposal in the future and that he would inform the Board if and when he felt the 3D Earth Modeling would benefit the District.

Clyde Waters moved to:
Accept the staff recommendation that the District not contract with Mr. Ruggiero for 3D Earth Modeling at this time.
Second was by Wayne Brown.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked General Manager Bowers for a Report on the meeting with the Texas Water Development Board on July 23, 2009 in regard to changes in the District Management Plan as they relate to the Trinity aquifer and the Minor aquifers.
The General Manager provided the following report:

He and Tom Partridge met with Bill Hutchison, Director of Groundwater Resources TWDB as a follow up to the meeting held with Robert Mace last month. We discussed the results of District well drilling (to date) and other groundwater information he and Tom had reviewed (state reports). The following are the steps Bill suggested we follow.

1. Develop a detailed report about the Trinity aquifer within the District based on the well drilling, review of state published reports and well tests (we estimate this will take 3 – 4 weeks). The report will also include references to state published reports and a recommended method to use in calculation of the net recharge to the aquifer.
2. The Texas Water Development Board will review this information and provide comments back to the District for use in the update to the District Management Plan.
3. The District would then amend and update the Management Plan, submit a draft of the Management Plan to TWDB prior to adoption.

President Simmons then asked the General Manager for Monitoring Well Project discussion and Monitoring Well update report.

General Manager Bowers Presented a document titled “District Monitoring Well Project Report August 2009 “. The report outlined the water level monitoring that has occurred within the District by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) since 1961 and by the District since 2007. The wells currently within the TWDB monitoring network are annual water level measurements and only included wells in the Trinity (5 wells), Ellenburger (2 wells), and Marble Falls (2 wells). The Manager then suggested the establishment of a “Desired Future Condition Water Level Monitoring Well” network using the TWDB water level monitor wells that have provided reliable data and expanding this network by including additional District water level monitor wells to adequately monitor water level changes to determine if the District is meeting the Desired Future Conditions.

He concluded the Report by stating that amendments to the Management Plan should include the following items about how the District will determine if it is meeting the Desired Future Conditions:

Identification of Desired Future Conditions Monitor Wells

Trinity DFC Monitoring Wells – Possibly 11 wells

Ellenburger DFC Monitoring Wells – Possibly 9

Hickory DFC Monitoring Wells – At least 3 wells

Marble Falls DFC Monitoring Wells – Possibly 4 wells

Granite Gravel DFC Monitoring Wells – 3 Wells

Frequency of Measurement of DFC Wells

Range of Water Level Change to Meet the DFC and

Possibly the Development of Community Water Level Monitoring Wells

Director Waters asked for an update on the telemetry for gathering monitor well data. General Manager Bowers informed the Board that Solinst, the company that provides monitoring equipment for the wells, is working on a satellite system for telemetry and that the staff would continue to collect data manually at this time. He also stated that at a future Board Meeting he would provide a report on the manual collection of the data vs. the use of telemetry.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on the Larry Max Monitoring Well Agreement Addendum. The Addendum asked for personal limited use of the monitor well in certain conditions. General Manager Bowers presented a draft Addendum to the Agreement for consideration. The Board provided suggested changes and instructed the General Manager to make the changes and offer the revised addendum to Mr. Max.

President Simmons then asked Board Secretary/Treasurer Bostick to give a presentation of the preliminary 2009-2010 District Budget. Director Bostick reviewed the effective and rollback tax rates for 2009 and summarized the proposed 2009-2010 Budget. Director Brown suggested dropping the rate below effective rate since the District has reserves in funds held account. He also suggested reduction in some of the expense items. There was general discussion in regard to funds held in reserve and expense items in the proposed budget presented by Director Bostick. After the discussion, President Simmons stated that any Director who has suggested changes should contact Director Bostick before the next meeting.

President Simmons then asked the General Manager for the Managers Report. General Manager Bowers reported that he attended a Public Funds Investment Training in Corpus Christi, Texas July

27th. He also reported that the Burnet Central Appraisal District will be using Direct Deposit for taxes collected by the District.

President Simmons then asked for Director Comments. Director Waters requested a work session to review the Trinity aquifer report before it is sent to the Texas Water Development Board. Director Brown agreed and requested that a presentation be made to the Public after the Texas Water Development Board review.

A work session was set for Monday, August 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office.

President Simmons then asked the Board to identify any specific agenda items for the next Board Meeting.

- Budget – Final Presentation and Adoption
- Adopt Tax Rate
- Trinity Aquifer Update and Schedule for Amended Management Plan

President Simmons then discussed possible meeting dates for the next regular board meeting. The first Monday of September falls on Labor Day. The next regular meeting date was set for Monday, August 31, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office.

President Simmons adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

John Simmons, President

Jerry Bostick, Secretary/Treasurer