

**MINUTES OF  
September 10, 2010  
BOARD MEETING  
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session Friday, September 10, 2010 at 9:05 a.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, Director
Todd Fox, Vice President	Steve Henderson, Director
Clyde Waters, Secretary/Treasurer	

**Staff and or Consultants Present**

Richard Bowers, General Manager	Mitchell Sodek, Hydrologist
Donnita Coats, Administrative Assistant	

**Others present (who signed the attendance Record)**

8 Members of the Public

President Simmons asked General Manager Bowers to establish a quorum through a roll call of Directors; declared a quorum present; and called the Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

President Simmons then asked for public comment.

Ron Fieseler, General Manager of the Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District, presented a Hydrogeologic Atlas of the Hill Country Trinity Aquifer for Blanco, Hays and Travis Counties, Central Texas. He also informed the Board that his District would be purchasing a geophysical log machine with a trailer and would be offering other Districts the opportunity to share in the cost and use of the equipment. He estimated the total cost to be around \$45,000.

Jo Karr Tedder thanked the Board for hearing her request for a Water Education Program funded by the District. She also offered her services to serve on an Education Committee if one is established.

Johnnie Rogers expressed concern about Agenda Item #5 - consideration and/or action on the District paying for flow meters on existing wells in compliance with the Rules or as a provision of expedited processing of existing well operating permits and what the Board intends with the permitting of wells. President Simmons said that this would be explained when they reached agenda item #5 and that he would recognize Mr. Rogers for discussion at that time.

President Simmons then asked the Directors to consider the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held August 13, 2010.

Todd Fox moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the August 13, 2010 regular Board Meeting as presented.

Second was by Wayne Brown.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked the Board to consider and/or act on the expenditures for August 2010.

Todd Fox moved to:

Approve the expenses for August 2010.

Second was by Clyde Waters.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked the Board for consideration and/or action on the 2009-2010 Budget.

No Action was taken.

President Simmons then asked the Board for consideration and/or action on the District paying for flow meters on existing wells in compliance with the Rules or as a provision of expedited processing of existing well operating permits. General Manager Bowers informed the Board of the number of Operating Permits that had been applied for to date and the number of wells that would require meters. He presented a meter pricing chart prepared by District Hydrologist, Mitchell Sodek. Board members discussed the pros and cons of the District paying for these meters and decided to table further discussion and/or action until they reached Agenda Item #7 - Consider and/or adoption of the 2010 – 2011 Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District Budget.

President Simmons asked Mr. Roger for his public comment during this discussion. Mr. Rogers discussed pro facto law and the permitting of and ability to revoke permits on wells that existed before the effective date of the rules. Director Simmons discussed Chapter 36 and the Districts authority to permit wells.

President Simmons then asked Joe Don Dockery for his presentation to the Board for consideration and/or action on contributing funds for a permanent facility for a Burnet County Household Hazardous Waste collection program. Mr. Dockery introduced those in attendance who were involved in the program and handed out an outline of the strategic plan/work plan for the facility. He presented the plan and asked the District to contribute \$25,000.00 in 2010-2011 and extend the contribution for ten years and a total of \$250,000.00 to help with the project. Director Fox expressed his support of Mr. Dockery's request and said that a small donation by the District once a year to the project was not sufficient. The Directors discussed the Blanco County Collection program and Blanco-Pedernales District's involvement with it, the contributions that would be made by other entities in Burnet County, other projects the District is considering funding and what district funds would be available to help fund this and other projects. Director Fox requested that a decision to help fund the project be tabled until consideration and/or action on the adoption of the 2010-2011 Budget.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or adoption of the 2010 – 2011 Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District Budget. He called on the General Manager to review the proposed budget.

General Manager Bowers presented the Board with a 2010 – 2011 Budget Worksheet. He stated that the work sheet included changes made at the August 13, 2010 budget work session and included increases in Payroll Expense and other changes discussed at the Board Meeting. This results in a proposed 2010 – 2011 Expense Budget of \$504,070.00 and \$74,000 of projected income from sources other than the 2010 Taxes.

Director Waters asked if the changes in Payroll Expenses included the \$1,000 bonus for the Administrative Assistant. General Manager Bowers stated that it did not and that he understood that was to be paid out of the 2009 – 2010 Budget. Director Waters agreed.

General Manager Bowers requested that before the Board begins work on the 2010 – 2011 Budget that they make some determination on funds held by the District. He stated that some of the funds could be put in reserve and use the remaining funds to offset Budget expenses or identified for future programs or expenses. He then presented the Board with a document outlining various programs that could be funded with reserve funds and how three surrounding groundwater conservation districts in the area handle their reserve funds.

Wayne Brown moved to:

Keep \$350,000.00 in reserves and earmark uses for the remaining funds held.

There was no second.

President Simmons stated the motion died for lack of a second.

President Simmons moved to:

Keep \$500,000.00 in reserves and earmark uses for the remaining funds held.

Second was by Todd Fox:

President Simmons then opened the floor for discussion.

Director Henderson stated that \$500,000.00 in reserves might be too much and suggested \$425,000. Further discussion by the Directors on an amount to keep in reserves and various projects that the remaining funds held might be used for including programs discussed earlier during the meeting.

President Simmons amended his motion to read:

The District will keep \$425,000.00 in reserves, earmark \$15,000 for cost share of a geophysical log machine and trailer, \$18,000 for cost share of meters on existing wells and the remainder of funds held would be used to fund system expansion and improvements through other action of the Board in the future.

Second was by Todd Fox.

4 - Yes

1 - Abstained

Vote on the motion as amended carried.

The Board then began work on the proposed budget.

Director Brown moved to increase Other Income Reserves in the proposed budget from \$50,000.00 to \$74,000.00 and add \$25,000.00 to a new Expense line item Household Hazardous Waste Project.

Second was by Todd Fox.

Vote on the motion carried.

After further budget discussion of the proposed budget contingency was increased to \$47,000.00 bringing the total amended proposed expense budget to \$553,070.00 as follows:

<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Reserves (Burnet County Waste Disposal)</b>	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Household Hazardous Waste Project</b>	25,000.00
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	233,520.00
<b>Contingency</b>	47,000.00
<b>Directors</b>	2,000.00
<b>Other Expenses</b>	2,500.00
<b>Technical Operations</b>	6,500.00
<b>Education</b>	20,000.00
<b>Administrative Operations</b>	16,250.00
<b>Vehicle Expense</b>	3,900.00
<b>Capital Purchase</b>	67,000.00
<b>Contract Services</b>	91,500.00
<b>Insurance</b>	3,900.00
<b>Office Expense</b>	30,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$553,070.00</b>

President Simmons moved to adopt an Expense Budget for 2010-2011 fiscal year of \$553,070.00

Second was by Clyde Waters.

4-Yes

1-No

Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked for consideration and/or action on adoption of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District 2010 Tax Rate.

The Manager provided the Board with the following information:

**Income Budget**

<b>Attorney Fees – Taxes</b>	\$ 3,000.00
<b>Tax Income from other Years</b>	15,000.00
<b>Interest on Investments</b>	6,000.00
<b>Other Income - Funds from Reserve</b>	74,000.00
<b>Total income other than 2010 taxes</b>	<b>\$98,000.00</b>

**2010 Ad Valorem Tax needed to balance the budget 455,070.00**

**Information for calculating a proposed 2010 tax rate**

2010 Adjusted Tax Base	\$4,212,904,935.00
Adopted Expense Budget	553,070.00
Income from other than 2010 taxes	98,000.00
Income from 2010 Taxes needed to Balance the Budget	455,070.00
Tax Rate Calculation (455,070.00/4,212,904,935.00)*100=	\$ 0.0108/\$100

President Simmons moved to adopt 0.0108/\$100 valuation as the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District 2010 tax rate calculated to assess \$455,070.00 which will balance the budget.

Second was by Todd Fox.  
Vote on the motion carried.

President Simmons then asked Director Brown for an update on the Public Education Program. Director Brown reviewed a handout outlining an approach for education activities for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

President Simmons called on the General Manager for the Staff Report. The Manager gave the following report:

**a. Rule implementation activities.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Total since 9/1/09 as of Aug 13, 2010</b>	<b>Total since 9/1/09 as of Sept 10, 2010</b>
<b>Well registrations</b>	1,411	3,132
<b>Exempt Well Drilling Auth.</b>	150	163
<b>Permit App. Received</b>	10	103
Non Exempt Domestic Livestock Poultry		25
Grandfather		34
Existing Operating		34
Quarry		10

**b. Monitoring well** - January – July 2010 and 2009 water level graphs are on the CTGCD Website. Rainfall Date for January – June 2010 and all of 2009 is also on the CTGCD Website. Mitchell is doing the data collection and uploading to the website for both of these programs. **Updates for August are not on the Website due to rainfall this week. Should be available by end of next week.**

**c. Trinity Aquifer Report** – I talked to Cindy Ridgway, Manager, Groundwater Availability Modeling with the Texas Water Development Board about our Report. Our discussion included the fact that the TWDB is in the process of re modeling the Trinity aquifer which will be a model that includes all the existing layers of the Trinity for each county or District inclusive rather than trying to model each layer. This should eliminate the problem we have with the existing Trinity Model. The TWDB has also approved a study of the rainfall, evapotranspiration, and recharge for GMA 8 which will include all the aquifers within GMA 8. The new modeling and Recharge study will not be completed for at least 18 months to 2 years.

My conclusion from our discussion is The TWDB is not going to tell us to or not to use the information we have in our Trinity Report for our Management Plan update. It is information we developed based on conditions within our District and we believe they are more representative to our District than the information from the TWDB Groundwater Availability Model (GAM). Certainly this is true given the fact that they are updating the Trinity GAM.

**d. Schedule for amending the District Management Plan** – The Management plan updates will include:

- Replacing the information about the Trinity Aquifer with the information from our Trinity study including the recharge amounts. This is mainly changes in the text.
- Delineate the Granite Gravel aquifer including pumping ratios (Acre feet /Acre) and any spacing recommendations. This will require aquifer pump tests and evaluation of the monitor well information we have collected since 2008.
- Delineate the Granite aquifer including pumping ratios and any spacing recommendations. This will require some Aquifer testing at certain location within the District where there is groundwater being produced from the Granite Aquifer
- Change the information about the Hickory aquifer. The information we used from TWDB was changed in the “GTA Aquifer Assessment 08-04 mag” developed in December 2009. We need to use the TWDB corrected version. The error was the TWDB model had an incorrect number of acres in Burnet County for the recharge area. This will reduce the recharge area by 9,421 acres and the available groundwater by 2,355 acre feet for the Hickory in our District.

I have discussed the activities associated with the updates with Mitchell and Tom Partridge. I believe they will be able to begin the update process this month and we should be able to hold a hearing on the proposed updated Management Plan in December of 2010 or January 2011. After readoption of the Management Plan it will need to then be provided to the TWDB for approval.

President Simmons then called for any Director comments.

Directors Brown and Waters complimented the District Staff and shared positive public compliments received by them for their handling of the registration of over 1,000 wells in a two week period.

President Simmons called for Agenda items for the next Board Meeting.  
They were:

Audit Engagement

President Simmons stated that Directors could contact the Manager or himself prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.

President Simmons then set the next regular board meeting for, Friday, October 8, 2010 at 9:05 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Simmons adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

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John Simmons, President

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Clyde Waters, Secretary/Treasurer