



**Minutes**  
**BRAZOS VALLEY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Public Permit Hearing and Regular Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Stephen Cast called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.**

Directors present:	Stephen Cast	President
	Jayson Barfknecht	Vice President
	David Stratta	Secretary
	Mark Carrabba	Director
	John Elliott	Director
	Jeff Kennedy	Director
Directors Absent:	Gary Mechler	Director
	Chris Zeig	Director
Staff present:	Alan M. Day	General Manager
	Cynthia Lopez	Office Manager
	Monique Norman	Attorney
	John Seifert	Hydrologist
	James Beach	Hydrologist

**Public Permit Hearing**

Call Permit Hearing to order  
Roll call of members present

3. Discussion and possible action on the following **Operating & Drilling/Operating Permit Applications:**

- **One (1) new Operating permit for 10786 Vaughn Agricultural, LLC**

Well #4 – **(BVOP-0322)** Located at: N 31.01202661° W 96.68765600° 1.31 miles ESE of the intersection of FM 2159 and SH-6 in Robertson County. Total maximum annual production from the water well will be 200 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 250 gpm for Agricultural use. The well produces from the Simboro Aquifer. **A motion was made by Mark Carrabba, second by Jayson Barfknecht to approve the Operating permit application for 10786 Vaughn Agricultural, LLC for 200 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 250 gpm for agricultural use as presented to the Board. The well will produce from the Simsboro aquifer. The motion passed unanimously.**

- **One (1) new Drilling/Operating permit for Clifford A. Skiles III**

Well #2 – **(BVDO-0317)** Located at: N 30.854431° W 96.628822° 0.86 miles N of the intersection of US-79 W and Gifford Hill Road in Robertson County. Total maximum annual production from the water well will be 2,100 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 1,600 gpm for Agricultural, Industrial, and Public Water Supply uses. Applicant requests the well be aggregated with BVDO-0108 not to exceed 4,800 ac-ft/yr of production from all wells. The well will produce from the Simsboro Aquifer. **A motion was made by David Stratta, second by John Elliott to approve the Drilling/Operating permit for Clifford A. Skiles, III for 2,100 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 1,600 gpm for agricultural, industrial, and public water supply uses as presented to the Board. The well will produce from the Simsboro aquifer. The motion passed unanimously.**

- **One (1) new Drilling/Operating permit for Bradley E. Ely etal**

Well #1 – **(BVDO-0318)** Located at: N 30.844219° W 96.593650° 1.28 miles ESE of the intersection of US-79 W and FM 50 in Robertson County. Total maximum annual production from the water well will be 230 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 800 gpm for Agricultural use. The well will produce from the Brazos River Alluvium Aquifer. **A motion was made by John Elliott, second by Jayson Barfknecht to approve the Drilling/Operating permit for Bradley E. Ely, etal for 230 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 800 gpm for agricultural use as presented to the Board. The well will produce from the Brazos River Alluvium aquifer. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Discussion and possible action on the following **Operating Permit Amendment Application:**

**One (1) existing Drilling/Operating permit for Clifford A. Skiles III**

Well #1 – **(BVDO-0108)** Located at: N 30.851042° W 96.635889° 0.82 miles NNW of the intersection of US-79 W and Gifford Hill Road in Robertson County. Total maximum annual production from the water well is currently 1,400 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 3,000 gpm for Agricultural, Industrial, Public Water Supply uses. Applicant requests amending the current permit increasing the total maximum annual production from the water well to 2,700 ac-ft/yr, decreasing the maximum rate of production to 2,000 gpm, and aggregating production with BVDO-0317 not to exceed 4,800 ac-ft/yr of production from all wells. The well produces from the Simsboro Aquifer. **A motion was made by Jayson Barfknecht, second by David Statta to approve the Operating permit amendment application for Clifford A. Skiles, III, increasing the total maximum annual production from the water well to 2,700 ac-ft/yr, decreasing the maximum rate of production to 2,000 gpm, and aggregating production with BVDO-0317 not to exceed 4,800 ac-ft/yr of production from all wells. The well produces from the Simsboro aquifer. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. Discussion and possible action on the following **Transport Permit Application:**

**One (1) transport permit (BVTP-001) for UW Brazos Valley Farm, LLC**

The requested total maximum groundwater to be transported from permitted production wells under current operating permits and all approved permits listed below is not to exceed 49,999 acre-feet/year. The approved multi-use permits are permitted for Agricultural, Industrial, Commercial, Municipal, and Public Water Supply uses in the receiving area outside of the District of Milam, Williamson, Bell, and/or Travis counties.

**Operating Permits Associated with Transport Permit:**

The transport of water out of the District is only authorized for water produced from wells associated with the following District-issued Operating Permits:

Permit #	Latitude	Longitude	Aquifer	GPM	ac-ft/yr
BVDO-0	N 30.886626°	W 96.658433°	Simsboro	3,000	4,839
BVDO-0	N 30.903856°	W 96.662094°	Simsboro	3,300	5,322
BVDO-0	N 30.919628°	W 96.642153°	Simsboro	3,300	5,322
BVDO-0	N 30.932321°	W 96.691592°	Simsboro	3,150	4,068
BVDO-0	N 30.916287°	W 96.721219°	Simsboro	1,550	2,001
BVDO-0	N 30.871826°	W 96.689291°	Simsboro	2,150	2,776
BVDO-0	N 30.937420°	W 96.676560°	Simsboro	2,450	2,450
BVDO-0	N 30.889026°	W 96.684725°	Simsboro	1,500	1,500
BVDO-0	N 30.893501°	W 96.663845°	Simsboro	2,400	2,400
BVDO-0	N 30.917196°	W 96.631244°	Simsboro	2,250	2,250
BVDO-0	N 30.882803°	W 96.673047°	Simsboro	1,500	1,937
BVDO-0	N 30.880632°	N 30.880632°	Simsboro	1,700	1,700
BVDO-0	N 30.872396°	W 96.675639°	Simsboro	1,750	2,260
BVDO-0	N 30.913084°	W 96.653847°	Simsboro	2,850	3,680
BVDO-0	N 30.954950°	W 96.680068°	Simsboro	1,500	1,500
BVDO-0	N 30.901250°	W 96.651604°	Simsboro	1,980	1,980

**A motion was made by David Stratta, second by Mark Carrabba to approve the Transport permit for UW Brazos Valley for the requested total maximum groundwater to be transported from permitted production wells under current operating permits and all approved permits listed below not to exceed 49,999 acre-feet/year. The approved multi-use permits are permitted for Agricultural, Industrial, Commercial, Municipal, and Public Water Supply uses in the receiving area outside of the District of Milam, Williamson, Bell, and/or Travis counties. The motion passed with Jayson Barfknecht and Steven Cast opposing.**

Adjourn Permit Hearing

## **Regular Board Meeting**

Call meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Declare quorum present

Public Comment

a) Non-agenda items

b) Agenda items

1. Discussion and possible action on minutes of the March 9, 2023 Permit Hearing & Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by Mark Carrabba, second by Jayson Barfknecht to approve the March 9, 2023 Minutes as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. Financial Report for the month of March 2023. **A motion was made by Jayson Barfknecht, second by John Elliott to approve the Financial reports for February 2023 as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation by the Education/Conservation Committee related to presentation of a District Groundwater Conservationist of the Year Award. **A motion was made by David Stratta, second by John Elliott to approve the District Groundwater Conservationist award to the City of Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.**
4. Discussion and possible action on approving an addendum to the 2023 District Operating Budget detailing vendors and expenditures by budget line item. **A motion was made by Jayson Barfknecht, second by David Stratta to approve the addendum to the 2023 District Operating Budget detailing vendors and expenditures by budget line item. The motion passed unanimously.**
5. Discussion and possible action on revisions to the water level measurement protocol when using an electric line or steel tape. **A motion was made by Jayson Barfknecht, second by David Stratta on approval of the revisions to the water level measurement protocol when using an electric line or steel tape. The motion passed unanimously.**
6. Discussion and possible action on taking a position of bills filed during the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session related to groundwater. **No action taken.**
7. General Manager's Report, , **Alan Day, General Manager, gave an update to the Board on the reports listed below.**
  - a) Drought Monitor Report
  - b) Wells permitted pursuant to District Rule 8.3(j)
  - c) GMA 12 DFC Update
  - d) Legislative Update – 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session
  - e) District Business & Activities
  - f) Management Plan Update
8. Discussion and possible future agenda items.
9. Adjourn

**Signed this 13th day of April 2023**

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**David Stratta, Secretary**

The Board of Directors may meet in closed session, pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code §§ 551.071-551.076, to:

- (1) consult with attorney ;
- (2) deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the District in negotiations with a third person;
- (3) deliberate a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the District if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the District in negotiations with a third person;
- (4) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a Board member or District employee;
- (5) to receive information from employees or question employees, but not deliberate public business or agency policy that affects public business; and
- (6) to deliberate the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices.