



Minutes
BRAZOS VALLEY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Jayson Barfknecht called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Directors present:	Jayson Barfknecht	President
	Gary Mechler	Vice-President
	Jeff Kennedy	Secretary
	Chris Zeig	Treasurer
	Mark Carrabba	Director
	Stephen Cast	Director
	John Elliott	Director
	Lisa Rolke	Director

Staff present:	Alan M. Day	General Manager
	Cynthia Lopez	Office Manager
	John Crabtree	Field Technician
	Monique Norman	Attorney

Regular Board Meeting

Call meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- a) Non-agenda items
- b) Agenda items –

1. Election of officers for the 2024 calendar year as required by District Bylaws.

Jayson Barfknecht, President
Gary Mechler, Vice-President
Jeff Kennedy, Secretary
Chris Zeig, Treasurer

2. Discussion and possible action on minutes of the November 16, 2023 District Management Plan Adoption Hearing, District Export Fee Hearing & Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by Chris Zeig, second by John Elliott to approve the minutes from November 16, 2023 as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. Financial Report for the month of November & December 2023. **A motion was made Chris Zeig, second by Mark Carrabba to approve the Financial Report for the month of November & December 2023 as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
4. Presentation by Dr. Joe Yelderian and Mark Nickels updating the Board on progress related to the Brazos River Alluvium Aquifer groundwater/surface water interaction study sponsored by the Brazos Valley GCD and being conducted by Baylor University.

Presentation to the Board on progress related to the Brazos River Alluvium groundwater/surface water interaction study.

5. Discussion of the purpose, needs, and implementation of Depletion Management Zones within the boundaries of the District. **Discussion with no action.**
6. Executive Session: Texas Government Code 551.071 – For discussion with legal counsel regarding regional mitigation of water wells affected by reduction of artesian pressure.
7. Discussion and possible action on regional mitigation of water wells affected by reduction of artesian pressure following advice of legal counsel. **No action taken.**
8. Discussion and possible action on the purchase and installation of audio/visual equipment in the District board room. **A motion was made by Stephen Cast, second by John Elliot to approve the use funds allocated to court reporting services for purchase and installation of audio/visual equipment for the District board room. The motion passed unanimously.**
9. 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) District Business & Activities
 - e) Management Plan Update
10. Discussion and possible future agenda items.
 - Annual Report 2023
 - Discussion for March 2024 meeting date
11. Adjourn

Signed this 8th day of February 2024

Jeff Kennedy, 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.

The Board may also meet in open session on these matters as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code § 551.102.

**** Agenda items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Board Chairman**