



Minutes
BRAZOS VALLEY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
District Office
112 W 3rd Street - Hearne, Texas 77859
Thursday, July 11, 2024 | 2:00 p.m.

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

Directors present:	Jayson Barfknecht	President
	Gary Mechler	Vice-President
	Mark Carrabba	Director
	Stephen Cast	Director
	Lisa Rolke	Director
Staff present:	Alan M. Day	General Manager
	Cynthia Lopez	Office Manager
	Megan Lamb	Education Coordinator
	Monique Norman	Attorney
	Chris Drabek	Professional Geoscientist

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 the minutes of the May 16, 2024 Permit Hearing & Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by Mark Carrabba, second by Lisa Rolke to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2024 Permit Hearing and Regular Board Meeting as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. Discussion and possible action on the minutes of the June 3, 2024, Special Called Board Meeting. **A motion was made by Lisa Rolke, second by Jayson Barfknecht to approve the minutes of the Special Called Board Meeting as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. Discussion and possible action on the minutes of the June 18, 2024, Public Transport Permit Hearing. **A motion was made by Mark Carrabba, second by Lisa Rolke to approve the minutes of the Public Transport Permit Hearing as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
4. Financial Report – May/June 2024 **A motion was made by Gary Mechler, second by Jayson Barfknecht to approve the financial reports for May/June 2024 as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
5. Presentation by James Beach, Advanced Groundwater Solutions, detailing the average artesian head change for each aquifer, comparison of the average head change for each

aquifer, and the compliance with the corresponding Desired Future Condition. **Chris Drabek gave the Board a presentation on compliance with the Desired Future Condition for each managed aquifer.**

6. Discussion and possible action on a resolution for purchase of the property located at 213 S. Magnolia, Hearne, Texas. **A motion was made by Mark Carrabba, second by Gary Mechler to approve the resolution authorizing the General Manager to move forward with the purchase of the property located at 213 S. Magnolia, Hearne, Texas as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
7. Review, discussion, and possible action on the readoption of the District Investment Policy. **A motion was made by Lisa Rolke, second by Jayson Barfknecht to approve the readoption by resolution of the District Investment policy as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
8. Discussion and possible action on the Education/Conservation Committee recommendation to re-adopt the District Water Conservation Plan. **A motion was made by Gary Mechler, second by Stephen Cast to re-adopt the District Water Conservation Plan as presented to the Board for approval. The motion passed unanimously.**
9. Discussion and possible action on the Education/Conservation Committee recommendation to re-adopt the District Drought Contingency Plan. **A motion was made by Lisa Rolke, second by Gary Mechler to re-adopt the District Contingency Plan as presented to the Board for approval. The motion passed unanimously.**
10. Executive Session:
 - Texas Government Code 551.071 – To receive attorney-client privileged information regarding pending transport permit applications for groundwater from the Simsboro Aquifer.
 - Texas Government Code 551.071 - To receive attorney-client privileged information regarding 2024 & 2025 export permit fee structure.

A motion was made by Jayson Barfknecht, second by Stephen Cast to direct the groundwater District Attorney to contact the Brazos County District Attorney asking for an opinion from the Texas Attorney General's Office on a conflict-of-interest question for Jayson Barfknecht and Gary Mechler. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion and possible action on pending transport permit applications for groundwater from the Simsboro Aquifer. **No action taken.**
12. General Manager's Report, **Alan Day, General Manager, gave the Board a brief update on the items listed below.**

- a) Drought Monitor Report
- b) Wells permitted pursuant to District Rule 8.3(j)
- c) Simsboro Mitigation Management Zone Update
- d) GMA 12 DFC Update
- e) District Business & Activities
- f) Management Plan Update

13. Discussion and possible future agenda items.

14. Adjourn @ 4:20 p.m.

Signed this 8th, day of August 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**