



Minutes
BRAZOS VALLEY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Public Permit Hearing & Regular Board Meeting
District Office
112 W 3rd Street - Hearne, Texas 77859
Monday, March 9, 2026 | 2:00 p.m.

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

Directors present:	Jayson Barfknecht	President
	Jeff Kennedy	Secretary
	Mark Carrabba	Director
	Stephen Cast	Director
	Gary Mechler	Director
	John Elliott	Director
	Lisa Rolke	Director
Director Absent:	Chris Zeig	Director
Staff present:	Alan M. Day	General Manager
	Cynthia Lopez	Office Manager
	John Crabtree	Field Technician

Call Permit Hearing to order
Roll call of members present:

2. Discussion and possible action on the following **Operating Permit Amendment Applications:**

• **Three (3) Operating permits for James Lewis:**

Well #3 (**BVOP-0051**): Located at: N 30.96448750° W 96.70748544° 1.11 miles E of the intersection of Wildcat Bridge Road and FM 1644 in Robertson County. Total maximum annual production from the water well is 7.52 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 34 gpm for Industrial use. The well is produced from the Simsboro Aquifer. Permit holder seeks an amendment to change the beneficial use to Agricultural.

Well #2 (**BVOP-0052**): Located at: N 30.96602804° W 96.70612889° 1.02 miles E of the intersection of Wildcat Bridge Road and FM 1644 in Robertson County. Total maximum annual production from the water well is 35.12 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 34 gpm for Industrial use. The well is produced from the Calvert Bluff Aquifer. Permit holder seeks an amendment to change the beneficial use to Agricultural.

Well #4 (**BVOP-0053**): Located at: N 30.96227312° W 96.70864134° 1.2 miles ENE of the intersection of Wildcat Bridge Road and FM 1644 in Robertson

County. Total maximum annual production from the water well is 35.11 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 100 gpm for Industrial use. The well is produced from the Calvert Bluff Aquifer. Permit holder seeks an amendment to change the beneficial use to Agricultural.

A motion was made by Mark Carrabba, second by John Elliott for approval of three (3) Operating Permit Amendments for James Lewis amending the beneficial from Industrial to Agricultural use as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

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 the Minutes of February 12, 2026, Permit Hearing & Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by John Elliott, second by Lisa Rolke for approval of the February 12, 2026, minutes for the Permit Hearing and Regular Board Meeting as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. Financial Report – February 2026 **A motion was made by Mark Carrabba, second by Gary Mechler to approve the Financial Report as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a socioeconomic impact study completed by Harry Seely, WestWater Research LLC, and commissioned by the District for use in establishing Desired Future Conditions within the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District and GMA 12. **A motion was made by John Elliott, second by Mark Carrabba for approval and adoption of the Socioeconomic Impact Study completed by WestWater Research, LLC. The motion passed unanimously.**
4. Discussion of the Application for Texas Water Development Board Groundwater Science, Research, and Data Collection Grant. **No Action Taken.**
5. Discussion and possible action on opportunities for coordination among GCDs of GMA 12 for reporting. **No Action Taken.**
6. General Manager's Report. **The General Manager briefly updated the Board on the items listed below.**

- a) Drought Monitor Report
- b) Wells permitted pursuant to District Rule 8.3(j)(1)
- c) GMA 12 DFC Planning Update
- d) District Business & Activities
- e) Management Plan Update

7. Discussion and possible future agenda items.

8. **Adjourn @ 3:20 p.m.**

Signed this day 9th day of April 2026

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**