



MINUTES

**Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District
Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting**

December 9, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District Office
112 West Third Street
Hearne, TX 77859

1. Call meeting to order.

Board Chairman Kent Watson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Directors present:	Kent Watson,	President
	Pete Brien,	Vice, President
	Dale Johnson,	Secretary
	Carl Cotropia,	Treasurer
	Dave Coleman,	Director
	Steve Lazarus,	Director
	Tom McDonald,	Director
	Wayne Wilson,	Director

Staff present:	Bill Riley,	General Manager
	Ralph Crum,	Assistant General Manager
	Monique Norman,	Attorney
	Cynthia Lopez,	Administrative Assistant

2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Discussion and possible action on the Minutes from the November 13, 2008 Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by Wayne Wilson, second by Pete Brien to approve the Minutes from the November 13, 2008 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**
4. Review and Authorization of payments made for services rendered during the month of November 2008. **A motion was made by, Pete Brien, and second by Wayne Wilson, to accept payments made during the month of November 2008. The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Public Hearing for the purpose of taking public comment on the following items:

- A. A proposed amendment to the Districts Management Plan, to raise the availability goal for the Sparta Aquifer from the current level of 4,116 acre/feet per year, to 8,000 acre/feet per year and, to correct a typographical error concerning well spacing in the Simsboro Aquifer.

- B. An Operating Permit Application for one well for Carl Cotropia. The well is located on the West side of FM 50 on a white rock road just south of Muse Road in Robertson County within the City of Hearne, TX for a total of 100 acre/feet per year for Agricultural use. The well is in the Brazos River Alluvium Aquifer and will irrigate 50 acres.

Chairman Kent Watson opened the Public Hearing and invited anyone wanting to speak to items 5A and 5B. No one spoke concerning these permit applications. Chairman Watson closed the Public Hearing on these items.

Chairman Kent Watson announced that he would be abstaining from item 5C. Vice President, Pete Brien, presided over the meeting for this item.

- C. A Drilling/Operating Permit Application for one well for Wickson Creek SUD. The well will be located at 8856 Harris Lane, Bryan, TX for a total of 700 acre/feet per year for retail water supply. The well is targeted for the Sparta Aquifer.

Vice-Chairman Brien opened the Public Hearing and invited anyone wanting to speak to item 5C. No one spoke concerning this permit application. Vice-Chairman Brien closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman Watson, return to presided over the meeting.

- 6. Discussion and possible action on a proposed amendment to the Districts Management Plan to raise the availability goal for the Sparta Aquifer from the current level of 4,116 acre/feet per year to 8,000 acre/feet per year, and to correct a typographical error concerning well spacing in the Simsboro Aquifer. **A motion was made by Wayne Wilson and second by Pete Brien, to raise the availability**

goal of the Sparta Aquifer to 8,000 acre/feet per year, and to approve the correction of a typographical error in the well spacing within the Simsboro Aquifer. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action on proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2008 approved budget. Staff presented the proposed amendments detailing the estimated end of year expenditures. **A motion to accept the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2008 approved budget was made by Dave Coleman, and second by Wayne Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.**
8. Discussion and possible action on the Fiscal Year 2009 proposed budget. Staff presented the finance committee's proposed budget for fiscal year 2009. **A motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2009 proposed budget was made by Dale Johnson, and second by Dave Coleman. The motion carried unanimously.**
9. Discussion and possible action on the renewal of contract with Monique Norman for providing legal services to the District. **A motion to approve the contract with Monique Norman was made by Judge Tom McDonald, and second by Dave Coleman. The motion carried unanimously.**
10. Discussion and possible action on an amendment to the Administrative & Management Services contract with Water Resources Management, LP. **A motion was made by Wayne Wilson to renew the Administrative and Management Services contract with Water Resources Management which included an amendment in the annual fees from \$165,000 to \$180,000., and the motion was second by Dale Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.**
11. Discussion and possible action on a contract with LBG-Guyton & Associates in the amount of \$60,000 to provide miscellaneous Hydrological and consulting services for the District during Fiscal Year 2009. **A motion to approve the contract as presented was made by Pete Brien, second by Wayne Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.**
12. Discussion and possible action on the following Operating Permit Application:
One well for Carl Cotropia. The well is located on the West side of FM 50, on a white rock road just South of Muse Road in Robertson County within the City of Hearne, TX.

for a total of 100 acre/feet per year for Agricultural use. The well is in the Brazos River Alluvium Aquifer and will irrigate 50 acres. **A motion to approve the Operating Permit for Carl Cotropia was made by Pete Brien, and second by Steve Lazarus. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Watson announced that he would be abstaining from this item and turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Brien.

13. Discussion and possible action on the following Drilling/Operating Permit Application:

One well for Wickson Creek SUD. The well will be located at 8856 Harris Lane, Bryan, TX. for a total of 700 acre/feet per year for retail water supply. The well is targeted for the Sparta Aquifer. **A motion to approve the Drilling/Operating Permit Application was made by Wayne Wilson, and second by Judge Tom McDonald. The motion carried unanimously.**

Vice-Chairman Brien turned the meeting back over to Chairman Watson at this time.

14. General Managers Report

The Districts financial reports were presented to the Board.

15. Legal Report

16. Hear Visitors

17. Adjourn:

Mr. Kent Watson, Board Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Signed this 10th, day of December, 2008

Cynthia Lopez

Administrative Assistant

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**