

MINUTES

BRAZOS VALLEY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

112 West Third Street
Hearne, TX 77859

Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

1. Call meeting to order.
Board Chairman Pete Brien called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Directors presented:	Steve Beachy,	Chairman
	Bryan Russ, Jr.,	Vice-Chairman
	David Stratta,	Secretary
	Kent Watson,	Treasurer
	Pete Brien,	Director
	Stephen A. Boykin,	Director
	Tom McDonald,	Director
	Wayne Wilson,	Director

Staff present:	Ralph Crum,	General Manager
	Cynthia Lopez,	Office Manager
	Monique Norman,	Attorney
	Carlos Rodriguez,	Field Technician

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Election of officers for the 2012 calendar year as required by District by-laws. Officers to be elected include: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Chairman Pete Brien, opened the meeting stating that he had appointed himself and Director Kent Watson, at the December 15, 2011 board meeting to nominate officers for the 2012 calendar year as required by the District by-laws. He then proceeded by asking Kent Watson for the recommendations. Director Watson stated that recommendations for officer positions for 2012 are: For President, Steve Beachy, Vice-President, Bryan Russ, Jr., Secretary, David Stratta, and Treasurer, Kent Watson. Judge Tom McDonald recommended that by acclamation, the report of the nominating committee be accepted. The meeting was then turned over to new President Steve Beachy.

4. Discussion and possible action on the review of the transcript of the November 16, 2011 Special Board Meeting for approval of minutes, and December 15, 2011 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting Minutes. **A motion was made by David Stratta, second by Pete Brien, to approve the November 16, 2011 Minutes with striking the sentence on agenda item #3 (A) "subject of changing the District's management plan and rules to abide by new state law SB 737 effective September 1st, 2011". Chairman Beachy called for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

A motion was made by Kent Watson, second by David Stratta to approve the Minutes for December 15, 2011 as presented. Chairman Beachy called for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Review and authorization of payments made for services rendered for the month of December 2011. **A motion was made by Bryan Russ, Jr., second by Pete Brien to approve the expenses for the month of December 2011 as presented. Chairman Beachy called for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**
6. Presentation by LBG Guyton and Associates on the District's well monitoring program followed by discussion and possible action by the Board. **A motion was made by Pete Brien, second by Tom McDonald to approve the report presented by John Seifert of LBG Guyton and Associates. Chairman Beachy called for a vote, the motion carried unanimously. (see attached presentation)**
7. Discussion and possible action on the irrigated acreage and irrigation water use for Brazos County. **A motion was made by Wayne Wilson, second by Kent Watson to accept the Brazos County data on irrigated acreage and irrigation water use with the revision of additions for the golf courses, turf grass and vineyard irrigation numbers. Chairman Beachy, called for a vote, which resulted in seven (7) Director's voting for, with (1) Director, David Stratta, opposing. The motion carried.**
8. General Managers Report
 - Financial Reports
 - Palmer Drought Severity, Crop Moisture, and Additional Precipitation Needed indexes

Ralph Crum, General Manager, presented to the Board the financial reports for December 2011, Palmer Drought Severity, Crop Moisture, and Additional Precipitation needed indexes.

9. Legal Report

- Discussion on pending issues within Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12)

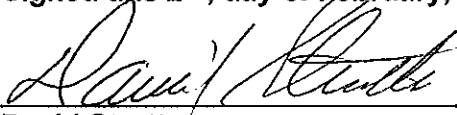
Monique Norman, updated the Board on the Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12) petition process, she stated that the Water Development evidentiary hearing on GMA 12 petitions will meet the first week of March and she will keep the Board updated. She also advised the Board of a need to hold a Public Hearing at the next board meeting on amending the Rules, that had been discussed back in the fall, relating to legislative changes, in law to Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code.

10. Hear Visitors

Brenda Templeton, a resident of Robertson County, expressed a concern to the Board, about issues she is having with a recently completed domestic well, which was drilled to replace an older exempt well, that was experiencing production problems. In particular, she asked if she was going to have to drill a new well every 5 years or so, and wanted to know if wells belonging to Cliff Skiles, an area farmer were impacting her. President Beachy stated that no action could be taken at this time, and asked John Seifert of LBG-Guyton and Assoc., the Districts Hydrology firm, to provide any information and/or assistance to help identify a possible reason for the issues the Templetons are having with these wells, and would place on a future agenda for discussion after the District received additional information from the hydrologist.

11. Adjourn, A motion was made by Pete Brien, second by David Stratta to adjourn the meeting, the motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Signed this 2nd, day of February, 2012



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.

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

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