

MINUTES
BRAZOS VALLEY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
112 West Third Street
Hearne, TX 77859

Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, January 6, 2011 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:	Pete Brien,	Chairman
	Tom McDonald	Vice Chairman
	John Hicks,	Treasurer
	Steve Beachy,	Secretary
	Bryan F. Russ, Jr.	Director
	David Stratta,	Director
	Kent Watson,	Director
	Wayne Wilson,	Director

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Administer the Oath of Office to newly appointed Directors. **Judge Jan Roe, administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Director, Bryan F. Russ, Jr. representing Robertson County and the re-appointment of Directors, Pete Brien, representing Robertson County, and Steve Beachy, Wayne Wilson representing Brazos County to the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District Board.**

4. Election of officers for the 2011 calendar year as required by District by-laws. Officers to be elected include: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Chairman Pete Brien presented to the Board, the recommendations made by Directors Kent Watson and John Hicks, whom were appointed at the December 2, 10, 2010 board meeting to recommend candidates for the election of officers for the 2011 calendar year as required by District by-laws. The recommendations were: for President: Pete Brien, Vice President: Tom McDonald, Treasurer: John Hicks, and Secretary: Steve Beachy. Election of officers as presented to the Board, for the 2011 calendar year. The meeting then proceeded with newly elected President Pete Brien presiding over business.

5. Discussion and possible action on the Minutes from the December 2, 2010 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by John Hicks, second by Tom McDonald, to approve the Minutes from the December 2, 2010 Public Hearing and Regular Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

6. Review and authorization of payments made for services rendered during the month of December 2010. **As a result of discussion relating to the monthly legislative invoice, a motion to approve authorization of payments for the month of December was inadvertently skipped, and no motion to approve was made. It will be brought up again at the February Board meeting.**

7. Presentation of funds to representatives from the Robertson County Science Fair, and the Brazos Valley Children's Museum. **No action was taken by the Board on this item.**
8. Discussion and possible action on amendments to the District's Management Plan. **A motion was made by John Hicks, second by Kent Watson, to adopt the amendments to the District's Management Plan. (revisions attached) The motion carried unanimously.**
9. Discussion and possible action on declaring a severe drought within the District, and type of notification to implement. **A motion was made by Wayne Wilson, second by Tom McDonald to consider the District in a state of moderate drought, and be more attentive to the static water level of selected monitoring wells. This, along with the Palmer Drought Severity Index will be used by the District's to determine trigger points in declaring a drought. The motion carried unanimously.**
10. Discussion and possible action on the 2011 Capital Budget for the District. **No action was taken by the Board on this item.**
11. Discussion and possible action on requesting grant funding from the Texas Water Development Board to purchase a portable flow meter for the District. **A motion was made by John Hicks, second by Tom McDonald to approve the District's submission for a water conservation related grant in the amount of \$25,000 to purchase up to ten flow meters, and one portable flow meter.**
12. Discussion and possible action on appointing a committee by the Board President to review the District's Professional Services contracts, and make recommendations to renew or select other service providers. **Chairman, Pete Brien appointed Tom McDonald to Chair the committee, and Kent Watson, David Stratta, and Bryan Russ to serve. The committee will make recommendations based on their review of the professional services contracts at the February Board meeting.**
13. General Managers Report
 - Financial Reports
 - Palmer Drought Index Status and Map
 - Number of Wells Monitored in December
 - Number of Exempt well applications received in December

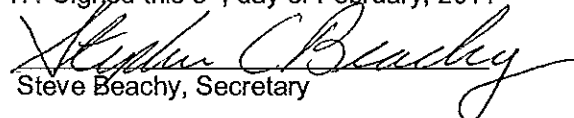
General Manager Ralph Crum presented the Board with the financial reports for the month of December 2010, the current PDSI status, number of wells monitored, and the number of exempt well applications received during the month of December.

14. Legal Report
Ms. Norman had nothing to report.

15. Hear Visitors

16. Adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

17. Signed this 3rd, day of February, 2011


Steve Beachy, 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