

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

Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, November 4, 2010 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
Steve Beachy,	Secretary
John Hicks,	Treasurer
David Stratta,	Director
Kent Watson,	Director
Wayne Wilson,	Director

Absent: Dan Kyle, Director

Staff present:

Ralph Crum,	General Manager
Cynthia Lopez,	Office Manager
Monique Norman,	Attorney

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Discussion and possible action on the Minutes from the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting, and the October 21<sup>st</sup> 2010 Public Hearing and Board Meeting. **A motion was made by John Hicks, second by Wayne Wilson, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Review and Authorization of payments made for services rendered during the month of October 2010. **A motion was made by Kent Watson, second by Steve Beachy to approve the expenses for the month of October 2010 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Chairman, Pete Brien and Director, David Stratta recused themselves from items #5 and #6, (Drilling/Operating Permit application). Chairman Pete Brien asked Vice-President Tom McDonald to preside over the meeting until items #5 and #6 were addressed.**

5. Public Hearing for the purpose of taking Public comment on the following **Drilling/Operating Permit Application:**

A. One (1) well for Jeff Brien. The well is located at 3694 E. OSR, Bryan, TX., for a total of 120 acre/feet per year for hayfield irrigation on a 60 acre tract utilizing a pivot and traveler. The well produces from the Sparta Aquifer.

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

A. One (1) well for Jeff Brien. The well is located at 3694 E. OSR, Bryan, TX., for a total of 120 acre/feet per year for hayfield irrigation on a 60 acre tract utilizing a pivot and traveler. The well produces from the Sparta Aquifer. **A motion by John Hicks, second by Steve Beachy, to approve the Drilling/Operating Permit Application for Jeff Brien as presented. The motion carried with five (5) Directors voting for, and Directors Brien and Stratta abstaining.**

7. Discussion and possible action on adopting a Drought Contingency, and Water Conservation Plan for the District. **A motion for adoption of the Drought Contingency Plan was made by John Hicks, second by Wayne Wilson. The motion carried unanimously. Action was tabled on the Water Conservation Plan until the December Board meeting.**

Dave Coleman asked for clarification regarding Section V (a) & (d) of the Drought Contingency Plan during the "Hear Visitors" portion of the meeting. As a result of that dialog, Judge McDonald moved to amend the original motion to approve, and incorporate the changes discussed. A second motion to amend the Drought Contingency Plan was made by John Hicks, second by Wayne Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action on approving a public education / awareness program. **A motion was made by Steve Beachy, second by John Hicks to approve the Public Education/Awareness Plan as presented by Director Wayne Wilson and Committee. The motion carried unanimously. Pete Brien, Chairman thanked Wayne Wilson, Kent Watson, and Dan Kyle for their good work.**
9. Update on the progress and discussion of the 2011 budget process. **Director Hicks stated that he and General Manager Crum had made progress towards the completion of the 2011 Operating Budget, and that it would be ready for review by the Board at the December Board meeting. General Manager Crum then gave an overview of the budget to the Board.**
10. General Managers Report
- Financial Reports
  - Palmer Drought Index Status and Map
  - Number of Wells Monitored in October
  - SAO Requirements Update

General Manager Ralph Crum presented the Board with the financial reports for the month of October 2010. He updated the board on the number of wells monitored in October, the current PDSI Status. He also included the Management's Response letter that was mailed to the State Auditor's Office on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 . Pete Brien, Chairman requested that this letter be included so that everyone would remember the District's obligation to the State Auditor's Office

11. Legal Report

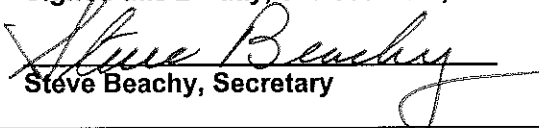
**Monique Norman, Attorney did not have anything to report at this time.**

12. Hear Visitors

**See item # 7**

13. Adjourn

**Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day, of December, 2010**

  
**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