

**MINUTES**  
**Public Hearing**  
**Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District**  
**Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.**

City of College Station City Hall, Council Chambers  
1101 Texas Ave  
College Station, Texas 77840

1. Call meeting to order.  
Board Chairman Pete Brien called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Directors presented:

Pete Brien,	Chairman
Tom McDonald,	Vice-Chairman
Steve Beachy,	Secretary
John Hicks,	Treasurer
David Stratta,	Director
Bryan Russ, Jr.,	Director
Kent Watson,	Director

Directors absent: Wayne Wilson, Director

Staff present: Ralph Crum, General Manager  
Monique Norman, Attorney

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discussion and possible action on the Minutes from the June 2, 2011 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by John Hicks, second by Steve Beachy, to approve the Minutes from the June 2, 2011 Public Hearing and Regular Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**
4. Review and authorization of payments made for services rendered during the month of June 2, 2011. **A motion was made by Kent Watson, second by Judge Tom McDonald, to approve the expenses for the month of June 2011 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Pete Brien, recused himself from discussion on item #5 A and turned the meeting over to Vice President, Judge Tom McDonald

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

A. One (1) new well for James Stonecipher. The well will be located at 2940 Bucksnot, Franklin, TX., for a total of 140 acre/feet per year for hayfield irrigation on a 367 acre tract. The well will produce from the Queen City Aquifer. **A motion was made by David Stratta, second by Steve Beachy, to approve the Drilling/Operating Permit application as presented for James Stonecipher. The motion carried unanimously.**

Vice President, Judge Tom McDonald turned the meeting back over to Chairman Pete Brien.

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

- B. One (1) existing well for Dennis Dick. The well is located in Brazos County off of Sandy Point Road and Hwy 50, near Mumford TX., for a total of 52 acre/feet per year for agricultural irrigation on a 26 acre tract. The well produces from the Brazos River Alluvium Aquifer. **A motion was made by Bryan F. Russ, Jr., second by David Stratta, to approve the Operating Permit application as presented for Dennis Dick. The motion carried unanimously.**
- C. One (1) existing well for Optim Energy, (Twin Oaks Power Plant). The well is located at 13065 Plan Road, Bremond, TX., for a total of 300 acre/feet per year for industrial use. The well produces from the Hooper Aquifer. **A motion was made by John Hicks, second by Judge Tom McDonald to approve the Operating Permit Application as presented for Optim Energy, (Twin Oaks Power Plant). The motion carried with six (6) directors voting for and one (1) Director, Bryan F. Russ, Jr., voting against.**

7. Discussion and possible on the following  
**Historic Use Operating Permit Amendments:**

- D. Two (2) wells for Lake Limestone Coves Water System, Inc., known as Well #1 & Well #2. The wells are located at Lake Limestone Subdivision, Thornton, TX., for a requested increase in production of 85.71 acre/feet per year total for Retail Public Water Supply. Lake Limestone Coves also requests that production from the wells be aggregated. Both wells produce from the Simsboro Aquifer. **The Historic Use Operating Permit amendments for Lake Limestone Coves Water system, Inc. were pulled from this agenda, and will be placed on the agenda for the August 2011 Board meeting.**
- E. One (1) well for Optim Energy, (Twin Oaks Power Plant), known as TOP PWW #1. The well is located at 13065 Plan Road, Bremond, TX., The request is to change the aquifer stated on the permit from the Simsboro, to the Hooper. There are no other changes requested with this amendment. **A motion was made by John Hicks, second by Judge Tom McDonald to amend the Operating Permit Application as presented for Optim Energy, (Twin Oaks Power Plan). The motion carried unanimously.**

8. Discussion and possible action on the following  
**Historic Use Application:**

- F. Two (2) wells for Liere Dairy. The wells are located at 417 Liere Lane, Franklin, TX., for a total of 974 acre/feet per year for agricultural irrigation and dairy operations. The wells produce from the Carrizo Aquifer. **After discussion on item #8F, a motion was made by Bryan F. Russ, Jr., second by Judge Tom McDonald to table action on this agenda item until the August 2011 Board meeting. This was the result of a recent discovery indicating that the wells produce from another aquifer. The motion carried unanimously.**


- 9. Presentation by Dave Coleman, Director of College Station Utilities on the city's reclaimed water program, and other conservation related projects. Followed by discussion and possible action by the board. **A motion was made by Bryan F. Russ, Jr., second by Judge Tom McDonald, to accept Dave Coleman's report. The motion carried unanimously. (Presentation attached)**
- 10. Presentation by Todd McDaniel of the Research Valley Partnership on regional economic development in the Brazos Valley, and the future water needs of that development. Followed by discussion and possible action by the Board. **(Presentation attached)**

11. Presentation by Nathan Jones, Manager of Water & Environmental Services on "Historic water use" at Texas A&M University, followed by discussion and possible action by the Board. **(Presentation attached)**
12. Update by Director Hicks on the Management Plan Committee meeting held on June 21<sup>st</sup>, followed, by discussion and possible action by the Board. **Director, John Hicks advised the Board that the meeting centered primarily around discussion of recently passed legislation, and how it might impact the District. He will call a future meeting to review Management Plan objectives.**
13. Update by Director Wilson on the recent Groundwater Management Area (GMA 12) meeting held on June 30<sup>th</sup> in Milano, followed by discussion and possible action by the Board. **In Director, Wayne Wilson's absence, General Manager, Ralph Crum gave the Board a brief update on the meeting. Two petitions have been filed with GMA 12. One stating that the Desired Future Conditions, (DFC's) for GMA 12 are set too high. The other petition states that DFC's are set too low. A second meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks for members of GMA 12 to determine a course of action on the two petitions.**
14. Discussion and possible action on adopting a "Personnel Policy" for the District. **The General Manager, Ralph Crum will present a "Personnel Policy" at the August 2011 board meeting with the guidance of Director, Steve Beachy.**
15. General Managers Report
  - Financial Reports
  - Palmer Drought Severity, Crop Moisture, Additional Precipitation Needed Indexes
  - Number of wells monitored for the month of June 2011

**General Manager, Ralph Crum presented the Board with the financial reports for the month of June 2011, the current PDSI status, and number of wells monitored for the month of June 2011. He also presented the board with a presentation of the wells monitored in Robertson and Brazos county to help the Directors view geographically where the wells are being monitored.**

16. Legal Report
  - **Briefing on Texas legislation that effects the Brazos Valley GCD and groundwater districts in general and related information such as State recommendations and legislative relations.**
17. Hear Visitors
18. Adjourn

**Signed this 4<sup>th</sup>, day of August, 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**