



MINUTES

Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

November 13, 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 President 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
Wayne Wilson,	Director
Steve Lazarus,	Director

Directors Absent:

Tom McDonald,	Director
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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 September 4th, 2008 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by Wayne Wilson, second by Pete Brien to approve the Minutes from the September 4th, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.**
4. Review and Authorization of payments made for services rendered during the months of September and October 2008. **A motion was made by Dave Coleman, and second by Carl Catropia, to accept payments made during the months of September and October, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Discussion and possible action on a presentation from Mr. John Siefert, with LBG Guyton & Associates, pertaining to studies completed to determine water availability in the Sparta Aquifer.

6. Discussion and possible action on calling a Public Hearing, for the purpose of amending the Districts Management Plan availability goal for the Sparta Aquifer. A motion by Pete Brien was made, to hold a Public Hearing to amend the Districts Management Plan for the Sparta Aquifer at the December 9, 2008 Board Meeting. Second by Dale Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

7. General Manager Report:

a.) Financial Report:

Bill Riley reported that Engineering expenses are up considerably, as well as legal expenses. He reported that the Board would probably see expenditures this year somewhere around \$40,000 more than what our actual budget was for 2008.

b.) Budget process update:

The budget committee will bring the budget report for 2009 to the December board meeting.

8. Legal Report:

Monique Norman, discussed the Aspermont case. The Supreme Court is weighing whether to take the case or not. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts, (TAGD) has asked Monique Norman, to file an amicus brief on behalf of the groundwater district. The main issue being whether local and state governments can sue each other for damages.

9. Hear Visitors:

Kent Watson, President appointed a committee to look at making a recommendation in our January meeting to appoint officers for the 2009 year. Appointed to the committee were: Judge McDonald, Wayne Wilson, and Dale Johnson, they are to report recommendations of officers for 2009.

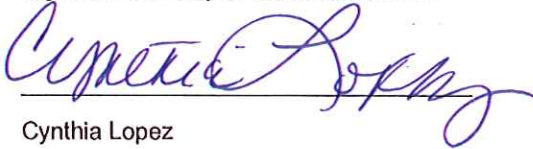
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10. Adjourn:

Mr. Kent Watson, Board President adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Signed this 5th 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**