



**MINUTES  
BRAZOS VALLEY GROUNDWATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting  
November 5, 2009, 3:00 p.m.  
112 West Third Street  
Hearne, Texas 77859

1. Call meeting to order.

Board Chairman Kent Watson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Directors present:	Kent Watson,	Chairman
	Pete Brien,	Vice Chairman
	Steve Beachy,	Director
	Dan Kyle,	Director
	Tom McDonald	Director
	David Stratta,	Director
	Wayne Wilson,	Director

Director absent:	John Hicks,	Director
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Staff present:	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 October 1, 2009 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by Wayne Wilson, second by Pete Brien to approve the Minutes from the October 1, 2009 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 October 2009. **A motion was made by Pete Brien, second by Dan Kyle that expenses for the month of October 2009 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Public Hearing for the purpose of taking public comment on the following

**Operating Permit Application**

A. Twelve (12) existing wells for the Terrell Farm, designated as wells (1-12). The wells are located at 7855 Terrell St., Navasota, TX. for a total of 2,687 acre/feet per year for agricultural irrigation. The wells produce from the Brazos River Alluvium aquifer.

6. Public Hearing for the purpose of taking public comment on the following

**Drilling/Operating Permit Applications:**

- A. One (1) new well for the Terrell Farm. The well will be located at 7855 Terrell St., Navasota, TX. for a total of 100 acre/feet per year for agricultural irrigation. The well will produce from the Brazos River Alluvium Aquifer.
  - B. One (1) new well for Franklin ISD. The well will be located at 1216 FM 1644, Franklin, TX. for a total of 65 acre/feet per year for athletic fields and school grounds irrigation. The well will produce from the Calvert Bluff Aquifer.
7. Discussion and possible action on the following Operating and Drilling/Operating Permit Applications.

**Operating Permit Application**

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**Drilling/Operating Permit Applications:**

- A. One (1) new well for the Terrell Farm. The well will be located at 7855 Terrell St., Navasota, TX. for a total of 100 acre/feet per year for agricultural irrigation. The well will produce from the Brazos River Alluvium Aquifer. **A motion was made by Wayne Wilson, second by Tom McDonald to approve one (1) new well as presented. The motion carried with Director Pete Brien abstaining, because of his business relationship with the applicant.**
  - B. One (1) new well for Franklin ISD. The well will be located at 1216 FM 1644, Franklin, TX. for a total of 65 acre/feet per year for athletic fields and school grounds irrigation. The well will produce from the Calvert Bluff Aquifer. **A motion was made by Wayne Wilson, second by Tom McDonald to approve one (1) well as presented. The motion carried with Director Pete Brien abstaining, because of this business relationship with the applicant.**
8. Presentation by the Texas Municipal League on Workers Compensation Coverage for District staff, Director and Officer Liability Coverage.
9. Discussion and Possible action on a Proposal by the Texas Municipal League to provide Workers Compensation Coverage to District Staff, Director and Officer Liability Coverage. **A motion was made by Pete Brien, second by Wayne Wilson to approve the Texas Municipal League, as the provider for Workers Compensation coverage for the District staff. The motion carried unanimously.**

10. Discussion and Possible action on approval of the District's Management Plan.

**A motion was made by Wayne Wilson, second by Steve Beachy to approve the District's Management Plan as presented. The motion carried, with Director's David Stratta and Dan Kyle voting against the motion.**

11. Presidents Report

- Update on employee health insurance coverage
- Update on employee payroll process
- Assignment of a budget committee
  
- **President Kent Watson gave an update to the board on the health insurance coverage for District employees. He stated that they had shopped for prices and policies with the Texas Water Conservation Association, and also with Scott and White Health Care Plan. They very quickly realized that Scott and White had much broader coverage for less of a premium. He stated that he had selected the Scott and White Plan for health coverage and dental coverage and that it had gone into effect as of November 1<sup>st</sup>, with no laps in coverage.**
  
- **Kent updated the board on the employee payroll process, which included an upgrade to QuickBooks. Kent stated that he had brought his Office Manager from his office to provide Cynthia training on the payroll process, and to initiate the required process for payroll taxes for the District and the Texas Workforce Commission. Kent, mentioned that the employees were pleased with the payroll process and the transition. Additionally, the Auditor had visited the District office and that everything looked good and on track.**
  
- **Kent assigned a budget committee for next year's Budget. The Budget Committee members assigned are Tom McDonald, Steve Beachy, and David Stratta.**
  
- **Kent stated that there would be a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on November 23, 2009 to discuss and take possible action on the Skile's permits.**

12. Assistant General Manager's Report

- Financial Reports
- Update to the Board on the metering of wells for the Calvert and Oak Grove Country Clubs.

Ralph Crum, Assistant General Manager presented the Board with the financial reports for the month of October. Ralph gave an update to the Board on the metering of wells for the Calvert Country Club and Oak Grove Country Club. The application for Oak Grove Country Club is not administratively complete at this time. Calvert Country Club wells have been permitted.

13. Legal Report

14. Hear Visitors

Jennifer Nations, from the City of College Station, mentioned that a free screening of the movie called "Blue Gold" would be airing at the Rudder Theater on Friday evening November 6, at 7:00 p.m., and is hosted by the Texas A&M Environmental Issues Committee. It covers global and private corporations and discusses how water is used.

Nelda Calhoun, a member of the organization "Women of the Land", which is sponsored by the Texas Wildlife Association, and whose objective is to become better land stewards, wanted information from the District on the export fee schedule.

15. Kent Watson, Chairman adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup>, day of November, 2009

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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