



**MINUTES
BRAZOS VALLEY GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
October 1, 2009, 3:00 p.m.
Brazos Valley Groundwater
Conservation District Office
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, Pete Brien, Dan Kyle, John Hicks, Tom McDonald David Stratta, Wayne Wilson,	Chairman Vice Chairman Director Director Director Director Director
Directors absent:	Steve Beachy,	Director
Staff present:	Bill Riley, Monique Norman, Cynthia Lopez,	General Manager Attorney Administrative Assistant
Staff absent:	Ralph Crum	Assistant General Manager

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Discussion and possible action on the Minutes from the September 10, 2009 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by Tom McDonald, second by Pete Brien to approve the Minutes from the September 10, 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 September 2009. **A motion was made by Tom McDonald, second by John Hicks that expenses for the month of September 2009 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

Historic Use Permit Application

A. Four (4) wells for Vence Corpora, (Hall Farm), designated as wells 1, 2, 3, and 4. The wells are located five miles south of Calvert on FM 1644, for a total of 580 acre/feet per year for irrigation. The wells are in the Brazos River Alluvium aquifer.

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7. Discussion and possible action on selecting a benefits package for District employees. **A motion was made by Tom McDonald, second by Pete Brien that the Board President be allowed to appoint the necessary people to review the benefit package of insurance and retirement and get something in acted so that there's not a laps in coverage. The motion carried unanimously.**
8. Discussion and possible action on a holiday schedule for District office. **A motion was made by John Hicks, second by Tom McDonald to approve and adopt the Holiday Schedule for the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)**
9. Discussion and possible action on General Manager job opening and Request for Qualifications.

Attorney Monique Norman presented the board with a short version and long version of the job description for the General Manager position. Chairman Kent Watson mentioned to the board that the position has not been posted yet, and for the board to review and make recommendations to delete or add to the description before posting. John Hicks, recommended that the job description should read that a background check would be made. The posting will be with the Texas Water Conservation Association, and Texas Rural Water Association.

10. Discussion and possible action on Sponsorship of the Robertson County Science Fair. **A motion was made by Tom McDonald, second by Wayne Wilson to approve a contribution to the Robertson County Science Fair at the titanium level in the amount of \$3,000.00. The Board asks that Water Conservation be considered in the instruction of the science fair. The motion carried unanimously.**
11. Discussion and possible action on Sponsorship of the Texas Water Foundation H2O 4 Texas educational conference.

Attorney Monique Norman, gave a brief description about the Texas Water Foundation's H2O 4 Texas educational conference and advised the board that there is a one contribution level of \$1,000.00. The Board took no action on this item.

12. General Managers Report

- Financial Report

General Manager Bill Riley presented the board with the financial reports.

13. Legal Report

14. Hear Visitors

David Coleman, City of College wanted to know the results from the LBG Guyton report on the review of the Desired Future Conditions, (DFC) process that was supposed to be completed this summer. General Manager Bill Riley mentioned that they were still working on it, and that some of those numbers were still the same. Bill asked David Coleman to speak to John Sifert about the process.

David Coleman mentioned to the Board that this would be Bill Riley's last board meeting, and felt that we all owed Bill a thank you for all that he did in establishing the Groundwater District, getting the legislation passed that created it, and all the work that he put in to it establishing the Rules. It's really worked very well, we've had some speed bumps here lately, but this is quite an accomplishment and for that we owe Bill Riley a big hand. Chairman Kent Watson stated that the District had come a long way in a short period of time and Bill certainly had a big hand in that.

15. Kent Watson adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Signed this 2nd, day of October, 2009

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