



Minutes

BRAZOS VALLEY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Public Permit Hearing and Regular Board Meeting Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Stephen Cast called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Directors present:	Stephen Cast	President
	Jayson Barfknecht	Vice President
	David Stratta	Secretary
	Mark Carrabba	Director
	John Elliott	Director
	Jeff Kennedy	Director
Directors Absent:	Gary Mechler	Director
	Chris Zeig	Director
Staff present:	Alan M. Day	General Manager
	Cynthia Lopez	Office Manager
	Megan Lamb	Education Coordinator
	Monique Norman	Attorney
	James Beach	Hydrologist

Public Permit Hearing

Call Permit Hearing to order
Roll call of members present

3. Discussion and possible action on the following **Operating Permit Amendment Applications:**

- **One (1) existing Operating permit for Louise Grigsby:**

Well #17 (**BVOP-0321**) Located at: N 30.97057716° W 96.72822271° 1.40 miles WSW of the intersection of FM 979 and Calvert Farm Road in Robertson County. Total maximum annual production from the water well is 10 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 150 gpm for Agricultural use. Permit holder seeks to amend the existing permit lengthening the permit term from one (1) year to five (5) years. The well produces from the Calvert Bluff Aquifer. **A motion was made by David Stratta, second by Mark Carrabba to approve amending the existing Operating permit for Louise Grigsby from a one (1) year to a five (5) year Operating permit as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**

- **One (1) existing Operating permit for James & Heidi Luu:**

Well #2 (BVDO-0314) Located at: N 31.10973856° W 96.53429780° 0.94 miles SW of the intersection of FM 979 and Leamon Lane in Robertson County. Total maximum annual production from the water well is 20 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 60 gpm for Agricultural use. Permit holder seeks to amend the existing permit lengthening the permit term from one (1) year to five (5) years. The well produces from the Calvert Bluff Aquifer. **A motion was made by David Stratta, second by Mark Carrabba to approve amending the existing Operating permit for James & Heidi Luu from a one (1) year to a five (5) year Operating permit as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**

- **One (1) existing Operating permit for James C. Brien**

Well #1 – (BVDO-0134) Located at: N 30.91642065° W 96.69410389° 0.65 miles SW of the intersection of Barton Farm Road and FM 1644 in Robertson County. Total maximum annual production from the water well is 542 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 1700 gpm for Agricultural use. Application requests to amend the permit adding Industrial and Public Water Supply uses and for the well be aggregated with BVDO-0315 & BVDO-0316 not to exceed 4,657 ac-ft/yr of production from all wells. The applicant is requesting no additional water production on this permit. The well produces from the Simsboro Aquifer. **A motion was made by David Stratta, second by John Elliot to approve amending the Operating permit adding Industrial and Public Water supply use and for the well to be aggregated with BVDO-0315 and BVDO-0316 not to exceed 4,657 ac-ft/yr of production from all wells as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**

- **One (1) existing Operating permit for Clifford A. Skiles III**

Well #1 – (BVDO-0108) Located at: N 30.851042° W 96.635889° 0.82 miles NNW of the intersection of Gifford Hill Road and US-79 in Robertson County. Total maximum annual production from the water well is 1,400 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 3000 gpm for Agricultural use. Application requests to amend the permit adding Industrial and Public Water Supply uses. The applicant is requesting no additional water production on this permit. The well produces from the Simsboro Aquifer. **A motion was made by John Elliott, second by David Stratta to approve amending the Operating permit for Clifford A. Skiles III, adding Industrial and Public Water Supply use as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Discussion and possible action on the following **Drilling/Operating Permit Applications:**

- **Two (2) new wells for James C. Brien**

Well #2 – (BVDO-0315) Located at: N 30.912966° W 96.698488° 0.99 miles SW of the intersection of Barton Farm Road and FM 1644 in Robertson County. Total maximum annual production from the water well will be 2,186 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 1700 gpm for Agricultural, Industrial, and Public Water Supply uses. Applicant requests the well be aggregated with BVDO-0134 & BVDO-0316 not to exceed 4,657 ac-ft/yr of production from all wells. The well will produce from the Simsboro Aquifer.

Well #3 – (BVDO-0316) Located at: N 30.914826° W 96.687016° 0.70 miles SSE of the intersection of Barton Farm Road and FM 1644 in Robertson County. Total maximum annual production from the water well will be 1,929 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 1500 gpm for Agricultural, Industrial, and Public Water Supply uses. Applicant requests the well be aggregated with BVDO-0134 & BVDO-0315 not to exceed 4,657 ac-ft/yr of production from all wells. The well will produce from the Simsboro Aquifer. **A motion was made by David Stratta, second by John Elliott to approve the two (2) new Drilling/Operating permit applications for two new wells for James C. Brien as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. Adjourn Permit Hearing

Regular Board Meeting

Call meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Declare quorum present

Public Comment

a) Non-agenda items

b) Agenda items

1. Discussion and possible action on minutes of the January 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by Mark Carrabba, second by David Stratta to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 Regular Board meeting as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. Financial Report for the month of January 2023. **A motion was made by David Stratta, second by Jayson Barfknecht to approve the financial reports for the month of January 2023 as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. Discussion and possible action related to signatories on Certificates of Deposit purchased for the District by the District Investment Officer at Prosperity Bank, SouthStar Bank, and Truist Bank. **A motion was made by John Elliott, second by David Stratta for the signatories on Certificates of Deposit purchased for the District by the District Investment officer at Prosperity Bank, SouthStar Bank, and Truist Bank as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
4. Discussion and possible action on recommendations by the Budget/Finance Committee relating to revisions to the District Bylaws addressing protocol for obtaining quotes for work to be performed for the District and purchasing. **A motion was made by Jayson Barfknecht, second by David Stratta to amend the District Bylaws purchasing protocol as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**
5. Presentation, discussion, and possible action of the 2022 District Annual Report. **A motion was made by David Stratta, second by Mark Carrabba to approve the 2022 Annual Report as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
6. Discussion and possible action on the purchase of continuous water level monitoring devices and related equipment from the District Well Assistance Fund. **A motion was made by Jayson Barfknecht, second by John Elliott to approve the purchase of continuous water level monitoring devices and related**

equipment cost of \$7,500 to be charged against the District Well Assistance Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

7. General Manager's Report, Alan Day, General Manager, gave an update to the Board on the reports listed below.
 - a) Drought Monitor Report
 - b) Wells permitted pursuant to District Rule 8.3(j)
 - c) GMA 12 DFC Update
 - d) Legislative Update – 88th Legislative Session
 - e) District Business & Activities
 - f) Management Plan Update
8. Discussion and possible future agenda items.
 - Conservation Awards
9. Adjourn

Signed this 9th day of March 2023


David Stratta, 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.