



Minutes

BRAZOS VALLEY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Public Permit Hearing and Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, April 13, 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
	Gary Mechler	Director
Directors Absent:	Chris Zeig	Director
Staff present:	Alan M. Day	General Manager
	Cynthia Lopez	Office Manager
	Megan Lamb	Education Coordinator
	Monique Norman	Attorney
	John Seifert	Hydrologist
	James Beach	Hydrologist

Public Permit Hearing

Call Permit Hearing to order
Roll call of members present

1. Discussion and possible action on the following **Drilling/Operating Permit Applications**:
 - **One (1) new Drilling/Operating permit for Robertson County Water Supply Corporation**

Well #5 – (BVDO-0319) Located at: N 31.070887° W 96.512031° 0.41 miles ESE of the intersection of FM 46 and Hayes Church Road in Robertson County. Total maximum annual production from the water well will be 529 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 1,000 gpm for Public Water Supply use. The well will produce from the Simsboro Aquifer. **A motion was made by Jayson Barfknecht, second by Mark Carrabba for approval of the Drilling/Operating Permit application for Robertson County Water Supply Corporation at 529 ac-ft/yr for a maximum rate of 1,000 gpm for Public Water Supply use. The well will produce from the Simsboro aquifer. The motion passed unanimously.**

- **One (1) new Drilling/Operating permit for the City of Calvert**

Well #7 – (BVDO-0320) Located at: N 30.971170° W 96.676495° 0.43 miles SW of the intersection of W. Texas Street and SH-6 in Robertson County. Total maximum annual production from the water well will be 325 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 600 gpm for Municipal use. The well will produce from the Simsboro Aquifer. **A motion was made by Jayson Barfknecht, second by John Elliott for approval of the Drilling/Operating Permit application for the City of Calvert at 325 ac-ft/yr at a maximum rate of 600 gpm for Municipal use. The well will produce from the Simsboro aquifer. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. 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 March 9, 2023 Permit Hearing & Regular Board Meeting. **A motion was made by Mark Carrabba, second by John Elliott for approval of the March 9, 2023 minutes as presented to the Board. The motion passed with Gary abstaining.**
2. Financial Report for the month of March 2023. **A motion was made by John Elliott, second by Jayson Barfknecht for approval of the Financial Report for the month of March 2023 as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. Discussion and possible action approving a study of groundwater/surface water interaction in the segment of the Brazos River bordering Robertson, Milam, Brazos, and Burleson counties. **No action.**
4. Discussion and possible action approving Policy Resolution 4-13-23.4 limiting administrative fees charged by a University/Academic Based Institution and associated with a grant-funded study approved by the District. **A motion was made by Jayson Barfknecht, second by David Stratta to approve the Policy Resolution 4-13-23.4 limiting administrative fees charged by a University/Academic-based Institution and associated with a grant-funded study approved by the District to 15%.**
5. Discussion and possible action on approving initial revisions to the District Management Plan related to the five-year mandatory update of the Plan by November 30, 2023. **A motion was made by John Elliott, second by Mark Carrabba on approving the initial revisions to the District Management Plan as presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. Discussion and possible action on developing a position on bills filed during the 88th Legislative Session related to groundwater.

HB 3990 – A motion was made by David Stratta, second by John Elliott to approve amending the language. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 4532 – A motion was made by Gary Mechler, second by David Stratta in opposition to the bill. The motion passed unanimously.

7. General Manager's Report
 - a) Drought Monitor Report
 - b) Wells permitted pursuant to District Rule 8.3(j)
 - c) GMA 12 DFC Update
 - d) District Business & Activities
 - e) Management Plan Update
8. Discussion and possible future agenda items.
9. Adjourn

Signed this 11th day of May 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.