# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District met Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 9, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District Office, 451 N. Velasco Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Suite 140, Angleton, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by Director Mueller at 4:00 p.m.

The roll was called of the duly constituted members of the Board, to wit:

Alan Mueller

President

Dennis Davenport

Vice President

Raymond Felder

Secretary

Ronnie Goolsby

Assistant Secretary

Patrick O'Day

Director

All of said Directors were present except Directors Goolsby and Davenport, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present for all or part of the meeting were the following: Kent Burkett, General Manager, Sherry Plentl, Sr. Administrative Assistant, David Ellis, Field Operations Coordinator, Beverly Hopkins, Administrative Assistant, and Greg Ellis, General Counsel.

#### APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion by Director Felder; Seconded by Director Davenport that the Minutes from the meeting on January 12, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

#### FINANCIAL & INVESTMENT REPORT AND BUDGET SUMMARY:

The February 2017 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Investment Report was presented for review and a budget status update was given. No action was taken.

#### APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT:

Motion by Director Felder; Seconded by Director Mueller that the invoices presented be approved for payment. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

## OPEN PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

Motion by Director O'Day; Seconded by Director Felder to **OPEN** a public hearing regarding applications for permits as presented.

Type	Owner	Address	City	Allocation	Use
a. Permit New well	Bill Hawk	2908 Masters Rd.	Pearland	1,000,000	Commercial

Motion approved with all present voting aye.

# **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS:**

Following the public hearing, during which no testimony was received, there was a motion by Director Mueller; Seconded by Director Felder that the public hearing regarding applications for permits received be **CLOSED**. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

#### APPROVE PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

Motion by Director O'Day; Seconded by Director Mueller that Item a. be approved as presented. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

	SUMMARY OF PERMITS APPROVED
Total Wells:	1
New Wells:	1
Existing:	0
PWS	0
C/D	1
Other	0
Industrial	0

#### CONSIDER POLICY REGARDING ABANDONED WELLS:

The Board discussed a proposed policy regarding identified abandoned and deteriorated wells to be plugged in the District. A draft policy will be presented for consideration and possible action at the meeting of the Board scheduled for March 9, 2017. No action was taken at this time.

#### **EXEMPT USE WELL REGISTRATION REPORT:**

The Exempt Well Registration Report for the current period was reviewed. No action was taken.

#### DROUGHT MONITOR REPORT:

The U.S. Drought Monitor map for the State of Texas for January, 2017 was presented for review. No action was taken.

### SET HEARING DATE FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

Motion by Director Felder; Seconded by Director Mueller that a public hearing to consider approval of permit applications, amendments or cancelations be set for the next meeting of the Board of Directors on **Thursday, March 9**, **2017 at 4:00 p.m.** in the District Office and that the applicants be notified. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

# CONSULTATION WITH GENERAL COUNSEL REGARDING RECENT LITIGATION ON GROUNDWATER ISSUES

General Counsel Greg Ellis updated the Board regarding the current status of recent litigation issues regarding the following:

A. City of Conroe, et al v. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, et al (9<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals)

No action was taken.

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

General Counsel Greg Ellis gave a report regarding recent legislation related to groundwater issues and recent legislative committee appointments.

#### POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Consider policy regarding abandoned and unplugged wells
- B. Amend FY2017 Budget

#### ADJOURN:

As there were no further matters to be heard, the motion to adjourn was made by Director Felder and seconded by Director O'Day. All present voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of March, 2017

Raymond D. Felder

Secretary, Board of Directors