

**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 10th day of September, 2020, via virtual meeting, at 4:00 p.m. and in the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District Office, 451 N. Velasco Street, 1st Floor, Suite 140, Angleton, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by Director O'Day at 4:00 p.m.

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

Patrick O'Day	President
Dennis Davenport	Vice President
Robert Purnell	Secretary
Keith Ordeneaux	Assistant Secretary
Ronnie Goolsby	Director

All of said Directors were present, except Director Purnell thus constituting a quorum.

Also present for all or part of the meeting, were the following: Beverly Hopkins, General Manager, Sherry Plentl, Administrative Consultant, Michael White, Field Operations Coordinator, Jodie Still, Administrative Assistant, Philip Taucer and Jason Afinowicz with Freese and Nichols and Greg Ellis, General Counsel.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion by Director O'Day, Second by Director Goolsby, that the Minutes from the meeting on August 13, 2020, be approved as presented. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

Motion by Director Davenport, Seconded by Director Goolsby, to **OPEN** a public hearing regarding applications for permits. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

Type	Owner	Address	City	Allocation	Use
a. Permit Exist.	Danbury ISD	5610 Panther Drive	Danbury	1,000,000	Commercial

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

Following the public hearing, at which time no testimony was given, there was a Motion by Director O'Day, Seconded by Director Davenport, that the public hearing regarding applications for permits received be **CLOSED**. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

APPROVE PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

Motion by Director Davenport, Seconded by Director O'Day, that Item a. be approved contingent upon payment of fees due or resolution of any pending issues. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

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 September 2020 was presented for review. No action was taken.

SET HEARING DATE FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

Motion by Director O'Day, Second by Director Ordeneaux, that a public hearing to consider approval of permit applications, amendments, or cancellations be set for the next meeting of the Board of Directors on **Thursday, October 8, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.** in the District Office or by virtual meeting and that the applicants be notified. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

FINANCIAL, INVESTMENT, & BUDGET STATUS REPORT:

The September 2020 Financial, Investment, & Budget Status Report was presented for review and an analysis and budget status update was given. No action was taken.

APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT:

Motion by Director Davenport, Seconded by Director O'Day, that the invoices presented be approved for payment. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

CONSIDER FIELD OPERATIONS COORDINATOR COMPENSATION:

At this time, at the request of Director O'Day, the Board recessed the open meeting at 4:48 and convened in closed session to discuss the following item:

Consider Field Operations Coordinator compensation.

At 5:03 the Board reconvened in open session and a motion was made by Director O'Day and Seconded by Director Ordeneaux that the salary of the Field Operations Coordinator be set at \$60,000 per year effective October 1, 2020. Motion approved with all Directors present voting aye.

APPROVE FY 2021 BUDGET:

Motion by Director O'Day, Seconded by Director Ordeneaux, that the FY2021 Budget be approved. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Beverly Hopkins updated the Board on the progress of building remodeling.

Beverly Hopkins updated the Board regarding the COVID Relief fund, and providing additional computer equipment.

CONSULTATION WITH GENERAL COUNSEL:

General Counsel Greg Ellis updated the Board regarding current groundwater related litigation and briefed the Board regarding Legislative issues.

A. Litigation Update:

1. *Fazzino v Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District (5th Circuit Court of Appeals)*
2. *Cockrell Investment Partners, Ltd. v Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District (Pecos County District Court)*
3. *Mountain Pure TX LLC v. Neches Valley Groundwater Conservation District (Texas Supreme Court)*

LEGISLATION UPDATE:

Motion by Director Davenport, Seconded by Director O'Day, that the HNR Submission Request be approved. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

ADJOURN:

With no further matters to be heard, the motion to adjourn was made by Director O'Day and Seconded by Director Davenport. All present voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of October, 2020



Secretary
Board of Directors