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 12th day of October, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. 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 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 Director Felder, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present for all or part of the meeting were the following: Sherry Plentl, General Manager, Beverly Hopkins, Administrative Assistant, David Ellis, District Field Operations Coordinator, Kent Burkett, Administrative Consultant, Greg Ellis, General Counsel, Philip Taucer and Courtney Merket of Freese & Nichols, Inc.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion by Director Goolsby; Seconded by Director O'Day that the Minutes from the meeting on September 20, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

FINANCIAL & INVESTMENT REPORT AND BUDGET SUMMARY:

The October, 2017 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance, and the District Investment Report were presented for review, and a budget status update was given by Kent Burkett. No action was taken.

APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT:

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

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Motion by Director Mueller; Seconded by Director O'Day to **OPEN** a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Groundwater Management Plan in accordance with Sec. 36.1071, Water Code.

Motion approved with all present voting aye.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Following the public hearing, during which no testimony was received, the Motion was made by Director Mueller, seconded by Director O'Day, that the public hearing regarding the proposed Groundwater Management Plan be **CLOSED**. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

APPROVE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Motion by Director Davenport, seconded by Director O'Day, to approve the Groundwater Management Plan as presented, in accordance with Sec. 36.1071, Water Code for submission to the Texas Water Development Board. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDED DISTRICT POLICY REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF FEES

Motion by Director O'Day; Seconded by Director Davenport to approve the amended District Policy Regarding the Collection of Fees as presented. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

APPROVE TASK AUTHORIZATION FOR FREESE & NICHOLS, INC.

Motion by Director Mueller; Seconded by Director Davenport to approve Schedule A, Task Authorization #4 for Freese & Nichols, Inc., to prepare and present the 2017 Annual Report. Motion approved with all present voting aye.

POSSIBLE FUNDING FOR WATER WELL TESTING

The Board of Directors discussed the possibility of funding for water quality testing for residential water wells affected by Hurricane Harvey. No action was taken pending further information and cost estimates.

DISCUSS DISTRICT PERSONNEL POLICY

A discussion was had regarding a potential District Personnel Policy. General Counsel will present additional information for discussion at the November 9, 2017 meeting of the Board. No action was taken.

EXEMPT USE WELL REGISTRATION REPORT:

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

DROUGHT MONITOR REPORT:

The U.S. Drought Monitor maps of the State of Texas for September and October 2017 were reviewed. No action was taken.

SET HEARING DATE FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

Motion by Director O'Day, seconded by Director Goolsby, 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, November 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 ATTORNEY:

The District's General Counsel, Greg Ellis updated the Board on recent litigation regarding groundwater issues. No action was taken.

POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the District Rules and consider approval on November 9, 2017.
- B. Discuss and consider renewal of the public officials' liability policy
- Consider funding of water well testing fees for wells affected by Hurricane Harvey

- D. Presentation of Annual Report by Freese & Nichols, Inc. Dec. 14, 2017
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding a personnel policy for the District

ADJOURN:

As there were 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 5:09 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of November, 2017

Ronnie Goolsby

Asst. Secretary, Board of Directors