# **MINUTES**

# Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 7:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT**: Billy Mann, Herff Cornelius, Deedy Huffman, Craig Kucera and Haskell Simon.

STAFF PRESENT: Neil Hudgins, General Manager

Guest: George Burlingame, Joey Sliva, Dale Felder, Paul Sliva

PRESIDING: President Haskell Simon.

1. President Simon called the meeting to order at 7:07 a.m., at the Matagorda County Office Bldg, Fourth Floor.

#### **Public Comments**

- 2. Neil opened the floor for Public Comments
  - 2.1 Dr. George Burlingame referenced an article in the Houston Chronicle about Rancher suing a company that was drilling wells in Texas. He also encouraged everyone to call Governor Perry in reference to the LCRA water cut off.

### Review and Approve Minutes from the Public Hearings and Board of Directors Meeting

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3.1 Herff Cornelius made a motion to approve the minute from October 31, 2013 Public Hearings and Board of Directors Meeting; it was seconded by Deedy Huffman. Haskel Simon put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

4.

The Financial Report stated that the current year's budget, which started October 1st, 20132 thru September 30, 2014: about 17.8% percent of the budget was used, check registers balance \$321,572.53, the list of bills paid from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 through January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and the investment report was presented.

- 4.1 Billy Mann made a motion to accept the financial report; it was seconded by Craig Kucera. Haskell Simon put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.
- 4.2 Mr. Hudgins presented the Texas Drought Conditions
- 4.3 Mr. Hudgins presented the board with the Well Monitoring Report showing water levels seem to be trending down a little.
- 4.4 Neil Hudgins stated the Water Usage Reports were still coming in and that we would start getting the numbers together.
- 4.5 Upcoming meetings included: TCEQ February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### **Review and Approve Permit Amendments from the Public Hearing**

- 5. Neil opened the floor for discussion on the Permit Applications and Permit Amendments as presented in the Public Hearing.
  - 5.1 Neil stated that no action would be taken on Priscilla Wissink permit application pending results from assessment report.
  - 5.2 Sandra verified with Joey Sliva that he understands that if offsite impact reflect a drawdown the board will the ability to reduce the Permit or to perform a complete Hydrogeological Report.
  - 5.3 All permit applications listed in the Public Hearing were reviewed. Billy Mann motioned to approve all applications; it was seconded by Herff Cornelius. Haskell Simon put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Review and Discuss Audit Committee**

- 6. Neil explained to the board the board needed to amendment the By-laws for the District adding section 8.1 Invest and District Finance.
  - 6.1 Herff made a motion to approve the Amendment; The Board shall appoint an audit/finance committee to oversee, manage, account for and secure the financial stability of the District in accordance with Chapter 36, Texas Water Code including but not limited to the following: Fiscal Year, Annual Audit, District Audit and Records, Annual Budget, Notice; Adoption of Budget, Amending Budget, Limitation on Expenditures, Sworn Statements, Depository, Investments and Authority to Receive Grants or Donations. Craig Kucera seconded. President Simon put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

### Review and Discuss CPGCD Rule 3.18 Permit Renewal

7. Neil presented the board with a copy of Rule 3.18, which gives the Manager the authority to approve Permit Renewal, as long as the Permit Volume stays the same or decreases.

## Update on pending litigation with Matagorda County Appraisal District

8. Sandra presented the board with the written documentation in which she had received in reference to the pending litigations with Matagorda County Appraisal District.

## **Date/Time/Place for next meeting**

9. February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 7:00am, Matagorda County Office Bldg, 4<sup>th</sup> floor

## Adjournment

10 Craig Kucera made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Billy Mann. Haskell Simon put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.