

Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District
Minutes of Hearing & Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 17, 2023
Val Clark Beard County Office Building Conference Room
203 N 7th St., Alpine, TX

Regular Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Johnson at 8:02 a.m.
2. Determination of Quorum: In attendance were Joan Johnson, Tim Leary, Ambrosio Valles, Kevin Urbanczyk and Robbyn Hill. Public attendees were Sydney Bauer and Judge Greg Henington in person and Dr. Stephen Daugherty via Go to Meeting. Chair Johnson verified quorum.
3. Proof of Notice of Meeting – proof of Notice of the meeting was posted appropriately and timely with the Brewster County Clerk’s Office.
4. Public Comment – None
5. Discuss/Act on: Approval of Minutes
 - A. Thursday, July 20, 2023 Director Valles made a motion to approve minutes as presented, 2nd by Director Leary. All in favor, motion passed.
6. Discuss/Act on: Well Applications and Approvals, Drilling reports, State Data
 - A. GM Hill 2 drilling applications, both have been administratively approved. James Stone, Stone Ranch, 8200 acres, Marathon, TX-Driller is Spring Branch Water Well from Ft. Stockton, TX; Pitchfork Ranch, James Carter, West of 385, .5 miles south of Brewster/Pecos County line, 1358 acres, driller is Raymond Straub out of Stanton, TX.
 - B. Well report received from Spring Branch Water Well for the Dickerson Well, Hwy 385, North of Marathon, 10 GPM well.
 - C. Discussed Production Permits and a possible tiered fee schedule to create a mid range price for smaller businesses. Will need to amend rules. Will contact attorney for guidance.
7. Closed Session – None
8. Discuss/Act on Reports:
 - A. Chairman Johnson –
 - Discussed the GMA 4 in VanHorn. The districts voted to hire RMBJ group for the management plan reports that we need for the state.
 - Discussed BCGCD look into hiring JSA1 for our district needs.
 - Discussed website quote received from RasorCreative. Will do more research to compare cost and details.
 - Will discuss with Atty, Deborah Trejo the production permits and possible tiers. Need a mid range cost.
 - Discussed meters and how to present to the public.

B. General Manager –

- Met with Sydney Bauer (student from SRSU) regarding her findings with the Eno-scientific research that she is doing. Got her set up with office supplies to begin organizing files. Plan to start her in Halff software to research completeness of prior entries.
- Talked briefly regarding Chisos View Water Delivery selling water to the locals in Terlingua and others that are doing this. These entities are now considered commercial well operators.

9. Discuss/Act on: Payment of Bills, Budget Line items, and Bank Reconciliations. – Motion made by Director Mangrem, 2nd made by Director Valles, Motion passed to approve.

10. Discuss/Act on: Next Meeting, September 21, 2023, 10 a.m. J.W. “Red” Pattillo Community Center in Study Butte.

11. Adjournment: 9:46 a.m.

Submitted by Robbyn Hill

Joan Johnson, Chairman

Tim Leary, Vice Chairman

Secretary, Colton Foster

Member, Tom Mangrem

Member, Dr. Kevin Urbanczyk

Member, Ambrosio Valles

Member, Rush Warren