

Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2024
Marathon Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 103 N 3rd St., Marathon Texas

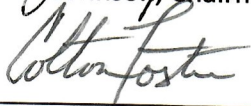
Regular Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Johnson at 9:03 a.m.
2. Determination of Quorum: In attendance were Joan Johnson, Colton Foster, Ambrosio Valles, Rush Warren, Tom Mangrem, Kevin Urbanczyk, Tim Leary and Robbyn Hill, General Manager. Public attendees were Dr. Stephen Daugherty and Cody Bjornson, TWDB by GoTo Meeting, In person were ~~Sydney Bauer~~; Bernice Martin, Marathon WSC.
3. Proof of Notice of Meeting – proof of Notice of the meeting was posted appropriately and timely with the Brewster County Clerk’s Office and District Website.
4. Public Comment – None
5. Discuss/Act on: Approval of Minutes-Regular meeting, February 15, 2024, Motion to approve was made by Director Valles, 2nd made by Director Foster. Motion passed.
6. Discuss/Act on: Exempt Well Applications and Approvals, Drilling reports, State Data:
 - Intent to Drill received from Arrowhead Drilling for Decie Ranch, Wylie Dabbs, 23733 US Hwy 90, 6.5 miles west of Marathon.
 - Received a well report from Arrowhead for Decie Ranch, 80+ GPM. Drill start date was 2.28.24, end date 3.4.24
 - Received well report for Tim Leary for well deepening. 2.27.24; 12-15 GPM
 - Received well registrations for George Johnson, Sunny Glen, Wells #1, 2.
 - Discussed adding water quality option for Halff and possibly buy into upload service.
 - Will resend email with production permit water usage reports for 2023 to directors.
7. Discuss/Act on: Schedule a stakeholder meeting with drillers, realtors, government officials
 - Discussed ideas for meeting dates and time. Suggested date will be May 16, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Big Bend Telephone Conference room. Finger foods and drinks will be provided. Regular meeting will be held at 4:00 pm at the same place.
 - Chairman Johnson suggested the meeting to consist of short presentations on monitors, Rules Changes, Fee Schedule, Goals to get unregistered wells registered, Show the Halff website and the District Website
8. Discuss/Act on: District Fee Schedule:
 - The wording of the fees at bottom of fee schedule needs to be reworded. Motion made by Director Leary, 2nd by Director Urbanczyk to change the wording from ***permitted acre feet to produced acre feet.***
9. Discuss/Act on: District Forms
 - Notice of Intent to Drill has been added to the website. Need to edit slightly and repost. A certification by driller that location is correct will be added with a signature line. GM Hill will contact Attorney for correct verbiage.
 - Additional “Draft” forms were created for review and discussion was had to add/delete verbiage. Applications created for Limited Use, Non-Exempt, less than 10 acres; Non-Exempt more than 10 acres and Application for Production Permit.

- All forms were discussed and reworked. GM Hill will edit with the additions/deletions discussed, create the new forms and add to the website.
10. Discuss/Act on: Monitor Installations
- Barry Beals' well/monitor is in Jeff Davis County. We have his approval to update his equipment. Arrowhead has not been able to get a return call to set up a date/time.
 - GM Hill contacted Carl Prudhomme and he has declined to have a monitor installed.
 - Monitors were installed on 3.8.24 at Jason Frye property on Juniper St. and Don McGinnis property on Mesquite Dr. Both are in North Double Diamond.
 - Discussed Eno-Scientific data storage. We will watch these monitors for a while to decide if we want to move forward with purchasing more in the future.
 - GM Hill will have Sydney send the coordinates for the monitors that have been installed to the Directors.
11. Closed Session – None
12. Discuss/Act on Reports:
- Chairman Johnson –
 - a. Letters were mailed to the Water Corps in Marathon, Lajitas, Study Butte and Terlingua Ranch regarding registering and permitting their wells. Follow up calls were on 3.14.24. Alyssa (office manager) with Study Butte stated that their meeting will be March 25th and they will be discussing the letter. Judge Henington may be attending and I will try and attend also.
 - b. GMA 4 meeting was held in Van Horn on 3.21.24. Consultants from RMBJ Geo were there. They talked about relevant and non-relevant aquifers. Maps were shown which will be emailed to the Directors.
 - c. Additional solar panel has been ordered for the last monitor installation.
 - General Manager Hill –
 - a. Myself, Director Warren and Sydney attended Water Law 101 and Changing Face of Water Law, February 21-23 in San Antonio.
 - b. Solar Panel has been ordered
 - c. Ongoing work on the website, adding forms as they are updated.
 - d. 2024 Texas Groundwater Summit registration is now open. Dates are August 20-22, 2024 at the Hyatt in San Antonio.
 - e. Discussed email received from David Smith, Agri-life Extension Service regarding the 4H Water Ambassadors Program. Applications open March 15-May 1st. I will email Luke Hendrix and ask if he might have some names.
13. Discuss/Act on: Payment of Bills, Budget Line items, and Bank Reconciliations. – Motion to approve was made by Director Leary, 2nd made by Director Mangrem, Motion passed to approve.
14. Discuss/Act on: Next Meeting, to be held, April 18, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. Val Beard Conference room in Alpine.
15. Adjournment: 10:59 a.m.



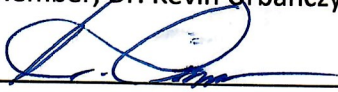
Joan Johnson, Chairman



Secretary, Colton Foster



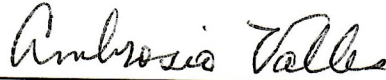
Member, Dr. Kevin Urbanczyk



Member, Rush Warren

Tim Leary, Vice Chairman

Member, Tom Mangrem



Member, Ambrosio Valles