

AGENDA

BREWSTER COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 19, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

In Person: County Commissioner's Courtroom
Brewster County Courthouse

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REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Determination of a Quorum
3. Proof of Notice of Meeting
4. Public Comment
5. Discuss/Act on: Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting – April 21, 2022
6. Discuss/Act On: Exempt Well Applications and approvals
7. Discuss/Act On: Mtg. w/David Coyer and Halff GMS invoice, contract
8. Discuss/Act On: Request of City Water Dept.
9. Discuss/Act On: Drilling Reports, state data
10. Discuss/Act On: Election of Secretary

CLOSED SESSION § 551.074

The Board of Directors of the Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District may go into closed session under the authority of the Government Code, Chapter 55 I, and Texas Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of consultation with attorney - pending litigation (§ 551.071), consultation with attorney - attorney/client privileged consultations (§ 551.071), deliberations regarding real property (§ 551.072), deliberations regarding personnel matters (§ 551.074).

11. Discuss recommendations (s) regarding matters discussed in closed session
12. Discuss/Act On: Report
 - a. Chairman
 - B. General Manager
13. Discuss/Act On: Payment of Bills, Budget Line Items, and Bank Reconciliations
14. Discuss/Act On: June 16, 2022
15. Adjournment

I, the undersigned authority of the District, do hereby certify that the notice is a true and correct copy of said notice and that such notice was posted on the District Website, westexasgroundwater.com, at least 72 hours prior to the time of said public hearing.

Date: April 17, 2022

Caroline Luna

Caroline Luna, General Manager

BCGWCD HEARING & REG. MTG, THURSDAY, May 19, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting: Attendees: Members Johnson, Valles, Mangrem, Leary, Foster, Urbanczyk, and on the phone Roberts. Public attendees were Dr. Daugherty online, and in person Keith Segar

1-3. Order, quorum, notice, Joan called to order at 8:02 a.m., verified quorum and notice.

4. Public Comment: Dr. Daugherty encouraged the board members to read the county subdivision ordinances, regarding residential subdivisions, less than 5 acre tracts with no public supply available, needs to have 30 year water availability study performed and submitted to county for review. He suggested we ask the county if there have been any 30 year studies submitted for these subdivisions, and if not, who is going to enforce those requirements, will the Texas Water Development Board enforce them?

5. Minutes from 4/21/22 were approved, suggestion made to correct listing of attendees to differentiate between board members and members of the public. M. Leary moved to approve and M. Valles seconded, all approved, no objections.

6. Applications – one application received from Wiley Dabbs, no driller information, needs to be kicked back for application completion. One other application for a well-deepening was received for the Apostolic Church by Blue Water Grocery. The drilling report on the Big Bend National Park application was received, next step is to apply for a public supply production permit, that is how it is registered with the state. Member Urbanczyk commented that it was in the Alluvium or the nearest aquifer is the Bolsona. Johnson brought the topic back to the need to start with Marathon, to get them to go through the process to get production permit (\$2500?), to report usage, and pay fees. Goal is to cover all aquifers one at a time, starting with a letter to all of the Far West Texas Board of water users. Big Bend Concrete owes the district a production permit. Suggestion was made to draft a letter for Deborah to review and potentially sign so it has more weight. Other issue is existing subdivisions that have not followed the regulations. Urbanczyk suggested following up with reading of the county subdivision rules. GM said she would mark up the rules and send them out. Johnson brought up the container rentals south on 118 and questioned the water supply. It was likely an exempt well but it should be public use now with usage reported, the whole process.

7. GM reported on the meeting with David Coyer for the HALFF project, presented the proposal with the price break down of the base module, the expanded module, \$5500/year cost to keep everything online, training available. Example of the Presidio map was shown to illustrate user friendliness of the software. Software can import the TX Water Dev. Board data and then we can upload our own info. Starting process to import everything would be a quick turn around, maybe 2 weeks once they get started. Base price is \$12,500, plus the annual maintenance fee to get started, then add other layers. Johnson called for a motion to approve the purchase today. Urbanczyk moved, Leary seconded. Further discussion about the additional features such as query tool and water quality feature were also agreed upon. Vote, all in favor, none opposed.

8. Report from Keith Segar, Director of Utilities for Alpine. Discussion of ETJ (extra territorial jurisdiction) proposal for an agreement with city residents and county residents that anyone who is requesting city services must adhere to ordinances. A question was raised regarding reasonableness of costs to provide

services over availability of infrastructure and who bears that cost. Keith also brought copies of the drought contingency plan. No curtailment at the moment, only requests made to SRSU and the parks dept. at this point. Mangrem brought up status of city water wells and monitoring of their levels; inconsistencies in reports over the last 4 years. The director acknowledged the equipment was outdated and has been upgraded. Conversation came back to putting a monitor from the District on a city water well. The director was agreeable, will get back to us on location. He said the city is required to submit an annual report but will start reporting quarterly on water depth. He also said a rate analysis is in the works to increase costs which are currently too low in his opinion.

9. Drilling reports, not many updates since last month. BBNP is now on the state's info.

10. Election of Secretary. Leary is Vice Chair, Johnson is Chair. Leary nominated Foster, Mangrem seconded. Foster accepted, Johnson moved to approve, all ayes.

11. No closed session. No chairman's report. Urbanczyk asked if we could purchase sounder equipment, Johnson said it is in the budget. Mangrem asked if water quality testing is available? Ag extension office might be a resource for that.

12. Next mtg: June 16th not an option due to Johnson's absence. Next mtg is June 23rd.

Mtg. adjourned at 9:49 a.m.
