

Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 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 8:10 a.m.
2. Determination of Quorum: In attendance were Joan Johnson, Tim Leary, Colton Foster, Ambrosio Valles, Rush Warren, Tom Mangrem, Kevin Urbanczyk and Robbyn Hill. Public attendees were Sydney Bauer and Adam Jones. Sam Ballard, Dr. Stephen Daugherty and Gideon Retief with Willowcreek RV attended 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 and Website.
4. Public Comment – None
5. Discuss/Act on: Approval of Minutes-Regular meeting, October 19, 2023, Motion to approve was made by Director Mangrem, 2nd made by Director Leary. Motion passed.
6. Discuss/Act on: Well Applications and Approvals, Drilling reports, State Data GM Hill administratively approved:
 - 6 applications to drill exempt wells from Will Wood, Cathedral Mountain, 20,000 acres (Arrowhead);
 - 1 from William Donnell, Donnell Ranch, 40,000 acres, East Marathon, 3.79 miles from rest stop (Skinner);
 - 1 from Joe Franklin, Sierra La Rana, 25 acres (Arrowhead).
 - 1 well report received from Skinner for Gary Dunshee, Hwy 118, 100 gpm
7. Closed Session – None
8. Discuss Production Permit application received from Willow Creek Camping- Application to drill a non-exempt well to serve commercial 6 RV spots was discussed. This is in Terlingua Ranch on 20 acres. Motion made by Director Foster, 2nd by Director Warren to drill the well. GM Hill will review Production Permit application after well is drilled and will be discussed at meeting on December 21, 2023. If applicable a hearing date will be set. Upon further review of the documentation submitted, it was determined that there was missing or inaccurate information. At this time, Chairman Johnson made a motion to rescind the drilling approval, seconded by Dr. Urbanczyk. A vote was taken and motion carried. The drilling application will be revisited when corrected paperwork is received.
9. Discuss Updates on Rules Changes – Chairman Johnson discussed the progress made by the committee. Attorney Trejo will email completed draft by end of the week and this draft will be emailed to directors.

- Motion was made by Director Valles and 2nd by Director Urbanczyk to schedule Notice of Hearing on Rules changes for December 21, 2023, Motion carried. Attorney Trejo will attend by GoTo Meeting. Notice of Hearing will be posted in the November 23rd edition of the Alpine Avalanche.

10. Discuss/Act on Reports:

- Chairman Johnson – Discussed GMA 4 meeting in Van Horn on November 15, 2023. Principals, Amy Bush and Ray Brady with TXGeo attended in person and talked about the aquifers that are being studied right now and should be complete by the end of 2024. The cost for these studies will be shared by the 5 counties and a quote will be available at the March, 2024 meeting. The GAM report will have newer data. Clarification was made by the group with the consultants as to the scope of the project.
- It was also reported that:
 - a. Sydney has been working hard to get paperwork organized and information into Halff website where applicable.
 - b. Rangers for monitoring units are in – will begin working on contracts to those that want monitors
 - c. Water in the Desert conference will be January 18th at SRSU. – January meeting will be moved to January 25, 2024
 - d. A demonstration of the new website and details on functionality of updated notices and events, etc. which can be posted and/or added. Many ideas discussed on making the website complete to fit our District.
 - e. Discussed Directors that have end dates of 12/2023, who are Joan Johnson, Tim Leary and Ambrosio Valles. All Directors will be staying on. These names will be presented to Judge Henington and the Commissioners Court for approval.
 - f. Attorney Trejo is working on a draft for Bylaws to handout at December meeting. Will then discuss and take action at January meeting.
- General Manager Hill –read a thank you card from Mattie Mattheai to the district.
 - a. Discussed the new website – Adeline Fox met vis zoom and provided direction through the ins and outs of updates and details. The website appears to be almost complete.
 - b. Requests were received to complete the registrations for Directors Mangrem, Leary, Foster, Valles and Warren to attend the Water in the Desert conference on January 18, 2024.

11. Discuss/Act on: Payment of Bills, Budget Line items, and Bank Reconciliations. – Motion to approve was made by Director Urbanczyk, 2nd made by Director Foster, Motion passed to approve.

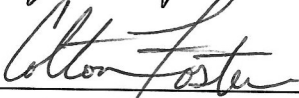
12. Discuss/Act on: Next Meeting December 21, 2023, 8 a.m. to include Rules Hearing

13. Adjournment: 9:47 a.m.

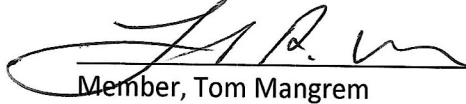


Joan Johnson, Chairman

Tim Leary, Vice Chairman



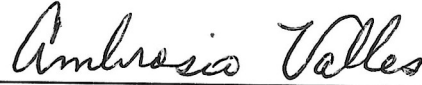
Secretary, Colton Foster



Member, Tom Mangrem



Member, Dr. Kevin Urbanczyk



Member, Ambrosio Valles



Member, Rush Warren