

**Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District  
Minutes of Hearing & Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, October 19, 2023**

**Val Clark Beard County Office Building Conference Room  
203 N 7<sup>th</sup> St., Alpine, TX**

**Hearing GPP-009-Call to Order 8:05 a.m.**

1. District Presentation – 1 Production permit located at 1102 Lechuguilla Ln, Alpine, TX. GM Hill has deemed administratively complete. The Draft permit was reviewed with the district directors for 1.1 acre ft/year and the usage analysis prepared by Director Urbanczyk was discussed.
2. Public Comments – None
3. Adjourned – 8:15 a.m.

**Regular Meeting**

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Johnson at 8:15 a.m.
2. Determination of Quorum: In attendance were Joan Johnson, Tim Leary, Colton Foster, Ambrosio Valles, Rush Warren, Tom Mangrem and Robbyn Hill. Public attendees were Sydney Bauer, Carol Morrow and Deborah Borden 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: GPP-009 Production Permit for 1102 Lechuguilla Ln in Alpine, TX submitted by Brad Obbink. GM Hill supports the applicant in moving forward. Motion to approve production permit was made by Director Leary, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Director Warren. Motion passed. District finds in favor of the application for Production Permit, GPP-009 for 1.1 acre feet/year of water.
6. Discuss/Act on: Approval of Minutes-Regular meeting, September 21, 2023, Motion to approve was made by Director Valles, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Rush. Motion passed.
7. Discuss/Act on: Well Applications and Approvals, Drilling reports, State Data
  - GM Hill reported, still waiting on Production Permit Application from Willow Creek Camping Co. (6 RV spots in Terlingua Ranch, 20 acres)
  - Exempt Well Application received from Ramon & Jessica Bartko, 38 acres, Gate 2, Terlingua Ranch. Administratively approved.
8. Closed Session – None
9. Discuss meeting with Jason Bean on Eno-Scientific Monitors – Chairman Johnson reported on the meeting on October 4, 2023, regarding training and installation for Eno-Scientific Monitors. Rangers use lithium batteries so he could not bring, due to flying restrictions. Chairman Johnson's well was used as a demo where Jason walked through a demonstration on how to install. Pictures and videos were taken for future use. Rangers will be mailed from Eno-Scientific along with some other parts.

10. Discuss Rules Changes – Chairman Johnson discussed the ongoing meetings with the committee. Progress is happening. The goal is to have a draft for the November 16 meeting and to schedule the hearing on the changes for the December 21 meeting.

- Attorney Trejo recommends that we have Bylaws – she will look at other districts and advise.

11. Discuss/Act on Reports:

- Chairman Johnson – GM Hill and Chairman Johnson attended the AgriLife Extension Texas Well Owner Network meeting on October 13 at Big Bend Telephone Community Room. The water testing went well. Approximately 66 tests were collected from the Tri-County area with 30 or so from Alpine. Overall report was Brewster County has some of the best water in Texas. Advertising is a challenge for these events.
  - a. BCGCD provided water and donuts.
  - b. The district has previously approved purchasing the water testing equipment. When time permits, equipment will be purchased, and testing done on a scheduled basis.
  - c. Website update is coming along. Adeline Fox, designer, reported that it should be completed soon.
- General Manager –reiterated information regarding the AgriLife Extension meeting. Talked a bit about the test reports and distributed the booklet that was received at the meeting. Overall presentation by AgriLife was good.

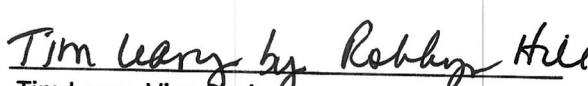
12. Discuss/Act on: Payment of Bills, Budget Line items, and Bank Reconciliations. – Motion to approve was made by Director Mangrem, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Director Rush, Motion passed to approve.

13. Discuss/Act on: Next Meeting, November 16, 2023, 8 a.m.


14. Adjournment: 9:07 a.m.

Submitted by Robbyn Hill


  
Joan Johnson, Chairman


  
Tim Leary, Vice Chairman (had to leave early)

  
Secretary, Colton Foster

  
Member, Tom Mangrem

  
Member, Dr. Kevin Urbanczyk

  
Member, Ambrosio Valles

  
Member, Rush Warren