

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

THE STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
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BRUSH COUNTRY GROUNDWATER       §  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT             §

The Board of Directors of Brush County Groundwater Conservation District (the “District”) met in regular session, open to the public, on February 28, 2017 at the Brooks County Courthouse Annex Falfurrias, Texas, in accordance with the duly posted notice of said meeting.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and the roll was called of the members of the Board of Directors. The following District Board members were present at the meeting:
  - Paul Goranson
  - Jesse Howell
  - A.C. Jones, IV
  - David Kelly
  - Robert Scott
  - Mario Martinez
  - Bill Botard
  - Mauro Garcia

Eight of nine Board members were present thus constituting a quorum for agenda items where action was taken by the Board, all Directors present voted. Counsel Bill Dugat III, BCGCD General Manager Felix Saenz and administrative assistant Maggie Castillo were present.

2. Discuss, consider, and act on minutes of the January 17, 2017 Board Meeting.

Paul Goranson motioned to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 Board Meeting. Jesse Howell seconded the Motion. Unanimous vote to approve. Mauro Garcia abstained from voting as he had not attended previous meeting.

3. Discuss, consider, and act on General Manager’s Report.
  - a. Report on KCGCD & DCGCD Meetings
  - b. Permit follow-up assistance
    1. KATCO status
    2. David Siemonsma
    3. Border Patrol New Checkpoint Waterwell
  - c. TAGD Meeting on Jan 25 & 26 at Austin Tx

- d. Attended Jim Hogg Co Comm Court on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss BCGCD Rules & Fees on transport Permits
- e. Attended Region M Meeting at Weslaco on Feb 8th
- f. TWDB Well Transducers
  - 1. Assisted Blake Neffendorf with recorder installation on John Penly's Property.
  - 2. Cost list for Borregos Ranch Transducer
- g. Worked with Aquaveo on well spreadsheet migration
- h. Completed 2015 TWDB Irrigation Survey
- i. Worked on 2016 production permit water use report
- j. BCGCD well registry follow up

Felix provided an oral and written report of all the activities done since the last meeting in November. General Manager's report is attached and incorporated herein. No action taken or needed. For informational purposes only.

- 4. Discuss, consider, and act on considering approval, by resolution, of the tax resale offer by John Disbro to purchase tax sale property suit # 03-3-12778-B-B Orange Premont ISD vs Josephine G Ocornan Estate, et al located in Jim Wells County:

With a motion from Jesse Howell and a second from Bill Botard, the board unanimously voted to approve the property tax resale.

- 5. Discuss, consider, and act on ratifying cost for hiring INTERA, Inc. to attend- the Rio Grande New Groundwater Flow Model Stakeholder Meeting held at Weslaco, Tx on Feb 8, 2017 and to provide BCGCD with a review of the model  
They unanimously approved ratifying the cost of \$2300 for Steve Young from Intera to attend the Rio Grande New Groundwater Flow Model Stakeholder Meeting in Weslaco which took place on February 8, 2017. Motion was passed with a motion from Jesse Howell and a second by Bill Botard.
- 6. Discuss, consider, and act on Steve Young's Comment Letter on the Rio Grande New Groundwater Flow Model

Board members held some discussion and made a few suggestions such as contacting GMA 16 to discuss the issues outlined in this Flow Model & discuss concerns and make and make GMA 16 more aware of the issues at hand. Also discussed contacting Lonnie Stewart and discussing these issues with him as well. No action taken at this time.

- 7. Discuss, consider, and act on approving and signing Contractual Agreement for Professional website Hosting Services between BCGCD and ITC Corporation.

After viewing the documents from ITC Corp, the board approved the signing of the hosting contract between BCGCD and ITC Corp with a motion from member Paul Goranson and a second from Dick Jones. Unanimous vote to approve.

8. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on preparing land purchase offer to IBC Bank or Dick Hopper Est for BCGCD Office Building Site.

After some discussion, and viewing the property locations, Board members decided to make an offer on an acre on the opposite side of the previously recommended acre on the Hopper Property. This area is located on the corner intersection of East Hwy 285 and CR 101. It was also recommended that an architect be hired prior to purchase to ensure that the land is suitable for construction and meets all ADA guidelines. With a motion from Paul Goranson and a second from Bill Botard, members voted unanimously to offer purchasing her property provided she agree to sell the 1 acre corner property located at the intersection of CR 101 & hiway 285 and the purchase contingent on Architect hired by the district to certify that Hopper property will adequately meet all local, state and federal requirements for constructing a new publically owned building. This motion also included approving developing and submitting an RFQ for architectural services.

9. Discuss, consider and act on activities in the 85<sup>th</sup> legislative session of interest to the District including proposed or pending legislation.

Claudia Russell talked to the board via telephone, regarding several legislative bill introduced before the 85th legislature. HB 2377, the brackish bill caused the most concern to board members. They agreed to have Bill Dugat draft an opposition letter to this bill and submit to Rep Larson and to Rep Lozano, Rep Guillen and State Senator Hinojosa with a copy to Claudia Russel. Paul Goranzon made a motion for drafting and submitting letter. This motion was seconded by Dick Jones and all directors voted unanimously to approve.

10. Discuss, consider, and act on with GMA 16 issues

- a. GMA 16 Final DFC Report

Felix Saenz reported that GMA 16 Final Report had been submitted to TWDB.and there has been no word from them regarding this report meeting all their report criteria. No action needed on this item

11. Discuss, consider and act purchasing Major Rivers Educational Material for 4<sup>th</sup> graders at schools located within BCGCD.

With a motion from Mario Martinez and a second by Bill Botard, the board voted unanimously to purchase educational material for the 6 schools in the Brush Country district from the Texas Water Development Board called Major Rivers. This year, we will be reaching out to 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

12. Discuss, consider and act on payment of bills.

A list of bills was provided prior to meeting and with a motion from Bill Botard and a second from Mauro Garcia, members unanimously voted to pay listed bills.

13. Review BCGCD Tax Collection Report for January 2017.

For information only no action needed or taken.

14. Discuss, consider, and act on date and time for next meeting of Board of Directors.

Next meeting will take place March 28, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the courthouse annex. With a motion from Mauro Garcia and a second from Dick Jones, members unanimously voted to meet on said date and time.

15. Discuss, consider, and act on new business for next meeting agenda

Lift station, Architect, Ambassador Program

16. Public Comment

No comments

17. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with a motion from Dick Jones and a second from Jesse Howell. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

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President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

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Secretary, Board of Directors

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