

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF
BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

July 26, 2005

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COUNTY OF BRAZORIA §

The Board of Directors of Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District, met in regular session, open to the public, on the 26th day of July, 2005, at the Commissioners Courtroom, First Floor, 111 E. Locust, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas, inside the boundaries of the District, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to-wit:

Dennis Davenport	President
Michael O'Day	Vice President
Raymond Felder	Secretary
John Pyburn	Assistant Secretary
Leo Mikeska	Director

and all of said Directors were present, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present at the meeting were the following: Dude Payne, Brazoria County Commissioner Precinct 1; Cathy Laney of the office of Brazoria County Commissioner Precinct 2; Craig D. Pedersen and Robert Balcells of URS Corporation ("URS"); Kent Burkett, Chief Administrator of the Office of the Brazoria County Judge; and Steve Robinson and Justine M. Cherne of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP ("ABHR").

Director Davenport called the meeting to order.

UPDATE ON HYDROGEOLOGIC EVALUATIONS AND OTHER WORK BEING PERFORMED BY URS CORPORATION

The Board first reviewed printouts of a proposed web site for the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District (the "District"). Mr. Pederson answered questions and responded to comments from Board members. No Board action was taken.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Board next considered approving the minutes of the April 19, 2005, meeting of the Board of Directors. Upon a motion made by Director Felder and seconded by Director Pyburn, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 19, 2005, meeting of the Board of Directors as written.

REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Mr. Robinson reported that ABHR's fees for legal services were in excess of the budget allocation. He stated that he would hold any remaining invoices until the District is approved by the voters at a confirmation election. He stated that if the District was not approved by the voters, ABHR would not invoice for the additional services provided.

Mr. Pederson stated that there were no invoices for consideration from URS Corporation.

UPDATE ON HYDROGEOLOGIC EVALUATIONS AND OTHER WORK BEING PERFORMED BY URS CORPORATION

Mr. Pedersen reported that budget information of six comparable water conservation districts will be forwarded to the Board. He discussed the budget information and estimated that a budget of approximately \$225,000 would be a good planning budget for the District. Discussion ensued regarding actions undertaken by the comparable water conservation districts for conserving water. Mr. Pederson stated that the District will need to develop a plan for conserving water, and implement corresponding rules and regulations prior to receiving revenue. Mr. Pederson and Mr. Robinson estimated that a period of approximately six months is needed to perform the activities necessary prior to receiving revenue.

Mr. Pederson reported on new legislation, HB 1763. He stated that the bill amends Chapters 16 and 36 of the Texas Water Code to strengthen requirements for joint planning and more consistent groundwater management by districts within the same management area. For example, groundwater districts within the same management area are required to jointly establish the desired future condition of relevant aquifers and to adopt management plans that contain goals and objectives consistent with achieving that objective. He reported that the District has been invited to attend a meeting scheduled by Kathy Jones, General Manager of Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, to discuss such issues. Following review and discussion, Director Felder moved that the Board authorize Director O'Day and Mr. Pederson to attend the meeting. Director Pyburn seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Payne expressed his support for the District's consideration of adopting an Order Calling Confirmation and Directors Election.

DISCUSS CONFIRMATION AND DIRECTORS ELECTION FOR THE DISTRICT

Mr. Robinson reviewed the procedures for calling an election as required by the legislation creating the District. He stated that Brazoria County plans to adopt a resolution to administer the election on behalf of the District. He stated that the polling places for the District's election will be the same polling places used for Brazoria County's election. Mr. Burkett reported that the estimated expenses for holding the District's election were reviewed with the Brazoria County Commissioners Court and a preference for a November election was expressed.

ADOPT ORDER CALLING CONFIRMATION ELECTION AND DIRECTORS ELECTION

Mr. Robinson next reviewed with the Board an Order Calling Confirmation and Initial Directors Election and Authorizing Joint Election with Brazoria County, Texas Pursuant to Chapter 271, Texas Election Code, a copy of which is attached. Upon a motion made by Director Pyburn and seconded by Director Felder, the Board unanimously adopted the Order declaring that the election will be held jointly with the County on November 8, 2005, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Joint Election Resolution adopted by the Court, and subject to approval by the Commissioners Court.

REVIEW AND APPROVE VOTING RIGHTS ACT SUBMISSION LETTER TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Robinson next reviewed with the Board a Voting Rights Act Letter for submission to the U.S. Department of Justice, a copy of which is attached. Upon a motion made by Director Felder and seconded by Director Mikeska, the Board unanimously approved the Voting Rights Act letter as presented, subject to approval by the Commissioners Court.

DISCUSS SCHEDULING STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

The Board discussed scheduling "stakeholder" meetings for water districts and items for inclusion on a proposed web site for the District.

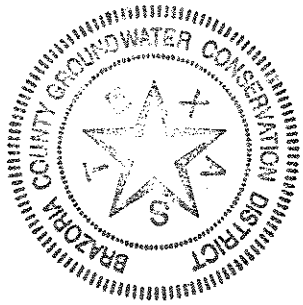
The Board concurred to meet again as required.

Upon a motion made by Director O'Day and seconded by Director Felder, the Board adjourned.

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Raymond D. Felder
Secretary, Board of Directors

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