

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
REEVES COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
119 South Cedar St. Pecos, Texas 79772
Thursday, May 16th, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

1. Vice President David Dominguez called meeting to order 5:06 p.m. and declared meeting open to the public. A quorum of directors was present. Present were Ginny Barmore, Luke Brown, Cecil Lee, Nancy Martinez, Benjamin Burnham. Absent: James Ward and Bill Dugat, attorney for the District, was in attendance.
2. Public Comment: **None**.
3. Discussion and action to approve minutes of the April 18th, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing for Drilling and Production Permits.
 - a. **Motion** was made by Cecil Lee and seconded by Luke Brown to approve minutes of the April 16th, 2024, meeting. No discussion. All voted in favor, 6-0.
4. Discussion and possible action on financial statements.
 - a. **Motion** was made by Ginny Barmore and seconded by Nancy Martinez to approve the April financial statements. No discussion. All voted in favor, 6-0.
5. Discussion and possible action on payment of bills.
 - a. **Motion** was made by Ginny Barmore and seconded by Nancy Martinez to approve the April bills. No discussion. All voted in favor, 6-0.
6. General Manager's Report:
 - a. Current stakeholder meetings, conferences attended & correspondence.
 - b. Operations report (bank, tax & investment statements; drilling report; drought map)
 - c. Current well registrations/permits.
 - i. No Action
7. Discussion and possible action on proposal by Blanton Associates, Inc / ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc to conduct two informational work sessions to discuss the natural resources occurring in Reeves County and surrounding counties and the issues related to the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973.
 - a. No Action
8. Discussion and possible action on RCGCD participation in Property Tax Abatements, supported by the Pecos Economic Development Corporation (PEDC), not to exceed 10 yrs.
 - a. Cecil Lee stated his vote would be "no", Ginny Barmore stated her vote would be "yes". The Board spoke about the pros and cons of new businesses coming into Pecos and taxing them vs giving abatements.
 - b. Discussion only, no action.
9. Discussion and possible action on a Borderlands Research Institute (BRI) Proposal for RCGCD to provide financial support launching the West Texas Water Research Center at Sul Ross State University.
 - a. No Action.

10. Discussion and possible action on contributing financial support to UT-BEG to continue their research project in and around the San Solomon Springs watershed. Presentation by Rebecca C. Smyth, M.A., P.G. Hydrogeologist / Project Manager.

- Nancy asked what other funding UT-BEG is receiving. Rebecca stated they are just about out of money funded my Apache to be a neutral party for 2 years at \$2,000,000.00. Luke Brown stated Apache just bought more land in the Brown Hills. She has received discretionary State funds that come to them from the State Legislature, also received gift funds, contributions (equipment), and donations from private landowners. She is currently talking to her supervisors at UT-BET to match funds .5 to 1 match. Ben Burnham asked about the size of the equipment being used. Cecil Lee spoke about windmill operated wells producing 4GPM if that is considered "not in use". Rebecca stated they would be the most difficult to interpret, because the pumping cycle is not regular. Ginny Barmore asked, where is James Beach getting his data from to create the flow model. Greg answered, from RCGCD and The Texas Water Development Board, that RCGCD adds more monitor wells every year in different areas than UT-BEG is looking at. Greg stated that there is interest in the Springs worldwide, even though we are branching out of our district, but this is the water that comes up within our district and becomes surface water. If RCGCD does not try to protect them and investigate them, it could be harmful for us in the future. Nancy Martinez asked if Rebecca believed if the \$100,000.00 would be efficient to get the data she was looking for. Rebecca stated "no", that it was only the beginning. Because she doesn't know when and where it will rain, so she does not know how many years she will need to come out here. She stated she could give RCGCD a detailed budget. Rebecca stated the equipment has limited lifetimes and was installed in January 2022. The power is down to 50% and she said she will need new loggers cost about \$25,000 apiece. Rebecca stated the District made a grant to UT-BEG last summer of \$25,000 last summer.
- No Action.

11. Discussion and possible action on 1st Quarter Investment Report.

- Motion** was made by Luke Brown and seconded by Ben Burnham to approve the 1st Quarter Investment Report. No discussion. All voted in favor, 6-0.

12. Discussion and possible action on 1st Quarter Drought Report.

- Motion** was made by Luke Brown and seconded by Ginny Barmore to approve the 1st Quarter Drought Report. No discussion. All voted in favor, 6-0.

13. Discussion and possible action on correspondence received.

- Greg Passed around the Photo of the RCGCD Scholarships for PBTISD that was in the Pecos Enterprise on 5/16/2024.
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality – Notice of Receipt Of Application And Intent To Obtain Water Quality Permit – Proposed Permit No. WQ0005454000 Application: Texas Pacific Water Resources LLC, 1700 Pacific Avenue, Suite 2900, Dallas Texas 75201, which owns a produced water treatment facility, has applied to the TCEQ for proposed Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005454000 (EPA I.D. No. TX0145661) authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 2,730,000 gallons per day. The facility will be located approximately 2.10 miles north of the intersection of County Road 446 and FM Road 652 West, in Reeves County, Texas 79770

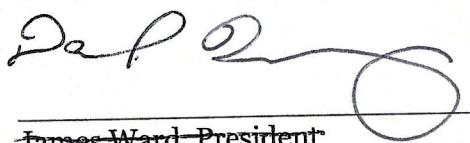
14. Discussion and possible action on date and time of next Board Meeting and items to consider at next Board meeting.

- a. **Next Board meeting will be on Thursday 6/20/2024.**
- b. **Items to consider: Annual Report, Proposal by Blanton Associates, Inc / ICF Jones & Stokes Inc, Borderlands Research Institute Proposal**

15. Discussion and possible action to adjourn.

- a. **Motion** was made by David Dominguez and seconded by Ben Burnham to adjourn at **6:10PM**. All voted in favor, 6-0.

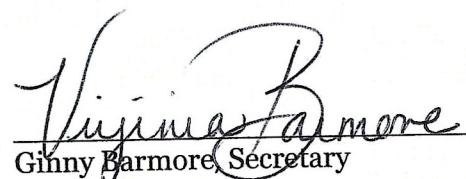
Dated the 18th day of April 2024.



~~James Ward, President~~



~~David Dominguez, Vice president~~



~~Ginny Barmore, Secretary~~