

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING And
REEVES COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RCGCD)**

119 South Cedar St., Pecos, Texas 79772

Wednesday, October 31, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., Meeting Agenda

1. President, James Ward, called meeting to order **5:01 p.m.** and declared meeting open to the public. A quorum of directors was present. Present were David Dominguez, Ginny Barmore, Cecil Lee, Ben Burnham, and Nancy Martinez. Absent: Luke Brown. Bill Dugat, attorney for the District, was also present via Zoom.
2. Public Comment:
 - a. Gil Van Deventer, Heard about Toyah oil well Said the owner blowout and the Orla flowing well, has a project in Orla that he is monitoring. Thinks he found the well report for the well. Dan Knox (owner) told him that the well is flowing about 5 barrels a day. Stated Sarah Stogner and Hawk Dunlap have both been to the well to help.
3. Discussion and action to approve minutes of September 19, 2024, Public Hearings on Tax Rate and Proposed Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria and Regular Board Meeting.
 - a. **Motion** was made by Ben Burnham and seconded by Nancy Martinez to approve minutes of the September 19, 2024, meeting. No discussion. All voted in favor, 5-0 (David Dominguez was not present during vote).
4. Discussion and possible action on financial statements.
 - a. Motion was made by Ginny Barmore and seconded by Nancy Martinez to approve the September financial statements. No discussion. All voted in favor, 5-0 (Cecil Lee was not present during vote).
5. Discussion and possible action on payment of bills.
 - a. Motion was made by Ben Burnham and seconded by Ginny Barmore to approve the September payment of bills. No discussion. All voted in favor, 5-0 (Cecil Lee was not present during vote).
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 on General Manager's Report
7. Discussion and possible action on 3rd Quarter Investment Report.
 - a. Motion was made by David Dominguez and seconded by Nancy Martinez to approve 3rd Quarter Investment Report. No Discussion. All voted in favor, 5-0 (Cecil Lee was not present during vote).
8. Discussion and possible action on 3rd Drought Report.
 - a. Motion was made by Ben Burnham and seconded by David Dominguez to approve 3rd Quarter Drought Report. No Discussion. All voted in favor, 5-0 (Cecil Lee was not present during vote).

9. Discussion and possible action on update of Toyah Oil Well blowout and flowing Orla Water Well.

- a. Greg Perrin stated that Kender Morgan has stopped the blowout at the Toyah well and is now working on the cleanup.
- b. Devin Tracy and Raymond Straub from Straub Corporation gave presentation on the flowing Orla well. The well has been capped, and the water flow is maintained, and the water is being collected into a tank. Across the street from well 3741 is an NGL solar disposal site. There was some pressure on the surface around 178 PSI. This is a violation of the Railroad Commission (rule 3.17). This pressure should be zero. James Ward asked if they think the source is from the old oil well leaking pressurizing the groundwater table pushing fresh water up so the bottom of the aquifer is getting filled with brin water. Raymond Straub said that's what it looks like. What they found was predominantly gas. Greg Perrin asked if RCGCD has enough knowledge on this well to file a complaint and to write a formal letter to the Railroad commission. Raymond stated there was enough to warrant a complaint and ask the Railroad commission to look further. Nancy Martinez asked if they know if there are other plugged water wells that could potentially start flowing again because of the pressure. Raymond said this is the only one that has been identified that is flowing. There are rising water levels in some of the wells. the potential is there. Raymond stated we need to move forward sooner than later. Gil Van Deventer asked if it was 6-inch PVC on the well, Raymond said, no, it was 6-inch steel with a 4-inch liner inside. Gil Van Deventer stated he spoke with the owner Dan Knox who told him he first noticed the well flowing in February when there were some earthquakes. Gil Van Deventer asked if they found a well report, Raymond said they have not. James Ward stated he thinks RCGCD needs to move forward with a complaint with the Railroad Commission. Nancy Martinez said she thinks that moving forward with a complaint to the Railroad commission is something RCGCD should pursue. Cecil Lee stated it is "our job", "that's why we are serving". Bill Dugat suggested RCGCD add a formal complaint letter to the Railroad Commission to the agenda next month for consideration.
- c. No Action Taken

10. Update on WWTX4.

- a. Greg Perrin Stated he had nothing but good comments about the conference and that he really appreciated the RCGCD Board being there and all their help. Nancy Martinez asked if there will be a link for people to see the video of the conference. Amber Redden said that they are being edited now and then BIS Consulting will upload the file to the RCGCD website for viewing. James Ward suggested that next year RCGCD could do a field trip. James Ward asked Raymond if RCGCD could use the conference for continuing education hours. Raymond said, yes.

11. Discussion and possible action on correspondence received.

- a. Apex Blue Ridge Farm
- b. Email from Trey Gerfers, subject: GMA 4 and San Solomon Springs
- c. TCEQ Proposed Permit No. WQ0016625001, Quail Run Service, LLC, 10613 West Sam Houston Parkway North, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77064.
- d. TCEQ Notice of a proposed amendment without renewal of general permit TXR050000 authorizing the discharge of stormwater associated with industrial activities

- e. TCEQ, Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit, Draft Permit No. O4623
- 12. Discussion and possible action on date and time of the next Board Meeting and items to consider at next Board meeting.
 - a. Next meeting November 21st, 2024
 - b. December meeting will be 12/19/2024
 - c. November Meeting,
 - i. James Beach from Advanced Groundwater Solutions, LLC,
 - ii. GMA 4 and San Solomon Springs MOU,
 - iii. Straub Corporation and letter to the Railroad Commission,
- 13. Discussion and possible action to adjourn.
 - a. Motion was made by Nancy Martinez and seconded by Ginny Barmore to Adjourn at 6:22 PM. All voted in favor, 6-0

Dated the 30th day of October 2024.

James W. Ward
James Ward, President

Ginny Barmore
Ginny Barmore, Secretary