

**Minutes of the Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting on Wednesday August 10, 2011 at 1:30 pm at the Guadalupe Basin Natural Resources Center – Boardroom 125 Lehmann Drive, Kerrville, Texas**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call, Certification of Quorum in Compliance with Texas Open Meetings Law.**

Directors Present: Mary Ellen Summerlin

Gordon Morgan

Diane McMahon

Jack Pratt

John Elliott- absent

Staff Present: Gene Williams, Courtney Billings

**2. Public Information - At this time, any person with business not scheduled on the agenda may address the Board of Directors. No formal action may be taken on these matters.**

Bruce Motheral addressed his concern with Rule 8.5 being a problem with current economic situation. He felt that beyond the requirements of TCEQ the HGCD could be holding back applicants. Mr. Motheral's concern was individuals do not get any benefit only public and board benefit from Rule 8.5. Mr. Motheral asked if the board would reconsider Rule 8.5.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of the Minutes**

**2. Approval of Paying of the Bills**

**3. Receiving the Treasurer's Report**

**4. Receiving the Groundwater Report**

Director Pratt move to approve the Consent Agenda, and Director Summerlin seconded. Summerlin, Morgan, McMahon and Pratt voted in favor, motion carried.

**4. Update from Stuart Barron, City of Kerrville Water/Waste Water Manager, regarding the water and drought status.**

Stuart Barron provided a short informational discussion regarding the sources of water for the City of Kerrville and how they are holding up with the current

drought conditions. The City of Kerrville has four sources of water; groundwater wells, ASR wells, impounded surface water and the run of the river water. The city is currently using 2 million gallons in ground water and the South Texas Watermaster has the City cut back to 250,000 gallons of surface water a day. The city is currently only operating on one ASR well at a time and they have 700 million gallons stored in the ASR wells. The City currently uses 4-5 million gallons a day. Stuart further indicated that the city is currently drilling for a new well at the Methodist Encampment to help distribution of water throughout the city.

**5. Presentation from Ray Buck, General Manger UGRA, regarding “Water and Sediment Control Dam Site Selection and Construction Process”.**

Ray Buck from the Upper Guadalupe River Authority presented their Water Enhancement Program topics. The first was the background of the program to increase the recharge and subsequent spring flow and enhance surface water flow in the headwaters for the basin. Second was the Brush Management Cost Share Pilot Program which is to help water enhancement through brush management on the area’s headwaters to potentially increase the recharge for the area by removal of cedar. And third was the water and sediment control basin pilot program to build an earthen impoundment in the Kerr Wildlife Management Area. Advantages to this structure would reduce erosion and flood damage and potentially increase recharge for the Edwards Aquifer Plateau. The UGRA is requesting a partnership between HGCD and UGRA on this program.

**6. Discussion and possible action, to place proposed 2011-2012 Budget on the September 14, 2011 regular board meeting agenda for approval.**

Director McMahon moved to approve placing the proposed budget with amended line item for Aquifer Enhancement to the September 14, 2011 board meeting for approval. Director Summerlin seconded. Director Morgan, Summerlin, McMahon and Pratt voted in favor, motion carried.

**7. Discussion and Possible Action by Roll Call Vote to Set Proposed 2011-2012 Tax Rate at the Current Rate of \$0.0074 Yielding an Increase of “Tax on the Average Residence Homestead” of 1.48%. Set Date for a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2011-2012 Tax Rate and Place on the September 14, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Agenda for Adoption.**

Director Summerlin moved to set the tax rate at 0.0074% and to set a date for the Public Hearing on the proposed 2011-2012 tax rate on September 14, 2011. At 1:30 pm Director Pratt seconded.

A roll call vote was taken: For: Summerlin

Morgan  
McMahon  
Pratt

Absent: Elliott

## **8. General Managers Report:**

- **GMA 9 Report**

Discussion on GMA 9 petition filled that were received in a timely manner. All the petitions with GMA 9 will be consolidated into a lump sum. Discussion of a GMA 9 representative to set on the Region J Board.

- **New Permit, Jerry B. Stephens, P0188**

Discussion on Mr. Stephens's usage for livestock and for irrigation of trees. Five year agriculture permit issued for 10,500,000 gallons per year.

- **New Permit, Fisher Ranches, LTD, P0183**

Five year agriculture permit issued for 2,500,000 gallons per year.

## **9. Education Committee Update**

There was not an education committee meeting this month. There was discussion regarding participation in the river parade and booth on August 13, 2011. Discussion regarding local awards and Texas Environmental Excellence Award.

## **10. Directors Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Director Pratt requested HGCD Rule 8.5 to be placed on the agenda for discussion and possible action. Next board meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> HGCD director's agenda item to discuss the Rule 8.5 from the HGCD District rules.

## **11. Adjournment**

**APPROVED:**

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Gordon Morgan

Board of Directors, President

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Diane McMahon

Board of Directors, Secretary/Treasurer