

PECAN VALLEY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
1009 N. ESPLANADE STREET CUERO, TX 77954
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

Board Members Present: Darnell Knippa, Chairman (Pct. 2), Clem Waskow, Vice-Chairman (At Large), Velinda Geffert, Secretary/Treasurer (Pct. 3), and Marvin Sager, Director (Pct. 4), Tim Pennell, Director (Pct. 1)

Also in attendance: Cindy Parma, General Manager, Carole Moore, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Knippa at 9:00 A.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Establish Quorum: Quorum established.
4. Introduction of Guests and Virtual Visitors/Hearing Participants: Robert Egg, Chris Matthews (BPX), Jesse Doreck (BPX).
5. Public comment: None.

Public Hearing Opened at 9:02 A.M.

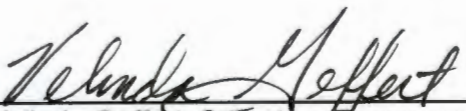
6. Public Hearing on Contested Operating Permit Application – BPX Operating – Blake Muir (Muir D 5-6H, 8H, E 5-6H, 8H/Hansen A 3-H WW #1). The beneficial use is for Mining Oil and Gas purposes. The Operating Permit Application requests an annual production of 60 Acre-Feet of water. This would be a total of 534.89 Acre-Feet of water per year from ten (10) water wells. This property is located on FM 766 near Westhoff and involves 1,956.01 acres.
 - a. Preliminary Hearing on Contested Application from BPX Operating on Blake Muir property. Matters to be considered at the Preliminary Hearing include all matters authorized under District Rule 15.5, including but not limited to designation of the parties, designation of procedural schedule, and setting of date for evidentiary hearing on the merits of the applications.: Mr. Muir withdrew the protest on 5/20/24. No action taken.
 - b. Adjourn or continue Preliminary Hearing.: Hearing continued.
7. Public Hearing on two Non-Exempt Drilling/Operating Permit Applications – BPX Operating Company.
 - a. Public Hearing on two Drilling/Operating Permit Applications submitted by BPX Operating Company on Martin O'Connor Ranch, Ltd. property for the beneficial use of Mining Oil and Gas. The two operating permit applications are requesting 1,588.05 acre-feet of water per year from each water well. This would be a total of 3,476.10 Acre-Feet of water per year from five water wells. The proposed construction of both wells will comply with District Rule 8.1 regarding additional production limits on deep wells (approximate 4,000' depth). Operating Permit amounts will be contingent on lab analysis of elevated TDS levels. This property is located on FM 2542 near Cuero and involves 1,738.05 acres.: No public comment.

- b. Discussion and possible action on drilling/operating permit applications.: A motion to approve the two Drilling/Operating Permit Applications as presented under Agenda Item No. 5. This motion includes:
1. A waiver of the annual testing requirements in Rule 6.2 based upon the applicant's willingness to drill deeper to utilize brackish water rather than fresh water;
 2. These applications for a deep well are exactly the type of good cause referred to in Rule 6.2.9, which gives the Board the authority to determine certain application requirements are unnecessary under the circumstances. We want to encourage drilling deeper wells, and this is a way to do that; and
 3. The applicant is required to test the TDS levels of the water in both wells to determine the exact number of acre-feet authorized under the operating permits under Rule 8.1 with an additional stipulation that TDS levels are required to be submitted semi-annually to PVGCD was made by Marvin Sager, seconded by Tim Pennell, which carried unanimously.
- c. Adjourn or continue Public Hearing:

Public Hearing Closed at 9:12 A.M.

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8. Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2024 Meeting B (provided prior to meeting):. A motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2024 Meeting B as presented was made by Tim Pennell, seconded by Clem Waskow, which carried unanimously.
9. Financial Report: Board Treasurer has checked March and April 2024 bank statement reconciliations and finds all in order.: A motion to approve March and April 2024 Financial Report was made by Velinda Geffert, seconded by Clem Waskow, which carried unanimously.
10. Investment Reports for March and April 2024 (provided prior to meeting):. A motion to approve the March and April 2024 Investment Report was made by Tim Pennell, seconded by Clem Waskow, which carried unanimously.
11. Uncontested Permits Report.: General Manager Cindy Parma presented the report. (See attached report.)
12. General Manager Report. The General Manager will brief the Board on operational and management matters of the District since the last Board meeting, including updates on registration and permitting, Groundwater Management Area matters, work of consultants, the district's database and website, monitoring wells and water levels, conferences, and upcoming events.: General Manager Cindy Parma presented the report. (See attached report.)
13. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M. with a motion by Tim Pennell and seconded by Clem Waskow, which carried unanimously.



Velinda Geffert, Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded: Carole Moore, Administrative Assistant