

Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District

Minutes of November 17, 2009

On this the 17th day of November, 2009, Public Hearings and a Regular Session of the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District, of Pecos County, Texas, met in the Courtroom of the Pecos County Courthouse, Fort Stockton, Texas located at 103 West Callaghan with the following members present, to-wit:

Glenn Honaker	President, Precinct 1
John Dorris	Vice President, Precinct 3
M. R. Gonzalez	Secretary/Treasurer, Precinct 2
Jack McIntyre	Precinct 1
Merrell Daggett	Precinct 2
Lynn Holland	Precinct 3
Alvaro Mandujano, Jr.	Precinct 4
Ronnie Cooper	Precinct 4
Vanessa Cardwell	City of Fort Stockton
S. Evans Turpin	City of Iraan

Members Absent: Houston McKenzie

Note: Vanessa Cardwell arrived at approximately 1:53 at the beginning of agenda item #IV.

Others Present: Paul Weatherby/General Manager, Melissa Mills/Office Manager, Bill Johnson/MPGCD Field Technician, Bob Varmette/Fort Stockton Pioneer, Jeff Williams, Dr. Jim Duke, Greg Stanton/USGS, George Ozuna/USGS, Michael Thornhill/Fort Stockton Holdings, Hydrogeologist, J. W. Thrasher/Pecos River Compact Commission, Norman Fryar, Logan Lair, Shane Diller, Winston Pfiester, Steve Sellepack, Chan P.

Call to Order. The Public Hearings were called to order at 1:02 pm by President Glenn Honaker. Quorum is present.

I Open for Public Comment (Limit 5 minutes per person). None

II Consider and/or act upon Pecos County WCID#1 production permit application

M. R. Gonzalez made a motion and John Dorris seconded the motion to approve the increase in the production permit for the Pecos County WCID#1 for the well system of well#2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.1 and 7.2. The total production permit is now 631 acre feet. Motion passed unanimously.

III Consider and/or act upon Bruce McKee production permit application

Bruce McKee has drilled a new well for industrial purposes located in the Pecos Valley Aquifer. He is requesting 200 acre feet for the one well. John Dorris made a motion to approve the production permit request in the amount of 200 acre feet. Alvaro Mandujano, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously carried.

IV Consider and/or act upon Tony Mandujano production permit application

Tony Mandujano has drilled a replacement well for irrigation purposes located in the Pecos Valley Aquifer. He is requesting 400 acre feet for the one well. Merrell Daggett made a motion to approve the request for 400 acre feet, which was seconded by Lynn Holland. Alvaro Mandujano, Jr. abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

V Adjourn. Ronnie Cooper made a motion to adjourn the hearings, seconded by Evans Turpin. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm.

Regular Board Meeting *Call to Order* upon adjournment of the Public Hearings.

I Consider and/or act upon minutes September 15, 2009

John Dorris moved, Evans Turpin seconded that the minutes of September 15, 2009 be approved, and the motion passed unanimously.

II Comments from Public and Media (limit 5 minutes per person)

There were no public comments

III Consider and/or act upon Accounts Payable, Treasurer's Report as of 09-30-2009 and Treasurer's Report as of 10-31-2009, Line Item Transfers

Lynn Holland made a motion to approve the accounts payable, both Treasurer's Reports and the Line Item Transfers. Seconded by Ronnie Cooper. Motion passed.

J. W. Thrasher with the Pecos River Compact Commission, was given the floor. No action will be taken today. The presentation will be for informational purposes only. Mr. Thrasher explained that the Pecos River Compact has formed a group for the purpose of investigating the source and entry point of the salt intrusions that are occurring in the Pecos River. The Pecos River is basically a forgotten river, but its devastating impact on the Amistad Reservoir is ever increasing. The group has been unsuccessful in securing funding from the Federal Government to conduct studies that need to be done. The group would like to perform studies on the Pecos River from Coynosa to Girvin, and to one day improve the quality of the water. Mr. Thrasher is asking for support from the Middle Pecos GCD.

IV Consider and/or act upon USGS regarding Independent Water Study

George Ozuna and Greg Stanton, USGS representatives, were present to answer further questions, as the MPGCD Board prepared to sign a Resolution Providing General Manager Authority to Move Forward in Coordinating with USGS and Negotiate With Cooperators (Pecos County, PCWCID#1, City of Fort Stockton, and others) in the Study Area. The resolution is necessary in order to allow Mr. Weatherby, on behalf of the MPGCD, to talk with the other entities involved with the proposed USGS project.

Lynn Holland made a motion to accept and sign the resolution. John Dorris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V Consider and/or act upon Progress Reports: Well Registrations, Production Permits, Drilling Permits, Data Loggers, Water Analysis, District's development of Desired Future Conditions and Management Plan

Manager Weatherby reported that:

- Well registrations are still coming in,
- Graphs of the wells monitored by the Texas Water Development Board were presented to the board for review
- Fort Stockton Holdings has completed the seconded round of pump tests, and has sent 2 copies of the results. This will be addressed at the December meeting.
- He is researching the possibility of receiving reports of drilling rigs that are pumping fresh water in Pecos County. The report would let us know who is supposed to be reporting water usage to us.

VI General Manager's report on incoming Groundwater District Correspondence

- There will be a TAGD meeting in Austin in December.

VII Consider and/or act upon Agenda for next meeting

- Fort Stockton Holdings has requested to be on the agenda in December.

VIII Adjourn Lynn Holland made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Dorris. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

M. R. Gonzalez,
Secretary/Treasurer

Glenn Honaker
President

Date Approved