

## Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District

Minutes of September 16, 2008

On this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008, 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:

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| Glenn Honaker         | President, Precinct 1              |
| John Dorris           | Vice President, Precinct 3         |
| Brad Newton           | Secretary/Treasurer, Fort Stockton |
| Jack McIntyre         | Precinct 1                         |
| M. R. Gonzalez        | Precinct 2                         |
| Lynn Holland          | Precinct 3                         |
| Alvaro Mandujano, Jr. | Precinct 4                         |
| Bart Reid             | Precinct 4                         |
| S. Evans Turpin       | Iraan                              |

Absent board members: Houston McKenzie and Merrell Daggett

Others Present: Paul Weatherby/General Manager, Melissa Mills/Office Manager, Bob Varmette/Fort Stockton Pioneer, Jeff Williams, Zan Matthies and Don Johnson.

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by President Glenn Honaker.

**I. Consider and/or act upon minutes of May 20, 2008.** Upon review of the minutes, John Dorris made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections to be made to item #8 that the other income should be \$25,000 (not \$2,500) which was seconded by Jack McIntyre and the motion carried unanimously.

**II. Comments from Public and Media (limit 5 minutes per person).** There were no comments from the public.

### **III. Consider and/or act upon the Account Payable, Treasurer's Report and Line Item Transfers.**

Mr. Weatherby reported to the board that \$60,000 will need to be transferred from the CD to the money market account to cover operating expenses for the months of October through January, at which time we will be receiving our first tax receipts.

Lynn Holland made a motion to approve the account payable, treasurer's report and line item transfers which was seconded by John Dorris. Passed unanimously.

**IV Consider and/or act upon Mileage Rate**

John Dorris made a motion to increase the mileage rate to 58.5¢ per mile; M. R. Gonzalez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**V. Consider and/or act upon Sandridge Tax Abatement**

The abatement request was not received prior to the meeting. Mike Gershon, MPGCD attorney, prepared guidelines and criteria for tax abatements for the board to review. Appendix A is the Pecos County guidelines verbatim. Due to the length of the guidelines, a motion to table actions on the Sandridge Tax Abatement and the guidelines resolution was made by Brad Newton, seconded by John Dorris. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI Consider and/or act upon Progress Reports**

Manager Mr. Weatherby reported that a few notices of intent to drill have been received. There are 5 new test holes to be drilled at the Sandridge gas complex area. An oil well is going to be adapted to a large irrigation well on the Alpine Highway, and a few domestic/exempt wells are waiting to be drilled.

Data Logger report: the new data loggers have been received and will be installed. When installed, this will bring the total number of data loggers across Pecos County to 25 total. Other critical areas that may need monitored will be reviewed by our hydrologist. The recharge areas for our water supply need to be monitored – but we have not heard from Brewster County yet. Our request is being reviewed by their lawyer. There are no data loggers for MPGCD beyond our Pecos County lines.

Meeting adjourned into executive session for a legal matter at 1:28 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 2:08 pm. There was no action taken in the executive session.

Sheffield – Saltwater Disposal Well. An application has been turned in to the Railroad Commission for a saltwater disposal well to be located in downtown Sheffield. Mr. Weatherby will be asking our geologist to do a survey on the well situation due to the fact that the public water supply source is near by and may need protecting. A report on the situation will be ready at the next meeting.

**VII Consider and/or act upon District Correspondence**

Mr. Weatherby attended a conference in Amarillo on Natural Resources. September 17-19 Mr. Weatherby, Mr. Holland and Mr. Newton will attend a Groundwater Law Conference in Austin. They will meet with Senator Uresti and Representative Gallego, as an introductory meeting only – no business will be conducted.

Mr. Weatherby informed the board that the upcoming legislative year will be very busy for groundwater issues and several trips to Austin are on the horizon and that he will keep the board advised of issues as they arise.

**VIII Consider and/or act upon Agenda for next meeting**

Sandridge Tax Abatement, Resolution for Guidelines for Tax Abatements, Riata Energy/Sheffield saltwater injection well, and the 2006/2007 audit should be ready for presentation.

**IX. Adjournment:** Lynn Holland made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Dorris.. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 2:14 pm.

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Brad Newton, Secretary/Treasurer

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Glenn Honaker, President

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Date Approved