

## Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District

Minutes of September 7, 2010

On this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010, a Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate and Public Hearing on Management Plan and Public Hearing on Drilling/Production Permits 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
Janet Groth	Precinct 1
Merrell Daggett	Precinct 2
Lynn Holland	Precinct 3
Ronald Cooper	Precinct 4
Evans Turpin	City of Iraan

Quorum Present.

Member Absent: Houston McKenzie, Vanessa Cardwell and Alvaro Mandujano, Jr.,

Others Present: Paul Weatherby/General Manager, Mike Gershon/MPGCD Attorney, Randy Williams/MPGCD Hydrogeologist, Melissa Mills/Office Manager, Bob Varmette/Fort Stockton Pioneer, Jeff Williams, Dr. Jim Duke, Michael Thornhill & Darrell Peckham/FSH Hydrogeologist, Ed McCarthy /FSH Attorneys, Harvey Gray, Ernest Woodward, Gary Bryant, Foster Cox, Kirby Warnock, A. F. Carpenter, John MacCarpenter, Barbara Kipgen, and Erika Montero.

### I **Call to Order**

Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate *Call to Order* at 1:12 PM, by President Honaker.

### II Second of two public hearings to receive public input on Proposed Tax Rate for 2010. No formal action will be taken to adopt the rate at today's hearing.

President Honaker: Last year the average taxable value of a residence homestead in Pecos County was \$48,552. Based on last years tax rate of \$.0085¢ per \$100 taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$4.12.

This year the average taxable value of a residence homestead in Pecos County is \$51,164. If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.0161¢ per \$100 taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$8.23.

There were no additional public comments.

III Adjourn. President Honaker adjourned the public hearing at 1:17 PM

I Public Hearing on Proposed Management Plan *Call to Order* at 1:18 PM, by President Honaker.

II Second of two public hearings to receive public input on proposed Management Plan. No formal action will be taken to adopt the management plan at this hearing. Charles (Randy) Williams, MPGCD Hydrogeologist, presented a review of the items that the Board had requested to be implemented into the Management Plan at the Public Hearing on August 24, 2010. Review presented from the Management Plan labeled September 2010.

- A. Maps for the Management Zones are inserted on pages 12 & 13. The maps are in need of adjustments before the final version.
- B. Page 14 was more information on water level elevation at Comanche Springs for management zone 1 inserted.
- C. Water level information for Coyanosa and Bakersfield have not yet been implemented into the management plan and will be inserted before the final version.
- D. The Board was given a handout to show the Board MPGCD annual production by aquifer.
- E. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) shows estimates of the amount of groundwater being used in the district on an annual basis is 43,378 acre-feet per year. Manager Weatherby has been in contact with the TWDB for many years trying to have their records correctly reflect a corrected usage of 93,268 acre-feet per year to no avail. Randy Williams will work directly with TWDB in an effort to get this error corrected. The MPGCD estimate of 93,268 is inserted in the management plan on page 18 and detailed on page D-5.
- F. Revised management plan objectives are reflected on page 27 under item #5.

Public Comments:

Mr. Kirby Warnock spoke regarding support for MPGCD efforts to manage and protect the groundwater resources of The District.

Ms. Barbara Kipgen spoke regarding the importance of protecting Comanche Springs for Fort Stockton.

Mr. Ed McCarthy spoke referencing the aquifer monitoring process stated in the management plan.

III Adjourn. President Honaker adjourned the public hearing at 2:45 PM

Recess called at 2:45 PM. Reconvened meeting at 3:10 PM.

**Public Hearing on Drilling/Production Permits *Call to Order* at 3:10 PM.**

- I Open for Public Comment (Limit 5 minutes per person) None
- II Consider and/or act upon Drilling/Production Permit for Tony Mandujano  
Manager Paul Weatherby informed the Board that the drilling/production permit for Tony Mandujano was incomplete at this time, and will be postponed until further notice.
- III Consider and/or act upon Production Permit for Fort Stockton Independent School District  
President Honaker read MPGCD rule #11.10.2.e. Excerpt from the rule: . *If no one appears at the hearing and the General Manager proposes to grant the application, the permit or permit amendment application is considered uncontested, and the General Manager may act on the permit application without conducting a permit hearing on the application.*  
No action taken by the Board. The General Manager will attend to the uncontested production permit.
- IV **Adjourn.** Merrell Daggett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Dorris. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 3:19 PM

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M. R. Gonzalez,  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Glenn Honaker, President

Date Approved

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