



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 16, 2011**

The directors of the CCGCD met on March 16, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at the Stafford Opera House located at 425 Spring Street, Columbus. A quorum to conduct business was declared present.

**Directors Present:** Scott Brasher, Whyman Psencik, Thomas Hudec and Kenny Neuendorff  
**Directors Absent:** Tom Kelley and Mary Stavinoha  
**Office Staff Present:** Jim Brasher and Kim Kansteiner  
**Guests Present:** None

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1. **Call meeting to order:**  
Director Brasher called the regular meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.
2. **Citizens Comments and Presentations:**  
None
3. **Approve Minutes of the Previous Meetings:**  
Director Psencik moved to approve minutes from the special and regular meetings held February 16, 2011. Director Neuendorff seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Ayes: Directors Brasher, Hudec, Psencik, and Neuendorff. Nays: None. Absent from vote: Directors: Kelley and Stavinoha. Vote: Motion approved unanimously.
4. **Oath of Office for New Director:**  
Place 6 – Eagle Lake candidate, Vic Corman, read the Oath of Office. The appropriate documentation was signed and notarized.
5. **General Manager’s Report**
  - Status of Registrations – GM Brasher reported a total of 412 registrations to date. Of those, 353 are existing wells and 59 are new wells. The website hit counter continues to increase. To date, the web counter reads 1253 hits.
  - Permit Applications:
    - Status of Permitting – GM Brasher reported that he sent letters, including a registration form and permit application, to 30 area farmers that irrigate with groundwater. To date, no response has been received.
    - Consider and Take Action on Permit Applications:

Applicant:	Ewald “Ted” Brandt
Well Location:	Weimar
Purpose:	Ag Irrigation
Status:	Director Hudec motioned to approve 641.25 acre ft over a 3 year period, including a waiver of the screening restrictions as noted in the CCGCD Rules & Regulations, Rule 4.3.1, (c). Director Psencik seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Ayes: Directors Brasher, Hudec, Psencik, and Neuendorff. Nays: None. Absent from vote: Directors: Kelley and Stavinoha. Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Applicant: Alan Zbranek  
Well Location: Garwood  
Purpose: Ag Irrigation  
Status: Director Psencik motioned to approve 112.5 acre ft. over a 3 year period.  
Director Hudec seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Ayes: Directors Brasher, Hudec, Psencik, and Neuendorff. Nays: None. Absent from vote: Directors: Kelley and Stavinoha. Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

- Rules – Revised copies of the amended District Rules and Regulations were handed out to Directors.
- Regional
  - LCRA Regional Council – GM Brasher reported that the next LCRA Regional Council meeting is scheduled for March 29 in El Campo (presentation concerning Run of River Rights Amendments).
  - GMA 15 – GM Brasher stated that a draft GAM Run from the TWDB to GMA 15. The Run was sent last November to an unused e-mail address; there was no follow-up by TWDB.
- PR /Training/News – GM Brasher reported that a Colorado County Wildlife Management Association Program will be held at the Columbus KC Hall on Saturday, March 19. GM Brasher and OM Kansteiner plan to have a table and will hand out literature and answer questions. Also, a TAGD meeting is scheduled for March 30-31.
- Operations Report
  - Grant Application for Meter Purchase – Per GM Brasher, he was notified by TWDB that the District’s application was in order and a decision will be made in March.
  - Monitoring Program – GM Brasher stated that the well monitoring device has been received and he is currently working on a well monitoring program. He plans to monitor on a monthly basis.
- Groundwater Policy News
  - Review of Senate Committee hearing on SB 332 – GM Brasher briefed on the Senate Natural Resources Committee Hearing held on March 2. Invited testimony came from 11 speakers and public testimony came from approximately 42 other people. GM Brasher and Ronald Gertson provided testimony against SB 332.
  - Review of SB 987 – GM Brasher reported that a letter explaining the District’s position was sent by certified mail on January 18, 2011 to all of the county’s commissioners and mayors in addition to the County Judge and Governor Rick Perry. All signed certified receipts were returned to the District office. Senate Natural Resource Committee Hearing was held on March 15. The bill will be sent to the House for consideration. GM Brasher asked the Board if they preferred to amend the proposed bill, cancel the bill or leave it as previously approved. The Board chose to keep the current bill intact.
- 2010 Performance Standards Review – GM Brasher stated he would have more info to report on this agenda item at the next meeting.
- Investment Officer Report
  - Status of Accounts – The Board signed the bank signature card to complete the opening of a NOW checking account at First State Columbus with an opening balance of \$100,000. Additional funds will be transferred periodically.

6. **Administrative Items:**

OM Kansteiner announced future meeting dates: April 20, May 18 and June 15 of 2011. The meeting time will change from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

7. **Comments from Directors**

Director Brasher – Inquired about preparation for 2012 budget.

Director Corman – None

Director Hudec – Suggested ways to promote water well registrations and permits.

Director Kelley – Absent

Director Neuendorff – None

Director Psencik – None

Director Stavinoha – Absent

8. **Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Kim Kansteiner, Office Manager  
Colorado County GCD