

**UPPER BLACK SQUIRREL CREEK GROUND  
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

The **May** meeting of the Board of Directors of the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District was called to order **Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.**, at the District Office, 520 Colorado Avenue, C, Calhan, CO by President David Doran, and determined a quorum was present.

**Board Members in Attendance:** President David Doran, Vice-President Dan Farmer, Treasurer Mark Greeley, Secretary JR Bond

Director Bond joined the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

**Board Members Absent:** NA

**Others in Attendance:** John Hill, Lisa Thompson Via Phone, Tracy Doran, Anita Baker, Donald Booker, Jerry Jacobson, Tom Kirby, Raul Guzman, Jonathan Smith, Mason Brown, Bruce Lytle

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS POSTED**

President Doran opened the meeting and called for approval or amendments to the agenda.

**1. Agenda for May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018:**

Director Farmer motioned to approve the agenda with the additions under New Business for #10 Barfield Final Plat, #11 Les Schwab, #12 Silverado Ranch Inc, #13 Meridian Overpumping and to move Board reports up to #5. Director Greeley seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

**2. Minutes for April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018:**

Director Greeley motioned to approve the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 minutes. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

**3. Treasurer Report & Any Bills Needing Board Approval:**

Treasurer Greeley reported on the income and expenses for the month of March and motioned to approve of payment for the attorney bill of \$16, 231.26. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

**4. Meridian Variance Request/Presentation by Meridian:**

Mason Brown introduced himself and gave his presentation. There was a question and answer session with the Board. Director Greeley motioned to approve Meridian's variance request. Director Bond seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

**5. Board Reports:**

1. **Ground Water Contamination Study:**  
Attorney Thompson briefed the Board on the meeting. Discussion followed.
2. **County Water Master Plan Steering Committee:**  
Attorney Thompson advised the Board on the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. President Doran updated the Board on the technical meeting held on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Discussion followed regarding the data and meeting with the State for more accurate numbers.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Cherokee Metro & Meridian Service Metro/Replacement Plan:**

Attorney Thompson reported that Cherokee republished its Motion in the Ranchland News the weeks of March 15 and March 22, 2018, the deadline for interested parties to object was April 21, 2018. A status conference will be held on May 11, 2018 to set a briefing schedule for Cherokee's Motion.

**A. Cherokee Motion For Determination of Question of Law:**

No updates on this.

**2. Case No. 15GW14/Meridian Ranch Replacement Plan Application:**

**A. Application to Include New Recharge Structure:**

Ms. Thompson advised the Board on the current status and deadlines of this case.

**B. Variance Request:**

Under #4 above

**C. Ground Water Commission, Case No. 16GW05/Meridian's Petition for Determination of Jurisdiction over Surface Water Within the UBS District:**

Attorney Thompson briefed the Board on the status of the case.

**3. Blue Springs Ponds:**

There were no updates on this item.

**4. Legislation/Rules:**

**a. Case No. 17GW04 (Rulemaking): Amendments to Ground Water Commission Rule 7.4 (Change in Description of Irrigated Acres):**

Ms. Thompson advised that there was a special meeting and the language was approved. Discussion followed. Ms. Thompson noted that we have stayed fairly neutral on this item.

**b. Case No. 17GW05 (Rulemaking)L Ground Water Commission Rule 5.6/5.8 (Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Draft Rules:**

Ms. Thompson informed the Board that this is our most active item. Ms. Thompson advised that the Commission Staff has rescheduled the Hearing and the new date is August 20-24, 2018. There are new deadlines now and she reported on those.

**c. General Amendment to all Designated Basin Rules 4, 5 & 7:**

Ms. Thompson advised that there were no updates at this time on this item.

This item was moved up in order for Attorney Thompson to discuss with the Board before she signed off:

**#13- New Business/Meridian Over-pumping Issue:**

Attorney Thompson advised the Board on the Meridian over-pumping issue. Discussion followed. Director Farmer motioned to send a letter to Meridian and the Ground Water Commission Staff on Meridian's over-pumping on the Guthrie well. Director Bond seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

Meridian stated that they have taken steps to prevent this from happening in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Water Well Permit Application/Dozier:**

Director Greeley motioned to approve the Dozier application. Director Bond seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

**2. Water Well Permit Application/Ager:**

Director Bond motioned to approve the Ager application. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

**3. Water Well Permit Application/Motes:**

Director Farmer motioned to approve the Motes application. Director Greeley seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

**4. Water Well Permit Application/Reynolds:**

Director Bond motioned to deny the Reynolds application until we have further information. Director Greeley seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

**5. Water Well Permit Application/Baughman:**

Director Bond motioned to approve the Baughman application. Director Greeley seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

**6. Water Well Permit Application/Solberg:**

Director Bond motioned to approve the Solberg application but with only 2 homes as is allowed for by our rules. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

**7. Determination of Water Right/Santisteven:**

Director Greeley motioned to approve the Santisteven Determination. Director Bond seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

**8. Water Well Permit Application/Giesbrecht:**

Director Greeley motioned to approve the Giesbrecht application. Director Bond seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

**9. El Paso County Review/Meadow Lake Airport:**

The Board discussed the 1041 Special Use issue. The Board did not take any action on this item.

**10. El Paso County Review/Les Schwab:**

Director Bond motioned to approve the review. Director Greeley seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

**11. El Paso County Review/Silverado Ranch:**

The Board directed Manager Doran to send comments to the County based on previous comments made and see if they could connect to Cherokee if they are within certain distances.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE BOARD MAY HAVE:**

There was a discussion by the Board that if any member of the board goes on a field visit by themselves and will be representing themselves as a board member they need to inform the rest of the board before hand and discuss with the Board so that everyone is aware of the field visit and can discuss/vote on that item.

Director Farmer informed the Board that there will be an event at the airport and it would be fun for everyone to attend. Discussion followed on Drones doing field investigations and dollar amounts for that and how it could benefit the district.

**VISITOR INPUT**

NA

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

NA

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

NA

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Doran called for the meeting to be adjourned.

Director Bond made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Greeley seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Doran/Office Manager