

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
POSGCD District Office
310 East Avenue C
Milano, Texas 76556
June 12, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Tommy Tietjen	POSGCD
Jim Hodson	POSGCD
Lee Alford	POSGCD
Nathan Ausley	POSGCD
Robert Ware	POSGCD
Jay Wilder	POSGCD
Dwayne Jekel	POSGCD
Kerry Starnes	POSGCD

Entity

Board Members Absent

Jay Tumlinson	POSGCD
Carroll Glaser	POSGCD

POSGCD Staff

Gary Westbrook	POSGCD
Drew Gholson	POSGCD
Elaine Gerren	POSGCD

Others Present

Steve Young	Intera
Dave Barkemeyer	Milam County
Phil Cook	Sierra Club
Rebecca Smyth	Self
Andy Jackson	Landowner

Entity

BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARINGS

1.) Call to Order and establish quorum

Nathan Ausley, Board President called the Board Meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:31 p.m.

2.) Public Hearing on Management Plan and amendments to Management Plan

Nathan Ausley, Board President, opened the public Hearing on the Management Plan at 5:31 p.m. and asked for comments or discussion from the public or Board. None was offered. Board President Ausley closed the public Hearing on the Management plan and amendments to the Management Plan at 5:32 p.m.

3.) Public Hearing on amendments to the Rules as generally referenced in notice posted May 4, 2012

Nathan Ausley, Board President, opened the public Hearing on the Rules at 5:32 p.m. and asked for comments or discussion from the public or Board. None was offered. Board President Ausley closed the public Hearing on the Rules at 5:33 p.m.

4.) Public Comment

President Ausley asked for public comment. No public comment was offered.

5.) Amend and Adopt Management Plan

A motion was made by President, Nathan Ausley to amend and adopt the Management Plan as presented. The motion was 2nd by Director Jim Hodson. The motion carried unanimously.

6.) Amend Rules

A motion was made by director Lee Alford to amend the Rules as presented. The motion was 2nd by Director Dwayne Jekel. The motion carried unanimously.

7.) Minutes of May 8, 2012 Board Meeting and May 8 2012 Grant Committee

President Ausley noted that the board members had received the minutes of these previous 2 meetings via mail. A motion was made by Director Jim Hodson to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2012 Board Meeting and the May 8, 2012 Grant Committee Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Director Kerry Starnes. The motion carried unanimously.

8.) Groundwater Conservation and Enhancement Grants

President Ausley reminded the Board that the Grant Committee had met twice, with the most recent meeting on May 8, and presented to the Board recommended amendments from the committee to the required checklist and scoring sheet for applications. After discussion, the Board agreed to recommend an amendment to the committee's recommended amended scoring sheet, and return these items to the committee for further work, to be brought back to the Board at a later meeting.

9.) Future Considerations for Rule Committee

General Manager, Gary Westbrook stated that he and Steve Young of Intera, have had discussions about additional Rules which may need attention next by the Board, and could be recommended to the Rules Committee for work in the near future. These rules include some of the definitions in the Rules, as well as additional rules defining how the District will monitor water levels, and evaluate those results. The Board agreed that the Rules Committee should begin work on these rules soon. During discussion of item 11.C.2, the Board briefly returned to this item to add to the list of items to be considered by the Rules Committee requirements for leases for rights in groundwater which could be considered in permitting. The Board then returned to item 11.C.3.

10.) Nomination to Technical Advisory Committee for Northern Trinity/woodbine Aquifer Groundwater Availability Model Overhaul Project of Groundwater Management Area 8

General Manager, Gary Westbrook and Steve Young, District Hydrogeologist, recommended that the Board nominate Drew Gholson, District Water Resource Management Specialist, to this committee because of his professional education, experience, and background. A motion was made by President, Nathan Ausley to nominate Drew Gholson to serve on this committee. The motion was 2nd by Director Lee Alford. The motion carried unanimously.

11.) Receive report from District Manager on recent District activities and take appropriate actions

A. Permit applications filed with the District and Hearing Dates; Emergency Permits Granted

General Manager Gary Westbrook reported there were no Emergency Permits Granted, and no hearings scheduled at this time, but that he had received two applications, which he expected would be declared complete in the near future which would require hearings. Those included an application from ALCOA, Inc. for production of groundwater to be used on site for manufacturing/industrial purposes, and an application filed by Anadarko, Inc. on behalf of John Loehr and Kay Vollentine for production of groundwater for oilfield uses, which would include some export to neighboring counties.

B. Well recordings and registrations, New well applications and completions, Wells plugged

General Manager Gary Westbrook reported that there were 13 wells registered, 7 new well applications, 9 new wells completed, and 0 well plugged

C. Recent and future District presentations and activities

1. Violations of Rules by W-5 Drilling of Anderson, TX

General Manager, Gary Westbrook discussed the recent investigation of W-5 Drilling as mailed out to the Board, and advised that there are additional ongoing investigations with this company as well. He advised the Board that he would like to consider additional information before taking action against this company, including possible requirement of refunds of money and plugging of wells for citizens of the District.

2. Letter to Scott Carlson of May 16, 2012

General Manager, Gary Westbrook offered for discussion a letter that he mailed to Mr. Scott Carlson on May 16, 2012, and an email received by Mr. Carlson on June 12 which Mr. Carlson requested be given to the Board. Comment was heard from Barney Knight, Legal Counsel for the District. Mr. Knight recommended that the Board look at adding some provisions to the rules with respect to leasing water rights and the reduction of Historical use amounts. President Ausley returned to Agenda item 9 for disposition of this recommendation.

3. Texas Farm Bureau 2012 Agriculture Water Summit

A handout of the results of Texas Farm Bureau's 2012 Water Summit Report was provided to the Board.

4. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) 2012 Texas Groundwater Summit of August 28-30, 2012

General Manager, Gary Westbrook reviewed the agenda for the TAGD Groundwater Summit of August 28-30, 2012, and stated the he and Drew Gholson would be attending, and added that this might be a beneficial conference for any Board members to attend.

5. 2012 Spring Local Water Utility Workshops of May 29 and May 31, 2012

General Manager, Gary Westbrook stated that 45 people attended the Caldwell Workshop and about 30 attended the Milano Workshop. He noted that the speaker was Mr. Elston Johnson, Manager of Public Drinking Water, Texas Commission on Environmental Qualities. Director Ware and Jekel, who attended these workshops agreed that Mr. Johnson did a very good, the information was well received and of benefit to the local water utilities of the District, and that the workshops were a success. General Manager, Gary Westbrook noted that copies of these presentations were available at the District offices and also on the District's website.

6. Presentations to Somerville Rotary of May 30, 2012

General Manager noted that he made a presentation to the Somerville Rotary on May 30, 2012

12.) Bills received and current financial status.

After discussion of the list of bills, a motion was made by Director Jim Hodson to approve

payment of the bills. The motion was 2nd by Director Robert Ware. The motion carried unanimously. General Manager, Gary Westbrook noted that the Board may need to adopt a policy at a later meeting concerning funds issued by the District by check which had not been timely presented for payment. The Board agreed that an amendment to current policies was needed at the next Board meeting.

13.) Dates, locations, and times of future meetings.

President Nathan Ausley announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be July 10, 2012, at the POSGCD District Offices at 5:30 p.m.

15.) Adjourn Board Meeting

President Nathan Ausley adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON JUNE 12, 2012 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON JULY 10, 2012.

Nathan Ausley, President

Attest:

Kerry Starnes, Secretary/Treasurer

Date _____

A meeting recording of this meeting is available on CD.