

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
March 7, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Directors Present

Jay Wilder
Sidney Youngblood
Steven Wise
Tommy Tietjen
Bob Wilson
Durwood Tucker
Lee Alford
Kerry Starnes
Bob Wilson

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Bobby Bazan
Elaine Gerren

Others Present

Bill Graham
Kodi Sawin
David McLaren
Dave Barkemeyer

Entity

Self/Landowner
Sawin Group
CTS-H
Milam County Judge

Directors Absent

Nathan Ausley

BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order and establish quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 5:32 p.m. by Board President, Sidney Youngblood.

2. Public Comment

President Youngblood opened this item and invited the public to sign up to speak at the start of a meeting and for any agenda item for which they desired to address the Board. Director Ware asked for clarification. President Youngblood explained this approach doesn't open an agenda item to the public to participate in full discussion with the Board, but rather would include the ability for a member of the public to address the Board at the time a specific agenda item was opened during the meeting. He then asked for Public Comment. No Public Comment was offered.

3. Minutes of February 7, 2017 Board Meeting

President Sidney Youngblood asked for corrections or comments on the February 7, 2017 minutes. A motion was made by Director Jay Wilder to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017 Board Meeting as presented. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Posting of Draft Minutes to the Website within 7 days of Board and Committee Meetings

President Youngblood asked GM Gary Westbrook to discuss this agenda item. GM Westbrook advised the Board of the new process of getting the minutes for both Committee and Board meetings

typed and out to the Directors within 2-3 days for their review so that a draft copy of the minutes can be posted to the Website within 7 days of each meeting. The Board discussed this issue and agreed this would be a benefit to the District.

5. Committees, Committee Membership and Responsibilities, Board Member Dashboard

President Youngblood advised the Board that a Committee Dashboard had been created to keep the Board informed of Committee Meetings, their tasks, and updates of their accomplishments. He then invited Director Wise to discuss some of the uses of this tool. The Dashboard when updated will be placed on the Website so that this information can also be shared with the public. President Youngblood then encouraged the Directors to consider their current committee assignments and notify GM Westbrook of any desired changes within 7-14 days. GM Gary Westbrook advised the Board that Nathan Ausley had requested to be removed from some of the committees on which he served. Director Ausley would like to remain only on the Advisory, DFC, and Rules Committees. Director Jay Wilder offered to accept Nathan Ausley's position on the Grant committee.

6. Posting of Committee Meetings as Public Meetings

President Youngblood asked GM Gary Westbrook to discuss this agenda item. GM Gary Westbrook advised the Board and public that Committee Meetings will now be posted on the Website and at the District Office and open to the public.

7. Report from DFC Committee

GM Gary Westbrook advised the Board that the DFC Committee meeting originally scheduled for 3:00 pm, Tuesday, March 7 had been rescheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 2:30 pm due to scheduling conflicts.

8. Additional Staff for Education and Outreach, and Field Tech

GM Gary Westbrook advised the Board that the Advisory Committee had met and discussed these positions, and he had begun collecting job descriptions and salary information from other GCDs in the state. He noted the Advisory Committee agreed the District needed to look at adding to the Staff to serve in the capacity of Education and Outreach, and possibly to add a part time position of Field Tech. The Board discussed this and agreed that this would be a task for the Advisory Committee to review. This will be brought back to the Board with recommendations from this committee.

9. Joint Planning process and Desired Future Conditions (DFC's), groundwater resources in the District, and future process for evaluating District DFC's for Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12) and Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8)

GM Gary Westbrook advised the Board that Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8) had sent their explanatory Report to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Once the report is declared administratively complete by the TWDB all groundwater Districts in GMA 8 will be able to proceed with final adoption of DFCs. Mr. Westbrook advised the Board GMA 12 would likely meet in early April. No action was taken.

10. 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

GM Gary Westbrook reminded the Board of the pending Vista Ridge applications which will be presented at the public hearing of March 28. He then reported that no new applications had been filed which will require a hearing.

B. Well Drilling activities: registrations, applications, completions, plugging, inspections
GM Gary Westbrook reported 6 registrations, 2 new applications, 4 completions, 0 plugging, 2 wells inspected since the last meeting.

C. Recent and future District presentations and activities

1. Annual Report to Milam County Commissioners Courts of February 27, 2017

GM Gary Westbrook reported he presented the Annual Report to the Milam County Commissioners Court on February 27, 2017.

2. Update on Legislation

GM Gary Westbrook updated the Board on the Legislative Session that is now in progress. He highlighted the Bills that could impact the District. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Lee Alford to charge the Board President with appointing a Legislative Committee to guide the General Manager in the Legislative process. The motion was 2nd by director Durwood Tucker. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA) Spring Conference of March 1-3, 2017

GM Gary Westbrook reported he had attended the Texas Water Conservation Association Spring Conference (TWCA) March 1-3, 2017

4. TWCA Interim Groundwater Committee White Paper on Application of Oil and Gas Law to Groundwater

GM Westbrook asked the Board if there were questions or comments on this white paper. He then noted there had been approximately 30 individuals from a variety of backgrounds who had participated in the writing of this paper, and that the intent of the paper was to provide insight to the legislature on the subject. There were no questions or comments.

5. Updates and Improvements to Well Monitoring Network

GM Westbrook advised the Board of recent discussions with citizens of the District concerning certain improvements to District monitoring efforts, including the addition of real monitoring and adding telemetry at some locations. He also informed that staff has discussed these items with Insitu and the Advisory Committee as well. Staff will proceed with updating of the monitoring network in this way, and also make plans to have this information available to the public via the District website.

6. Update on Current Water Level Well Monitoring Work

A report on the Well Monitoring for 2017 was given by Water Resource Manager, Bobby Bazan. He reported that he was 2/3 finished with the spring monitoring. The District has 45-50 wells in Burleson county and all have been finished with the exception of 3 wells. The Milam county spring monitoring is mostly complete except for the Rockdale area. There are 124 wells in Program currently. All spring monitoring should be complete in 2 weeks. We are in the process of trying to implement remote readings on 20 to 30 wells in Milam County. The board discussed ways to get more landowners involved in the monitoring program. This will be brought to the Advisory Committee so that the District can develop communications with landowners that may be willing to have a monitoring well on their property.

7. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Texas Groundwater Summit of August 29-31, 2017

General Manager, Gary Westbrook advised the Board he and Bobby Bazan would attend this conference and asked if any Board Members wanted to attend.

10. Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report.

GM Westbrook presented the bills to be paid, including a supplemental list. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Kerry Starnes to approve payment of all bills, including those on the supplement, and approve the financial report. The motion was 2nd by Director Lee Alford. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings.

President Sidney Youngblood announced the next regularly scheduled meeting would be April 4, 2017 at 5:30 pm located at the District Office.

22. Adjourn Board Meeting

President Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON MARCH 7, 2017 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON APRIL 4, 2017.



Sidney Youngblood, President

Attest:



Tommy Tietjen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date

4/4/17