

**POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors Meeting & Public Hearing**  
**POSGCD District Offices**  
**310 East Avenue C**  
**Milano, TX 76556**  
**February 6, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Directors Present**

Becky Goetsch  
Chris Whittaker  
Bob Ware  
Steven Wise  
Tommy Tietjen  
Lee Alford  
Sidney Youngblood  
Bob Wilson  
Jay Wilder

**Directors Absent**

Durwood Tucker

**Staff Present**

Gary Westbrook  
Bobby Bazan  
Elaine Gerren  
Megan Homeyer  
Ralph Sufientes

**Others Present**

Barbara Boulware  
Dan Fischer  
Blair Parker  
Shan Rutherford  
Pat Riley  
Nathan Ausley  
Ronney Coleman  
Bill Graham  
Mike Robbins  
Ralph M. Dizzine  
Don Schuerman  
Curtis Chubb  
Mike Kornegay  
Calvin Whitely  
Frank Summers

**Entity**

Knight & Partners  
Landowner  
San Antonio Water Sys.  
Terrill & Waldrop  
Blue Water System  
Landowner  
Landowner  
Landowner  
R.W. Harden  
C.T.A.C.  
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## **BOARD MEETING**

### **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Youngblood brought the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and asked GM Gary Westbrook to lead the meeting in the pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas, and he did so.

### **2. Invocation**

President Youngblood asked GM Westbrook to offer an invocation, and he did so.

### **3. 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.

### **4. Oath of Office for Re-appointed and Appointed Board Members**

The Oath of Office was administered by President Sidney Youngblood to Director Jay Wilder.

### **5. Public Comment**

President Sidney Youngblood asked for public comment. 6 people had requested to speak.

Mike Kornegay with the Central Texas Aquifers Coalition (C.T.A.C.) introduced a presentation which was viewed on the meeting screens. He spoke concerning the need to revise the Rules. He stated he owns an exempt well, and that the Post Oak Savannah GCD had over permitted our groundwater. He stated that the District has permitted 65,000 AF more than the MAG and he feels the DFC's will be exceeded in 20 years. He stated Mr. Westbrook, the GM, has stated the only thing that matters to the aquifer is the amount that is pumped. He asked to have his group meet with the Rules Committee on these issues.

Don Schuerman with the C.T.A.C. and a Cameron resident stated that the District Rules are written for and by the Water Marketer and that the Rules protect the water marketers and not the landowners. He stated that Lone Star Regional Water Authority stated in 2004 that the Post Oak Savannah GCD wants to sell their water. He stated that the District needs to stop rubber stamping all permits. He asked to have the Rules Committee meet with his group on these issues.

Calvin Whitely with the C.T.A.C. and lives outside of Milano, stated that the Post Oak Savannah management will not protect the aquifers. He referred to the presentation and stated that in the Rockdale Well # 10 the levels have already dropped faster than anticipated. He requests that the Rules Committee meet with the Central Texas Aquifer Coalition to discuss changes that need to be made to the Rules.

Ralph Dizzine with the C.T.A.C. and a Milano resident stated that he owns a well, and the threats that face Milam County are the 2 well fields owned by Vista Ridge that will start pumping 95,000 AF in 2019-2020. He noted ALCOA had modified 485 wells when they produced. He requests to meet with the Rules Committee to review the District Rules so that protections are in place when this pumping starts.

Frank Summers stated he was not with the C.T.A.C. He stated that the State of Texas will put the water where it is needed. And there are a lot of people coming to Texas. He stated that the GM and

Board of the District is doing a good job on education and outreach and that he is trying to listen to both sides. He would like to sit down with the Board to see what we can do to stop the “Austin grab” and to be able to justify not approving permits. He urges the Board to look at both sides and to slow down the permitting.

Nathan Ausley stated that both of the Districts on both sides of POSGCD are more liberal on what they allow. He stated that it will cause trouble if you start denying permits as landowners have the right to the property they own. He asked for a show of hands for anyone who wanted to give up their rights to their water. Things will have to change in the future and we will not know the effects of the pumping until Vista Ridge goes online, but not issuing permits is a sure way for the District to end up in court.

**6. Minutes of December 5, 2017**

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Steven Wise to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Board Meeting as presented. The motion to approve the board meeting minutes was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tommy Tietjen. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. Continued Administrative Agreement with Texas Municipal League**

After explanation by GM Westbrook, and Board discussion, a motion was made by Director Steven Wise to renew the Administrative Agreement with the Texas Municipal League. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Jaw Wilder. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Continued Participation in the Texas A&M AgriLife Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program**

After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Steven Wise to continue participation in the Texas A&M AgriLife Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors program. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Jay Wilder. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. Board Member Dashboard and Committee Charges for 2018**

President Sidney Youngblood opened the floor for discussion, and stated that we need to identify the goals for 2018 for each committee. GM Westbrook asked Megan Homeyer to put the Board Dashboard on the screens, and noted the DFC Committee had several items that are pending with Intera. He noted the Grant committee will meet in March to consider applications for the Grant program. He noted the Education Committee has a new chair, Bob Wilson and they will try to meet next week. He noted the Rules committee may receive something to consider from the C.T.A.C as requested earlier. GM Westbrook and President Youngblood discussed the new format for the Liaison Committee. They noted the purpose was to have the ability to meet with citizen groups and to send suggestions to the different committees for review. President Youngblood encouraged all committees to meet within the next 30 days to identify their goals for 2108 and bring back results to the Board at the next meeting. No further action was taken.

**10. Megan’s Minutes – Report from Education Coordinator**

Megan Homeyer, District Education Coordinator, gave a presentation and provided an update on the Districts Educational Activities. Megan has participated in creating the Education Collaboration Group and they are getting state wide recognition for their efforts. Their next meeting is set for February 13<sup>th</sup> and they will also have a groundwater collaborative outreach meeting in Stephenville on April 17. No action was taken.

**11. 2018 Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit**

GM Gary Westbrook asked the Board for direction on having the Summit again this year.

After discussion from the Board a motion was made by Director Bob Wilson to continue to have the Summit. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Lee Alford. The motion carried unanimously. GM Gary Westbrook said he would look to have this in the middle of August and that he would ask Sarah Schlessinger, Executive Director of TAGD to MC the event again.

**12. Review of pending Region G Water Planning Group Activities concerning Modeled Available Groundwater Peak Factor**

General Manager Gary Westbrook covered a presentation on the Modeled Available Groundwater Peak Factor. Discussion was held by the Board and questions were received from Dan Fischer and Frank Summers. No Action was taken.

**13. Joint planning process and Desired Future Conditions (DFCs), groundwater resources in the District, and future process for evaluating District DFCs for Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12) and Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8)**

GM Westbrook noted this item was on the agenda to facilitate the discussion on the previous agenda item. No action was taken.

**14. 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 no applications were filed which require a hearing and no emergency permits had been granted.

**B. Well Drilling activities: registrations, applications, completions, plugging, inspections**

General Manager, Gary Westbrook reported 14 registrations, 2 new applications, 7 completions, 0 plugging, 1 wells inspected since the last meeting.

**C. Recent and future District presentations and activities**

**1. Texas Water Conservation Association meetings of March 7-9, 2018**

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he is scheduled to attend this meeting in March.

**2. Well Monitoring Network and Water Level Well Monitoring Work**

A report was given by GM Gary Westbrook stating that the Spring measurements had begun.

**3. Texas Water Conservation Association Interim Groundwater Committee meetings and Actions**

GM Gary Westbrook noted he expected to see activity from this group again soon, and would advise the Board as soon as meetings begin.

**4. District Groundwater Conservation Grant Program**

General Manager, Gary Westbrook stated that the Grant packets had been mailed out on January 3, 2018 and the applications are due Friday, March 9, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

**5. Texas Groundwater Association meeting of January 24-26, 2018**

General Manager, Gary Westbrook stated that he, Bobby and Ralph attended this conference. He gave a brief review of each continuing education class taken by staff, and noted each had received a total of 8 hours of continuing education credits at this conference.

**6. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts meeting of January 29-30, 2018**

General Manager, Gary Westbrook stated that he, Bobby and Megan attended this meeting. He also stated that Megan met with the leaders in a groundwater education collaboration, and this has involved other GCD education persons statewide.

**7. Tri-County Crops Committee Annual Winter Meeting January 29, 2018**

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he had attended this meeting, and POSGCD had shared sponsorship of the event, with approximately 90-100 farmers in attendance.

**8. Ongoing Audit by District by State Auditor's Office.**

GM Gary Westbrook reported the State Auditor's Office conducts an audit each year of 5-7 GCDs, and this year POSGCD is one of 5 GCDs being audited. He reported the audit is ongoing and District staff is providing information as requested. He noted the audit covered all aspects of the District's responsibilities, including financial as well as requirements under other statutes, and that there were no surprises to date, and stated the report should be available in April or May of this year.

**15. Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report.**

After discussion by the board, a motion was made by Director Jay Wilder to approve payment of bills and accept the financial report. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Chris Whittaker. The motion passed unanimously.

**16. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings.**

President Youngblood announced the next regularly scheduled meeting would be March 6th, 2018 at 5:30 pm located at the District Office.

**17. Adjourn Board Meeting**

President Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

**THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2018 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON MARCH 6, 2018.**

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Sidney Youngblood, President

**Attest:**

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Tommy Tietjen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date \_\_\_\_\_