

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

MINUTES

Directors Present

Becky Goetsch
Durwood Tucker
Bob Ware
Steven Wise
Tommy Tietjen
Lee Alford
Sidney Youngblood
Bob Wilson
Jay Wilder

Directors Absent

Chris Whittaker

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Bobby Bazan
Elaine Gerren
Megan Homeyer
Ralph Sufientes

Others Present

Barbara Boulware
Dan Fischer
Blair Parker
Pat Riley
Nathan Ausley
Mike Robbins
Mike Kornegay
Donald Shuffield
Phyllis Shuffield
Clover Cochran
Fred Russell
Mary Ann Russell
Judith McGeary
Patty Miller
Chris Mullins
Steve Young
Amy Jurica Hinnart

Entity

Knight & Partners
Landowner
San Antonio Water Sys.
Blue Water System
Landowner
R.W. Harden
C.T.A.C.
Commissioner Precinct # 2
Commissioner Precinct # 2
Rancher/Burleson County
Landowner
Landowner
Landowner
Interested Spectator
Save Our Springs Alliance
Intera
Burleson County Landowner

BOARD MEETING

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Youngblood brought the meeting to order at 5:32 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 Sidney Youngblood led the invocation.

3. Call to Order and establish quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 5:33 p.m. by Board President, Sidney Youngblood.

4. Minutes of February 6, 2017

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Lee Alford to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 board meeting as presented. The motion to approve the board meeting minutes was 2nd by Jay Wilder. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request for amendments to Groundwater Conservation Grant applications, awards, and contracts with the District by the City of Somerville

GM, Gary Westbrook reported the District had received a request from the City of Somerville, which had been forwarded to the Board in their Board Packets, and that the grant recipient came in under budget. The city is requesting to expand their scope of work to be able to utilize the remaining grant funds. He also noted the city included estimates for the amount of additional groundwater which would be saved if this additional scope of work were allowed. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Steven Wise to grant the expansion of the scope of work to utilize the remaining funds. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Petition for inquiry filed with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by Fred Russell

An overview of the petition filed was given by General Manager, Gary Westbrook. Legal Counsel, Barbara Boulware gave a timeline for events that will happen and what the next steps will be. She stated the response will be filed by March 16, 2018 with TCEQ. The petitioner can then file a response after that, and finally TCEQ staff and the Office of Public Interest Counsel may file a response as well. GM Westbrook asked if there were any questions or guidance the Board wished to provide to staff and attorneys other than the intent of the response which was discussed. No additional comment was given and no further action was taken.

7. Request from Burleson County for sponsorship in Burleson County Big Spring Clean

GM, Gary Westbrook presented a request to participate in the Burleson County Big Spring Clean again this year and as in years past they have asked for us to participate with a \$1,000 sponsorship. After discussion by the board a motion was made by Tommy Tietjen to approve the sponsorship. The motion was 2nd by Director Bob Ware. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Structure and Purpose for Community Outreach Committee

GM, Gary Westbrook presented a handout which outlined the structure and purpose of the new Community Outreach Committee, stating that this committee had been created after several meetings with the Advisory Committee. This new committee will be an effort which builds on the success of the Liaison Committee, and will replace the Liaison Committee. The purpose of the

committee includes increased input from the public with an emphasis on open discussions of any and all topics in an open and inclusive atmosphere. The committee will meet in April and October and these meetings will be open to the public. The intention is to meet at 6:30 with the duration to be no longer than 2 hours, with discretion of the chair to exceed or recess. President Youngblood asked for support by the Board in creation of this committee. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Jay Wilder to support creation of the Community Outreach Committee and to set the meetings as planned. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Board Member Dashboard and Committee Charges for 2018

President Sidney Youngblood opened the floor for discussion and updates for the goals for 2018 for each committee. GM Westbrook asked Megan Homeyer to put the Board Dashboard on the screens. President, Sidney Youngblood stated that the Liaison Committee will now be the Community Outreach Committee. General Manager Gary Westbrook stated that there was a DFC Committee meeting prior to the Board meeting, and the DFC Committee had several items that are pending with Intera. Director Bob Wilson opened the Education Committee and handed this section off to Megan Homeyer. Megan stated that there had been a Landscape class at the District on Friday and that is was a great success. She also stated there will be another Rain Water Harvesting class on April 12th. The Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Summit is scheduled for August 15th. General Manager Gary Westbrook gave presentations at the Cameron Rotary Club and the Masonic Lodge in Rockdale. The District is in process of setting up a Scholarship for the local High Schools to be awarded to 2 graduating seniors of each school for a sum of \$ 500.00 for each scholarship. It was also discussed to have more community outreach presentations at the organization locations rather than them having to come to the District Office. Director Bob Ware gave an update on the Rules Committee stating that no meeting had been set yet. General Manager Gary Westbrook noted that the Grant Applications are due by Friday, March 9 and that the Grant committee will meet prior to the next Board Meeting to consider applications for the Grant program. Director Durwood Tucker said there was no update on the Legislative Committee. General Manager Gary Westbrook stated that he would be attending the TWCA conference and he would have an update on Legislative issues after that. With completion of the District Offices, the Building Committee has no meetings scheduled at this time. President Sidney Youngblood stated that the Advisory Committee will continue to meet on a regular basis and will bring items to the board as needed. 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 stated that 2 newsletters had gone out in February and that the next one will go out on March 12th. The quarterly newsletter will be mailed out in March. General Manager Gary Westbrook took this opportunity to announce that the District Education Coordinator, Megan Homeyer had accepted a position with Texas A&M University Agri-life Department and that her last day would be March, 16, 2018. He also reported the Advisory Committee had instructed him to proceed with advertising to receive applications for this position as soon as possible. No action was taken.

11. Region G Water Planning Group Activities concerning Modeled Available Groundwater Peak Factor

General Manager Gary Westbrook covered a presentation that was given at the previous Board Meeting on the Modeled Available Groundwater Peak Factor. Discussion was held by the Board. After lengthy discussion and questions, no action was taken.

12. 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.

13. 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 2 registrations, 5 new applications, 1 completions, 0 plugging, 2 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 this week.

2. Well Monitoring Network and Water Level Well Monitoring Work

A report was given by GM Gary Westbrook stating that the Spring measurements should be complete by the end of March, which is the normal timeframe for this annual effort.

3. Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit of August 15, 2018

GM Gary Westbrook stated that the summit of August has been scheduled and the convention center is reserved.

4. District Groundwater Conservation Grant Program

GM, Gary Westbrook stated that the applications are due Friday, March 9, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

5. Texas Groundwater Summit August 28-30, 2018

GM, Gary Westbrook stated that he and Bobby will attend this conference. He also stated that we had been asked to be a sponsor for this and asked the Board for approval of this. A motion was made by Director Bob Wilson to approve the \$2,500 live-stream sponsorship. The motion was 2nd by Director Jay Wilder. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Planning and Irrigation Workshop of March 2, 2018

GM, Gary Westbrook stated that this workshop had been a success and that the workshop was well received and the plantings at the back of the building were the result of this workshop.

7. Rainwater Harvesting Workshop of April 14, 2018

GM, Gary Westbrook stated that the next workshop will be April 12th, as previously reported by Miss Homeyer.

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

GM Gary Westbrook reported the audit is ongoing and District staff is providing information as requested and stated the report should be available in April or May of this year.

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

After discussion by the board, a motion was made by Director Tommy Tietjen to approve payment of bills and accept the financial report. The motion was 2nd by Director Durwood Tucker. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Public Comment

Public comment was heard from the following citizens:

Judith McGeary provided comment on the creation of the new Community Outreach Committee and the presentation on the MAG Peak Factor.

Clover Cochran provided comment on watching a San Antonio City Council Meeting online.

Nathan Ausley appreciated the opportunity to speak but declined to comment

Dan Fisher provided comment on the MAG Peak Factor.

Fred Russel signed up to speak but left before the public comment time.

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

President Youngblood announced the next regularly scheduled meeting would be April 3rd, 2018 at 5:30 pm located at the District Office.

17. Adjourn Board Meeting

President Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON MARCH 6, 2018 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON APRIL 3, 2018.

Sidney Youngblood, President

Attest:

Tommy Tietjen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date _____