

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting & Public Hearings  
POSGCD District Offices  
310 East Avenue C  
Milano, TX 76556  
June 10, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

**Members Present**

Jay Wilder	POSGCD
Lee Alford	POSGCD
Durwood Tucker	POSGCD
Sidney Youngblood	POSGCD
Robert Ware	POSGCD
Nathan Ausley	POSGCD
Dwayne Jekel	POSGCD
Kerry Starnes	POSGCD
Steven Wise	POSGCD

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**Board Members Absent**

Tommy Tietjen	POSGCD
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**POSGCD Staff**

Gary Westbrook	POSGCD
Elaine Gerren	POSGCD
Bobby Bazan	POSGCD
Meredith Earwood	POSGCD

**Others Present**

Robby Jekel	Self
Ross Cummings	Blue Water Systems
Paul Terrill	The Terrill Firm
Bill Graham	Self
Steve Young	Intera
Jackie Scott	BRA
Alton Thiele	Alton Thiele CPA
Curtis Donovan	Cameron

**Entity**

## **BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **1. Call to Order and establish quorum**

Nathan Ausley, board President called the Public Hearings and Board Meeting to order and established quorum at 5:30 p.m.

### **2. Public Comment**

President Ausley asked for public comment and none was heard.

### **3. Minutes of March 11, 2014 Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Director Lee Alford to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2014 Board meeting. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Kerry Starnes. The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. District Audit**

Mr. Alton Thiele, District Auditor, presented the 2013 audit report. He commented that the District was in overall good shape, and that the Board and staff had done an excellent job in managing the budget. Director Steven Wise questioned where to find the grants that were awarded but not paid, and Mr. Thiele explained they were contingent liabilities in the footnotes. Director Robert Ware moved to accept the audit. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by President Nathan Ausley. The motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Requests for amendments and extension of time to file for reimbursements for Groundwater Conservation Grant applications, awards, and contracts with the District**

The board considered a request from the City of Rockdale concerning their 2010 grant. General Manager Gary Westbrook reported to the board on the grant's timeline, including dates of award, draws, and extensions filed and granted. He presented a letter from the Mayor of Rockdale explaining the City's situation with staff turnover and miscommunication and requesting to receive an additional extension to the current time to file for reimbursement of expenses. Mr. Westbrook relayed to the Board that the City stated that they had finished the project by the third extension, but did not turn in the necessary paperwork for completion and reimbursement. President Nathan Ausley moved to table this item for further information. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Robert Ware. The motion carried unanimously.

### **6. Water and Lease issues applicable to Oil and Gas Drilling and Exploration**

Mr. Barney Knight, legal counsel for the District, requested to defer this item until the end of the meeting and go into executive session.

### **7. District Groundwater Conservation Grant Program**

Discussion was held between the board concerning the grading and ranking for the District's Grant Program. President Ausley explained that the grading of this year's applications have been completed but no amounts have been recommended for award to date due to the uncertainty of the future financial position for the grant program. Director Lee Alford suggested to reevaluate the grant system scoring mechanism used by the committee in order to achieve better scoring for future grants. President Nathan Ausley explained to the board the current scoring system and discussion ensued



about how to improve the scoring. President Nathan Ausley concluded with suggesting to wait until further information was provided about the financial position for the grant program.

**8. District Monitoring Well Update**

President Nathan Ausley called Mr. Bobby Bazan, Water Resource Management Specialist for POSGCD, to discuss the District's monitoring program and monitoring results for Spring 2014. Mr. Bazan explained that this year he received water level measurements from 75 wells in all aquifers. He then described the current state of each aquifer according to the data collected. Director Lee Alford questioned Bazan about the City of Caldwell wells. Bazan explained that the Caldwell wells would be a good addition to the monitoring program. Bazan noted that nothing alarming is currently showing on the regional scale. He suggested there might be some local issues that can be addressed. Bazan concluded by suggesting to expand the monitoring network through outreach efforts.

**9. 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)**

Steve Young, District Hydrologist, commented on future planning and Desired Future Conditions (DFC) of the aquifers of the District. Mr. Young explained that pumping going on outside of the District will need to come into play when planning for DFC's and evaluating the future management of the District. Mr. Young explained the differences of confined and unconfined wells, and how the difference affects the District's monitoring program. He discussed the monitoring wells in the shallow and deep formations, and how to consider the differences when discussing DFC's. President Nathan Ausley asked Mr. Young if the District was monitoring in the fault zones, and Mr. Young responded that currently the District is not. Discussion was held between the board concerning the evaluation of the DFCs. General Manager Gary Westbrook explained historic use permits, summarized the MAG and how it relates to reported pumping and permitted wells, and noted that the District should begin the process of evaluation of its DFCs and policies for the next round of GMA work to establish DFCs. Mr. Young concluded with comment on the detailed record keeping done by Water Resource Management Specialist, Bobby Bazan, and how that will positively impact the District's ability to manage and evaluate the District's DFC.

President Nathan Ausley then commented on the GMA 12 meeting held Friday, June 6, 2014. He noted that the GMA 12 expressed interest in updating and improving the current model. Director Robert Ware moved to have a committee to work on the District's DFCs in GMA 12. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Steven Wise. The motion carried unanimously.

**10. Draft Northern Trinity Woodbine Groundwater Availability Model project update, Current Draft Report and Public Review and Comment**

General Manager Gary Westbrook offered this item to satisfy notice requirements for public comment on this GAM project. Mr. Westbrook then noted that Mr. Bobby Bazan currently serves on the Technical Advisory Committee for development of this new GAM.

**11. District Education Program and District Groundwater Forum August 13, 2014**

General Manager, Gary Westbrook discussed the education program for the District. He noted that the District staff is planning or will be involved in the following educational efforts: 1. Rainwater harvesting presentation for the Fall in Milam County; 2. Texas Groundwater Association Water Well Drillers School in Cooks Point July 15; and Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Day at Apache Pass July 23. He also noted that due to efforts of Meredith Earwood the District now is on Facebook and Twitter with timely posts about meetings and information, and efforts will soon turn to improvements to the website to offer educational videos to the public. He also introduced the

District's new informational brochure. He requested approval for the Groundwater Summit that he and Water Resource Management Specialist, Bobby Bazan have been planning, including approval to budget approximately \$2500 to \$3500 for the event. President Nathan Ausley moved to approve the Groundwater Summit budget. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Jay Wilder. The motion carried unanimously.

**12. Permits issued pursuant to Rule 5.5**

General Manager Gary Westbrook commented on the Cooks Point Water Supply's request to increase their current permit to 15 acre feet and continue at 38 gallons per minute. He noted that the need for the increase was verified by Cooks Point WSC's engineers based on future growth patterns.

**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**  
None filed.

**B. Well Drilling activities: registrations, applications, completions, plugging, inspections**  
General Manager Gary Westbrook reported that the District had 18 new permits, 34 completed, 53 registrations, no emergencies, and 1 plugged.

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

**1. Texas Water Conservation Association Policy Committee and Interim Groundwater Committee**

General Manager Gary Westbrook reported that he had served on the TWCA Policy Committee, and discussed the language change in the TWCA policies. He reported that he would continue to support language advocating for local control through groundwater conservation districts.

**2. Texas Aquifer Conference of June 2, 2014**

General Manager Gary Westbrook and Water Resource Management Specialist Bobby Bazan attended this conference, and included information in the meeting packet.

**3. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts quarterly meeting of May 27-28, 2014, and Groundwater Summit of August 26-28, 2014**

Mr. Westbrook reported that Water Resource Management Specialist Bobby Bazan attended the quarterly meeting. Staff and board members will be attending the Groundwater Summit. A detailed agenda was included in the meeting packet, and all board members were invited to attend.

**4. Groundwater Forum of May 22, 2014**

General Manager Gary Westbrook commented on the overview of the Groundwater Forum hosted by a local landowner. Director Durwood Tucker and Director Sidney Youngblood attended the forum and offered brief comment.

**5. Brazos Region G Water Planning Group**



General Manager Gary Westbrook, representing GMA 12 on the group stated that prioritization has been completed for the planning phase and submitted to the Texas Water Development board. He noted that there was more information on the website [www.brazosgwater.org](http://www.brazosgwater.org)

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

After review and discussion of the report of the District's financial status and current bills, a motion was made by President Nathan Ausley to approve the report and payment of the bills. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> Director Kerry Starnes. The motion carried unanimously.

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


President Nathan Ausley announced the next regularly scheduled meeting, if needed, would be either July 8, or August 12, at the District Office at 5:30 p.m.

President Nathan Ausley returned the Board to agenda item #6, **Water and Lease issues applicable to Oil and Gas Drilling and Exploration**, and took the Board into Executive Session at 7:30pm. The Board came out of executive session at 8:19 pm. President Nathan Ausley stated that there would be no action at this meeting on this agenda item. The Board agreed to meet again June 19, 2014 at 10:00 am.


**16. Adjourn Board Meeting**

President Nathan Ausley adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON JUNE 10, 2014 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON JUNE 19, 2014.

  
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Nathan Ausley, President

Attest:

  
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Gary Westbrook, Assistant Secretary

Date 6-19-14