

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
September 8, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Directors Present

Nathan Ausley
Bob Ware
Steven Wise
Tommy Tietjen
Durwood Tucker
Lee Alford
Sidney Youngblood

Directors Absent

Jay Wilder
Kerry Starnes
Bob Wilson

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Bobby Bazan
Elaine Gerren

Others Present

Steve Young
Barney Knight
Barret Lyne
Gabbo Goetsy
Ross Cummings
Pat Reilly
David McClaren
Scott Carlson
Colleen Waring
Glenn D, Kiel
Dave Barkemeyer
James Bene'
Michelle Gangnes
Jim Rintier
Linda Beran
Mike Kornegay

Entity

Intera
Knight & Partners
Land Owner
Land Owner
Blue Water
Blue Water
CTS America
Metropolitan Water
Berry Hill Farm
Land Owner
Milam County
R. W. Harden
League of Ind. Voters of TX
N/A
Land Owner
Self

BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order and establish quorum

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

2. Public Comment

President Ausley opened the floor for public comment.

Michelle Ganges with the League of Independent Voters read a letter to the Board concerning Item # 4 of the Agenda. Ms. Ganges encouraged the Board to consider issues raised in the Petition filed by Curtis Chubb, especially issues raised with 19 of the District's monitoring wells not reflecting the same aquifer assignment as the data base of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

Mr. T. Barret Lyne, PhD gave a presentation to the Board entitled, "My Response to Water Marketers taking over the BVGCD Board Directors in 2015."

3. Minutes of June 25, 2015 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Director Lee Alford to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2015 Board meeting. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Petition for Inquiry

President Nathan Ausley advised the Board of a letter received from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, that the commissioners had dismissed the Petition for Inquiry filed by Mr. Curtis Chubb. After brief discussion, General Manager Gary Westbrook addressed the concerns expressed by Ms. Ganges in her public comment, noting that he appreciated those concerns and that the public should be concerned any time something doesn't appear right in the District's monitoring network. He then referenced a letter written by District hydrologist, Dr. Steven Young, of Intera, to TWDB staff, which explained the District's process of classification of monitor wells in detail. Mr. Westbrook stated that the letter had been reviewed by TWDB staff and they had been in agreement with the content. Dr. Young stated that the District has executed a much more thorough and detailed evaluation of all water wells in the monitoring network, especially with respect to aquifer assignment, than the staff at TWDB, and that staff from TWDB depended on District staff for this more detailed and accurate information. He also noted the document was used for response in the District's presentation at TCEQ on the day the petition was considered, and was available to the public. Dr. Young then commented that Mr. Chubb had not communicated with the District nor had he asked to review the POSGCD monitoring well database prior to expressing his concerns in the process, and noted that the District staff is always willing to address questions of this type, and makes every effort to be transparent in its monitoring efforts. Director Wise inquired as to the possibility of reconciling these differences with the TWDB data base. Dr. Young replied that an effort should be made, and he had already spoken with Mr. Westbrook about meeting with TWDB to discuss POSGCD aquifer assignments to wells. Ms. Colleen Waring asked about an additional concern that Mr. Chubb had raised, that there are Aquifers within the district that have reached their trigger points. Dr. Young stated that the 2015 monitoring well and water level report had been presented at the Board meeting of April 14, 2015, and that presentation was available to the public. Director Wise requested that an evaluation of water levels for comparison to thresholds be presented at the next Board meeting.

5. Documentation for travel expense

The Board reviewed and discussed current Board policies and the handling of documentation of travel expenses, as well as possible changes to Section 6 of the Board Policies. GM Westbrook reviewed the current process and asked if the Board desired any changes to the way the Board interpreted their policies. After discussion GM Westbrook reviewed possible amendments to the Board policies which would provide clarification on the process and procedures to be followed, without changing the intent and current process. After further discussion, including an amendment to the recommended changes by Director Wise, President Ausley moved the meeting to the next agenda item.

6. Board Policies

A motion was made by President Nathan Ausley to accept the changes to Section 6 of the Board Policies and Procedures, including the additional language suggested by Director Wise. The motion was 2nd by Director Durwood Tucker. The motion carried unanimously. GM Westbrook also presented possible amendments to Sections 4.J. and Section 7.E. of the Board Policies. A motion was made by President Nathan Ausley to accept the changes to Section 4.J and Section 7.E. of the

Board Policies as presented. The motion was 2nd by Director Steven Wise. The motion carried unanimously.

7. 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 Area 8 (GMA 8)

A presentation and update on progress in Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12) was given by Steve Young of Intera. The Board discussed these items and future GMA 12 meetings. Dr. Young then presented issues for GMA 8, including recommendations concerning the Brazos Alluvium in GMA 8 in Milam County. Director Ausley moved, and Director Tietjen seconded to declare the Brazos Alluvium non-relevant for the current round of joint planning in GMA 8. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Young then presented the results of several groundwater availability model runs for the Board's considerations for use in evaluation of possible DFCs for the Trinity Aquifer. After discussion, the Board instructed GM Westbrook to return with possible DFCs for the Trinity Aquifer in Milam County when the other districts in GMA 8 were closed to adoption.

8. Improvement to Central Queen City-Sparta/Carrizo-Wilcox Groundwater Availability Model

Steve Young of Intera presented a request for additional funding for improvements to the GAM. Discussion was held by the Board concerning the cost of this Model. It was noted that there are 5 Districts that this Model affect and who would benefit and only 2 are able to participate in funding of the effort above a \$2500 contribution. After further discussion, a motion was made by President Ausley to expend an additional \$30,000 as requested, contingent on participation of Brazos Valley GCD contributing the same amount, or more, of the cost. The motion was 2nd by Director Sidney Youngblood. The motion carried unanimously. The additional \$30,000 raises the total commitment from POSGCD towards this effort to \$230,000.

9. 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 advised the Board that currently there were no applications before the District which would require a hearing.
- B. Well Drilling activities: GM Westbrook reported 16 new registrations, 6 new applications, 8 well completions, 0 wells plugged, and 5 well inspection since the last meeting.
GM Westbrook asked Water Resource Management Specialist, Bobby Bazan, to comment. Mr. Bazan described his efforts on behalf of the District in assisting the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation in investigations of 5 water wells in the District using the District's new down hole camera.
- C. Recent and future District presentations and activities
 1. Brazos Region G Water Planning Group
General Manager Westbrook asked the Board if they had any comments on the District's comments on the Little River Off Channel Reservoir, and reported that the next meeting will be September 16, 2015 and that he did plan to attend this.
 2. Updates to Chapter 36, Texas Water Code and other selected legislation
Barney Knight Legal Counsel for the District presented an overview of the recent legislative changes made to Chapter 36, Texas Water Code

3. Transfer of Blue Water-Vista Ridge to assigns
General Manager Gary Westbrook reported that Blue Water-Vista Ridge permits had been transferred to Abengoa-Vista Ridge per requests from Blue Water Systems, and that Blue Water would still remain as the managing entity of the project.
4. Texas Water Conservation Association quarterly meeting of October 13-16, 2015
General Manager Westbrook reported that he will attend this meeting
5. Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit of August 12, 2015
GM Westbrook reported that this year's event was a success with 170 to 180 people in attendance. He asked the Board for any feedback or recommendations for the future. He also reported that staff is considering a possibility for some Mini-Summits that would be held during the evenings at other locations within the District.
6. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Groundwater Summit of August 25-27, 2015
GM Westbrook reported that t District was well represented at this Summit. He, Water Resource Management Specialist Bobby Bazan, and Board President Nathan Ausley had attended. He also reported on his presentation at this Summit which received many positive comments.
7. Texas Ag Council Water Mini-Summit of October 1, 2015
General Manager Gary Westbrook reported that he had been invited to this to present on the District's management strategies and Rules. He also noted that POSGCD was the only Groundwater District and Non-Member that was invited to participate.
8. Water Wise Report
General Manager Gary Westbrook presented the Water Wise Report
9. Draft Groundwater Sampling and Analysis Plan
General Manager Gary Westbrook stated the 90 day comment period for this plan had ended on August 14, 2015. After discussion it was agreed that this would be brought back at the next meeting.

10. Update and Move of District Offices

General Manager Gary Westbrook reported that the move of both building was complete, and gave a report of expenses to date.

11. Temporary address of District Offices

General Manager Gary Westbrook reported that the temporary office address will be 309 East Avenue C, Milano, TX 76556, and this address will revert back to 310 East Ave, C upon the District moving into the new offices.

12. Remodeling, finishing and improvements of recently purchased building for use of District Office

The Board reviewed the report and recommendations from the Building Committee for the work to be performed in remodeling of the recently relocated building to be converted into the District office. District general counsel Knight advised the next step in the process will be to issue RFQs for the Services of an Architect, and develop a plan for putting the work scope out for bids. After much discussion about costs and materials, and process, Director Ausley moved, and Director Wise

seconded to approve the committee's recommendations and proceed with the General Manager and Building Committee proceed with hiring an architect to begin the process and move forward with the recommendations of remodeling as presented by the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

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

After discussion, Director Lee Alford moved to approve the financial report and payment of bills. Director Tommy Tietjen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

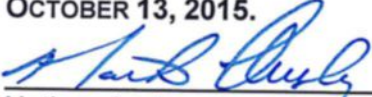
13. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings.

President Ausley noted the next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 13, 2015, at the temporary office location at 309 East Avenue C in Milano, TX. At 5:30 pm.

14. Adjourn Board Meeting

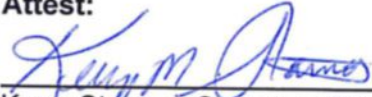
President Ausley adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON OCTOBER 13, 2015.



Nathan Ausley, President

Attest:



Kerry Starnes, Secretary/Treasurer

Date _____