

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. Accept resignation of Board Member

Director Bob Ware made a motion to accept the resignation of Dwayne Jekel with deep gratitude for his years of service to the District and the citizens of Milam and Burleson Counties. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Oath of office for Appointed Board Member

President Ausley recognized newly appointed Board member Bob Wilson, representing Rural Water Supply in Milam County, and administered the oath of office to Mr. Wilson.

4. Public Comment

President Ausley opened the meeting for public comment. None was heard.

5. Minutes of February 10, 2015 Board Meeting

The February 10, 2015 minutes were approved with a motion made by Director Jay Wilder. Director Durwood Tucker 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously

6. District Audit

Russel Krumnow of Alton Thiele's P.C. spoke on the District's annual audit covering 2014. Mr. Krumnow stated that he issued a clean opinion, and mentioned that the District is well run and in line with all governmental standards. He noted that the District had more revenue coming in than going out, due to in large part the delay of grants for the year. After further questions answered by Mr. Krumnow and discussion by the Board, Director Tietjen moved, and Director Starnes seconded to approve and accept the District Audit as presented. The motion passed unanimously

7. District Monitoring Well Update

Water Resource Management Specialist, Bobby Bazan presented an updated monitoring report. He mentioned that monitoring was still ongoing, but as a general overview there were no changes in trends. After lengthy discussion and questions, the Board accepted the work to date.

8. Draft Groundwater Sampling and Analysis Plan

Steve Young, District Hydrologist stated that the final plan will be available later this week or next, and that at the next board meeting there could be further discussion on adopting a plan.

9. District Groundwater Conservation Grant Program

President Ausley stated that due to the absence of a committee meeting earlier in the day, this issue should be postponed. President Ausley tabled the item for a later date.

10. Process and procedure to be followed for the five year review of permits

General Manager, Gary Westbrook summarized the history of the five year review process. He requested that the Board of Directors consider the alternative process, as outlined in the Draft amendment to the District Rules which were the result of several months of effort by District Staff and General Counsel, and included in the Board's packet. He stated that these new Rules would position POSGCD to initiate and be responsible for the management of the review instead of the

permit holder. Mr. Westbrook noted that currently, it is up to the well owner to initiate the review, but this could lead to issues if the landowner does not have a reminder for the review. Legal Counsel, Barney Knight also commented that the suggested process would streamline the review, eliminate bureaucracy, and help landowners instead of expecting them to remember when their permit has reached 5 years. Mr. Westbrook noted that this would require a rule change, which would require a hearing. Director Bob Ware asked Mr. Westbrook if this would still treat all well owners equally, to which Mr. Westbrook explained that well owners in the same management zone would be treated equally. The board agreed to wait until the State's Legislative Session ended to proceed with any Rules changes and hearings, and to continue to waive the requirements for five year reviews on permits until that time, in the event that more rule changes might be required to align with possible new state laws.

11. Agreement with Aquaveo for internet web based well database

Josh Grimes, of Carollo walked the Board through a well database built by Aquaveo for another Groundwater District. Water Resource Specialist Bobby Bazan also commented on how the database could benefit the District. President Ausley asked how long it would take to build the database for the District. Mr. Grimes replied that there were several factors that change the length but that it usually is around 90 days. Director Durwood Tucker made a motion to enter in a contract with Aquaveo. The motion was 2nd by President Ausley. Discussion ensued on the cost of the database. Director Wise suggested to have education for the public on the use of the database. The motion passed unanimously.

12. District Website

Meredith Earwood, Intern, walked the Board through the new website, including its many new functions and increased capabilities and transparency for the District. After discussion and questions, the Board was pleased with the new website.

13. Requests for amendments to Groundwater Conservation Grant applications, awards, and contracts with the District

A. City of Rockdale- from 2009 and 2013

General Manager, Gary Westbrook discussed the history of the Rockdale grants. After discussion of the 2013 grant award for Rockdale, President Ausley made a motion to approve downsizing the 8 inch line in the application to the actual existing 6 inch line, and to approve reimbursements only for work previously approved as contained in the 2013 application. Director Tietjen 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously. After further discussion of the 2009 Rockdale grant award, Director Ware made a motion to approve reimbursement in the amount of \$7708.51 based on documentation received for the 2009 grant and Director Starnes 2nd the motion. After further discussion, the motion passed 8-1 with Director Wise opposing.

14. Permits issued pursuant to Rule 5.5

General Manager, Gary Westbrook informed the Board that he had received a complete application from North Milam WSC, and according to District Rule 5.5 the would be issuing a permit next week for a new well, but not to increase the total amount permitted to North Milam.

15. 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)

General Manager, Gary Westbrook requested direction for representation on the joint planning and DFC process with regard to GMA 8, including participation with funding in GMA 8 modeling efforts. The Board directed Mr. Westbrook to do as he sees fit within the budgeted amount. District Hydrologist Steve Young of Intera, Inc., then gave a presentation on the current status of GMA 12 joint planning for the next round of development of DFC's. He reported on the most current model run for GMA 12, PS4. After brief discussion, Director Ausley moved and Director Tietjen seconded to maintain current DFC's in the Brazos River Alluvium for Milam & Burleson counties. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion ensued on the future DFCs from all GMA 12 Districts and the possible impact on POSGCD. After lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to direct the DFC committee to continue efforts toward developing DFCs with a target of a limit of 8-10% reduction in water column in the unconfined area of the Simsboro aquifer and a range of 300-420 feet average drawdown across the entire District for the Simsboro, with both being recommended to be adopted by GMA 12. After additional discussion, the Board also agreed to direct the DFC Committee to continue efforts toward developing DFCs which limit reduction in water column in the unconfined portion of all other aquifers in the District to 8-10%, while maintaining an effort to continue to maintain current DFCs in those aquifers as well for this round of GMA 12 joint planning.

16. Appoint POSGCD Alternate Representative for GMA 8

President Ausley made a motion to appoint Bobby Bazan as alternate representative for GMA 8. The motion was 2nd by Director Tietjen and passed unanimously.

17. 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

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

GM Westbrook reported there had been 5 new well registrations, 7 new exempt well applications, 4 exempt well completions, and no wells plugged or inspected during this most recent time period.

C. Recent and future District presentations and activities

1. Presentation to Little River Basin Master Gardeners of March 18, 2015

GM Westbrook reported that he and Bobby Bazan had presented a class for credit to the Little River Master Gardeners on Groundwater Resources and Management in POSGCD

2. Texas Water Conservation Association Spring Water Conference March 4-6, 2015

GM Westbrook reported he had been invited to present at this conference the same presentation as he gave on behalf of the District at the University of Texas CLE Water Law Conference last November, and the presentation at TWCA was well received.

3. Brazos Region G Water Planning Group

GM Westbrook reported the Initial Prepared Plan would soon be available for comment.

4. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts quarterly meeting of February 11-12, 2015

GM Westbrook reported he and Bobby Bazan had attended this meeting.

5. District Education Program- Newsletter and Burleson County Big Spring Clean

GM Westbrook reported the new District Newsletter was now available on the District website and that it would be mailed out later this week. He also noted that the District would attempt to convert as many recipients as possible over to electronic version of the newsletter. He then reported on the schedule of District presentations during the Burleson County Big Spring Clean.

6. Legislative Update

General Manager Westbrook distributed out a list of Bills which could affect the District and summarized the bills of main concern. He also asked for comments on his recent testimony of HB 30. The Board responded positively, and agreed the General Manager should continue his efforts. GM Westbrook then brought up HB40 and SB1165, and covered the problems these bills present in the District's efforts to effectively manage and protect aquifer conditions. Next he briefly discussed HB3720 and SB792 concerning disbursement of the District's fees. He indicated that he had been requested to testify for the Bills, and that if the Board was supportive, he would testify for the Bills in their current state. The Board was supportive.

7. Annual Report from General Manager

President Ausley made a motion to approve the Annual Report as presented. The motion was 2nd by Director Tucker. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Office needs and improvements

The committee gave a brief report on the office and its needs.

- 18. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.072 and 551.071, Texas Government Code, and Section 1.05 Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, to deliberate the acquisition, exchange and value of real property and to consult with legal counsel regarding legal issues related to a possible acquisition of real property**
The Board convened into executive session at 9:22pm to discuss item 18.

19. Reconvene from Executive Session to consider the acquisition of real property.

The Board reconvened at 10:20pm. Director Ware made a motion for GM Westbrook to proceed with working on agreements with the City of Milano concerning the alley on the District's property and a user agreement with the City concerning use of 2nd street. Director Teitjen 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

20. 2015 Budget

No action was taken.

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

After discussion on the bills as presented, Director Wilder made a motion to accept and pay all bills received. Director Tucker 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


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

The next meeting is tentatively set for May 12, 2015.

23. Adjourn Board Meeting

President Ausley called the meeting adjourned at 10:35pm.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON APRIL 14, 2015 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON MAY 12, 2015.



Nathan Ausley, President

Attest:


Kerry Starnes, Secretary/Treasurer

Date 5/12/15