

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

POSGCD District Offices

310 East Avenue C

Milano, TX 76556

January 12, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Directors Present

Nathan Ausley
Kerry Starnes
Bob Ware
Steven Wise
Tommy Tietjen
Durwood Tucker
Bob Wilson
Lee Alford

Directors Absent

Jay Wilder
Sidney Youngblood

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Bobby Bazan
Elaine Gerren
Meredith Earwood

Others Present

James Bené
Barney Knight
Ross Cummings
Scott Carlson
Colleen Waring
Bill Graham
Rachel Tutak
Eric Geppelt
Kodi Sawin

Entity

RW Harden & Associates
Knight & Partners
Blue Water Systems
Metropolitan Water
Berry Hill Farm

Abengoa
Burditt
CTRWSC

BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order and establish quorum
The meeting was called to order and established quorum at 5:32p.m. by Board President, Nathan Ausley.
2. Oath of office for Re-appointed and Appointed Board Members
The Oath of Office was administered to Directors Steven Wise, Bob Wilson, Tommy Tietjen, and Robert Ware.
3. Election of Board Officers
President Ausley opened the floor for nominations for Board Officers. Director Robert Ware moved to nominate and retain current officers of Directors Nathan Ausley as President, Sidney Youngblood as Vice-President, and Kerry Starnes as Secretary-Treasurer, for the coming year, by acclamation. Director Durwood Tucker 2nd the motion. President Ausley asked for discussion or other nominations. No discussion or further nomination was offered, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment
President Ausley asked for public comment. No public comment was heard.
5. Minutes of November 10, 2015 Board Meeting
A motion was made by Director Lee Alford to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 Board meeting. The motion was 2nd by Director Kerry Starnes. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Engagement Letter with Alton Thiele, CPA for auditing services for 2015
GM Gary Westbrook presented a letter of engagement offered from Alton Thiele, CPA, for auditing serves for 2015 and requested direction from the Board. Discussion ensued about the possibility of posting an RFQ/RFP for auditing service since Mr. Thiele had provided this service to the District for more than seven years, and although the District had been satisfied with the results, it was agreed that the District should alternate auditing services from time to time. A motion was made by Director Wise to post ads for a RFQ for auditing services. The motion was 2nd by Director Bob Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Continuation of Administrative Agreement with Texas Municipal League
GM Gary Westbrook presented the annual continuation agreement with TML for consideration. After discussion, President Ausley made a motion to continue with the administrative agreement with the Texas Municipal League. The motion was 2nd by Director Steven Wise. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Contract for expanded scope of work for improvements to Central Queen City-Sparta/Carrizo-Wilcox Groundwater Availability Model
GM Gary Westbrook presented the contract from the Texas Water Development Board and explained the expanded scope of work, and noted that the updated contract does not include a monetary request from the board. After discussion, a motion was made by President Ausley to approve the contract for expanded scope of work for improvements to the Central Queen City-Sparta/Carrizo-Wilcox Groundwater Availability Model. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Teitjen. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Consider Membership in Association of Rural Communities in Texas

General Manager Gary Westbrook noted Judge Sutherland requested the Directors consider membership in ARCiT, handed out information on the association to follow up on earlier information he forwarded to the Board, and explained the benefits and cost to the Board for POSGCD to become a member of the Association of Rural Communities in Texas. After discussion, Director Tommy Teitjen requested more information on what legislation ARCIT supported and opposed last year. The item was tabled until more information could be provided.

10. 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)

President Ausley asked GM Westbrook to present recommendations from the DFC Committee. GM Westbrook passed out a handout entitled, "Developing a Mitigation Plan for POSGCD," and summarized discussion of the committee, which highlighted the District's need to remind citizens management of the District's aquifers has not changed and DFCs adopted by the District will prevent the necessity of a Mitigation Program, however, the committee recommends to the Board to provide comfort and assurance to citizens of the District with these concerns by considering development of a District Mitigation Program at the next Board Meeting.

Next, GM Westbrook reported the committee recommended to the Board to support region-wide DFCs in GMA 12, and to support adoption of DFCs as predicted in GAM Run PS5 with a 10% range for all aquifers in the QC-Sparta/Carrizo-Wilcox GAM, with the exception of the Simsboro, which would be held within 5% variance of the GAM Run. After Discussion, Director Ware moved to approve the committee's recommendation, and Director Wise 2nd the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

GM Westbrook then reported the committee recommended to instruct Intera to perform evaluations on all wells with water columns between 100 and 600 feet and return to the Board with recommended changes to the definition of the shallow management zones of the District, and to analyze monitoring data for the period from 2000 to 2014. After Discussion, Director Tucker moved to approve the committee's recommendation, and Director Wise 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. 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
GM Westbrook reported there were no applications filed requiring hearings and no Emergency Permits granted.

B. Well Drilling activities: registrations, applications, completions, plugging, inspections
GM Westbrook reported 15 registrations, 7 applications, 8 completions, no wells plugged 0, and no wells inspected.

C. Recent and future District presentations and activities

1. Brazos Region G Water Planning Group members meeting with Director of Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs

GM Westbrook reported he attended the meeting January 6th, and gave a summary of issues discussed, will return for a later meeting in February, and continue to serve as an information resource for this committee chaired by Senator Charles Perry.

2. Annual Reports to Commissioners Courts of Milam and Burleson Counties

General Manager Westbrook noted he has presented to the Milam Co. & Burleson Co. Commissioners Courts and given updates from last year, and highlights for 2016.

3. District Staff

General Manager Westbrook discussed the possibility of evaluation and change in staff. He mentioned that District Intern, Meredith Earwood would now perform her role remotely.

4. District Groundwater Conservation Grant Program

General Manager Westbrook noted that the Grant applications would be sent out by the end of the week.

5. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts meeting of January 27-28, 2016

GM Westbrook reported he and Bobby Bazan planned to attend this meeting.

6. District Education Programs

General Manager Westbrook discussed the District's new brochures and advised of hiring a Public Relations Firm to create educational videos for the District. He also presented handouts showing recent information the District has presented via social media efforts.

7. Well Monitoring Network and Water Level Well Monitoring Work

GM Westbrook reported Water Resource Management Specialist Bobby Bazan would be starting annual monitoring at the end of the month. He also noted the District will request TWDB staff to audit Mr. Bazan as he monitors to ensure that the best possible techniques are used.

8. Amend Annual Report for 2014

This item was tabled for the next Board meeting.

9. Annual Report from General Manager

This item was tabled for the next Board meeting.

10. Metropolitan Water v. Abengoa/Blue Water Systems

Legal Counsel, Barney Knight reported on this lawsuit. He stated POSGCD is not a party to this suit, is not involved in this suit in any way, and the suit does not affect the District's regulatory authority.

11. Abengoa Vista Ridge Permits

President Ausley asked if permits issued by the District would be affected in any way by the lawsuit. Mr. Knight answered they should not be affected.

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

Eric Geppelt with Burditt Company explained the assessments their company has done and gave the Board options for the new office layout. The Building Committee took suggestions by the board to discuss and make decisions at a later date. GM Westbrook also noted the signage currently posted on the front of the building, and future efforts to keep the Directors and citizens of the District informed on the progress of remodeling, both on the District's website and through signage at the building site.

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

A motion was made by President Ausley to approve payment of bills. The motion was 2nd by Director Teijten. The motion passed unanimously.

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

President Ausley announced the next regularly scheduled meeting, if needed, would be February 9th, 2016 at 5:30pm located at the District Office.

15. Adjourn Board Meeting

President Ausley adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2016 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON MARCH 8, 2016.



Nathan Ausley, President

Attest:



Kerry Starnes, Secretary/Treasurer

Date_____