

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
August 1, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Directors Present

Sidney Youngblood
Steven Wise
Robert Ware
Durwood Tucker
Bob Wilson
Lee Alford
Jay Wilder
Nathan Ausley
Tommy Tietjen

Directors Absent

Kerry Starnes

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Bobby Bazan
Elaine Gerren
Megan Homeyer
Ralph Sifuentes

Others Present

Kodi Sawin
Steve Young
Barbara Boulware
Pat Reilly
Mike Rubinov
Fred Russell
Mary Ann Russell
Shan Rutherford
Gerald Briggs
Herlinda Briggs
Erin Atkinson
Robbie Jekel

Entity

Sawin Group
Intera
The Knight Law Firm
Blue Water Systems
R.W. Harden & Associates
22 Hills
22 Hills
Terrill & Waldrop
22 Hills
22 Hills
Halff
D&L Services

BOARD MEETING

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Youngblood asked GM Westbrook to lead the meeting in the pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas, and he did so.

2. Invocation

President Youngblood asked GM Westbrook to offer an invocation, and he did so.

3. Call to Order and establish quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 5:32 p.m. by Board President, Sidney Youngblood.

4. Public Comment

President Youngblood opened this item and stated that the Board would hear public comment from all parties that have signed up to speak. He noted only one person had signed up, and invited Mr. Fred Russell to address the Board.

Mr. Russell stated that he wanted protection for the landowners who depended on their wells. He stated that this is a pay to play district and felt that the rights of the current users are not protected. He wants compensation for the landowners who lost their wells. He stated we do not need a Groundwater Well Assistance Program and that what we need is a mitigation program. He is not happy that the mitigation program was changed to the GWAP.

President Sidney Youngblood thanked him for his comment.

5. Statement of Public Purpose and Responsibility

President Sidney Youngblood gave a statement of Public Purpose and Responsibility noting the Board's responsibility to set policy and the process by which staff and contractors of the District carry out their responsibilities. He also invited respectful public participation.

6. Minutes of June 6, 2017 Board Meeting

President Youngblood noted the meeting minutes were emailed to each Director. After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Director Nathan Ausley to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was 2nd by Director Jay Wilder. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Advisory Committee Report

A. Board Member Dashboard

President Sidney Youngblood asked GM Gary Westbrook if the dashboard was up to date on the website. GM Gary Westbrook stated that it was with exception of today's committee meeting. He stated that all committees are on track to accomplish their tasks on time.

B. Board Policies

The Board discussed the policy presented which relates to District meetings, programs and events. A motion was made by Director Tommy Tietjen to accept this policy and to add this to our Board Policy. The motion was 2nd by Director Jay Wilder. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Report from DFC Committee

President Youngblood reminded all in attendance of the importance of attending and being part of the meetings of the committees. He then asked Director Wise, chair of the DFC Committee, to give this report. Director Wise gave a summary of the earlier DFC Committee Meeting pertaining to the below items:

A. Draft Groundwater Well Assistance Program

Director Wise stated that they had received comment from the public and had addressed those comments. He stated that the GWAP will be funded by production and transport fees and that there was \$ 70,000 allocated for this year. He stated that we were on time to give the 90 day comment period by October and to be able to adopt a plan in January 2018.

B. Methodology for determining compliance with DFC's and Management Plan

Director Wise gave a summary of the report from Intera considered at the earlier DFC Committee Meeting and differences in evaluations of 2-D and 3-D information, and also noted the desire of the District to have improved methodology and more accurate data.

C. Update on Compliance with DFC's

Director Wise noted that Intera had presented a report with the most recent water level monitoring information and the District was in compliance with adopted DFCs and limits for drawdown in the shallow management zones of the District.

D. Updates and Improvements to Well Monitoring Network

Bobby Bazan, District Water Resource Management Specialist, reported on progress of increasing the District's Monitoring Network.

E. Introduction of Mr. Ralph Sifuentes, District Field Tech

Mr. Sifuentes was introduced by GM Gary Westbrook. Mr. Sifuentes stated that he had experience in well drilling and that he had worked 28 years with Aloca and Luminant in Mitigation and Monitoring.

F. Agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. for database and GIS services

An update was given on the data base and GIS services by Bobby Bazan. He stated that he felt Halff Associates could provide better user interface programs and that all data we had could be rolled into their program. He stated that they offered better use of the query's for reports that we need. GM Gary Westbrook stated that the company we currently used were not progressing like we need them to. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Nathan Ausley to enter into the Agreement with Halff Associates for the database and GIS services. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Resolution for Authorization for District Debit Card for District Expense for Ralph Sifuentes

A resolution was presented to the board for approval for a banking Debit Card for Ralph Sifuentes. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Durwood Tucker to approve the resolution to add Ralph Sifuentes as a Debit Card signer to the District Checking account. The motion was 2nd by Director Steven Wise. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Purchase District Vehicle

Bobby Bazan presented multiple bids for the purchase of a District vehicle. These bids were received from multiple dealers across the District, and included Ram, Ford, and Chevrolet pick ups.

After discussion on all vehicles and prices, a motion was made by Directory Tietjen to proceed with the purchase of the Ford F-15 offered by Bub Cross in Caldwell. The motion was 2nd by Director Bob Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Report from Rules Committee

A report from the Rules Committee was given by Director Nathan Ausley.

A. Draft District Management Plan

After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Nathan Ausley to send the Draft District Management plan to the TWDB for preapproval and once preapproval is obtained to then put it out for public comment and set it for hearing by December. The motion was 2nd by Director Durwood Tucker. The motion carried unanimously.

B. District Rules Section 7 and 12

GM Gary Westbrook reminded all that recent legislation required all rules for applications must be explicitly stated. Barbara Boulware, of the Knight Law Firm emphasized that this applies to all rules. GM Gary Westbrook reviewed with the Board and public amendments recommended by the rules Committee for District Rule 7.4. He noted Section 12 needs to be brought back to the committee for changes to be made to be more consistent with neighboring District's and State Law. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by President Sidney Youngblood to post

the proposed rules changes for Section 7 and set the hearings for the next Board Meeting of September 5th. The motion was 2nd by Director Nathan Ausley. The motion carried unanimously.

12. District Rainwater Harvesting Education and Grant Program

GM Westbrook presented drafts of the policy and application to be used for this program, as approved and recommended by the Grant Committee. After discussion, Director Lee Alford moved to approve these documents as amended. Director Tietjen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Director Lee Alford then gave comments from the Building Committee Meeting that was prior to this meeting. He stated that the bids for the gutters needed to be received before we can construct the rain water harvesting demonstration model at the District Offices, and included the next agenda item in his discussion.

13. Report from Building Committee

This item was opened with Item # 12

A. Gutters

Director Lee Alford stated that he had a contractor that would submit another bid on Wednesday.

B. Compliance with Architectural Barriers Inspection

Director Alford asked GM Westbrook to discuss the Architectural Barriers Inspection, required at the end of the remodel process for the District's offices. After discussion, motion was made by Director Lee Alford to empower the Building Committee to complete the building modification to become compliant with the Architectural Barrier Inspection, and approve selection and installation of the gutters. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Megan's Minute – Report from Education Coordinator

Megan Homeyer gave the Board a review of projects that she is currently working on and an overview of the Social Media progress since she was hired .

15. 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 Management Area 8 (GMA8)

GM Westbrook updated the Board on the most recent meetings and actions of GMA 12 and GMA 8. He stated that the GMA 8 is in a holding pattern. He stated that the DFC's sent to the TWDB showed some errors, most of which had been corrected, and stated that the Lost Pines GCD DFC's did not match in the Simsboro Aquifer. He will provide an update at the next meeting.

16. 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

No permit received that required hearings.

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

8 Wells registered, 14 new well applications, 5 Completed Wells, 0 wells plugged, 8 well inspections

C. Recent and future District presentations and activities

1. Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit of August 16, 2017

GM Gary Westbrook advised the Board that the speakers had been confirmed with the exception of one and that he was working on getting this completed.

2. Water Quality Sampling Campaign

GM Westbrook reported that this went well. He stated that some people had not received their newsletter notices due to the mail constraints and that he hoped we could get these notices sent out earlier next year. Bobby Bazan reported over 50 samples had been processed.

3. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) of August 29-31, 2017

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he, Bobby Bazan and Megan Homeyer, and 2 Directos would attend this conference at the end of August.

4. Nominations for Environmental Interest Position on the Brazos Region G Water Planning Group.

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he was on this planning group and that there was an open position if anyone was interested in applying for the position.

5. Update on Legislation of 85th Legislature, 1st Special Session

GM Westbrook stated that Megan Homeyer had e-mailed this out in an e-mail blast today.

6. Local Water Utilities Workshop

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he would give an update on this item at the next meeting.

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

The Investment Officer Report was presented by Director Wise, and the bills were presented for approval. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Nathan Ausley to pay the list of bills and to adopt the Investment Officer Report by Resolution. The motion was 2nd by Director Lee Alford. The motion carried unanimously.

18. Annual Investment Office Report

Director Wise, one of the District's Financial Officers gave a brief review of the District's Invest Policy, and noted the District was in compliance with this policy. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Nathan Ausley to adopt the Annual Investment Report by Resolution. The motion was 2nd by Director Robert Ware. The motion passed unanimously.

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

President Youngblood stated the next regular Board Meeting would be September 5, 2017 at the District Office at 5:30

20. Adjourn Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2017 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2017.


Sidney Youngblood, President

Attest:


Tommy Tietjen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date 10/3/2017