

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

POSGCD District Offices

310 East Avenue C

Milano, TX 76556

June 6, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Directors Present

Sidney Youngblood
Steven Wise
Robert Ware
Durwood Tucker
Bob Wilson
Lee Alford
Jay Wilder

Directors Absent

Nathan Ausley
Tommy Tietjen
Kerry Starnes

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Bobby Bazan
Elaine Gerren
Megan Homeyer

Others Present

Kodi Sawin
Amy Jurica Hinnart
Judith McGeary

Steve Young
Andy Hovorak
Barbara Boulware
Pat Reilly

James Bene'
Jevon Harding
Bobby Walker
Blair Parker
David Smith
Ross Cummings
Fred Russell
Paul Terrill
Shan Rutherford
David Pritchard

Entity

Sawin Group
Landowner
Farm & Ranch Freedom
Alliance
Intera
Landowner
The Knight Law Firm
Blue Water Systems
R.W. Harden & Associates
Intera
Landowner
SAWS
Texas 4-H Youth Dev
Blue Water
22 Hills
Terrill & Waldrop
Terrill & Waldrop
Texian Geo-Spatial

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 5:38 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 Ms. Judith McGeary to address the Board.

Ms. McGeary stated that she was baffled on how the board works and functions. She stated in the previous meeting, although District Staff agreed with her and pointed out one Rule which should not be changed, the Board went ahead with amending that Rule anyway. She said the Board should tell landowners what they can do with their property. She stated that Mr. Knight said in the last meeting that the most recent rule trumps the previous rule, and so the District had now removed all spacing restrictions for permitted wells. She then stated when there are disagreements with landowners or anyone the Board should continue to meet with them and work together to resolve those issues before taking action.

President Sidney Youngblood thanked her for her comment.

5. Introduction of District Education Coordinator, Ms. Megan Homeyer

GM Gary Westbrook introduced Ms. Megan Homeyer as the District's new Education Coordinator, and stated she had been employed for two weeks already, and was settling into the position very well. He also noted she has been a great addition to the District's Staff.

6. Resolution for Authorization for District Debit Card for District Expense for Megan Homeyer

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

7. Minutes of April 4, 2017 and April 18, 2017 Board Meetings

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

8. Agreement with Texas A&M AgriLife and Drew Gholson

GM Gary Westbrook stated that the Education Committee had met with Drew Gholson, Ph. D., of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension department, concerning implementation of an educational demonstration site at the POSGCD Office for a rainwater harvesting and uses, a garden site, and a drip irrigation site. Dr. Gholson would design the POSGCD on site rainwater harvesting stations, as well as provide recommendations for irrigation and plants, and coordinate and conduct education and training for District Staff and citizens of the District. He would also design and write a grant reimbursement program for citizens of the District to qualify for District Grant funds for rainwater harvesting. GM Gary Westbrook commented that this would be a great resource for the citizens of the District and that the cost of the programs could be shared between the District's Education and Grant budgets. GM Gary Westbrook stated the cost for this program would be \$ 35,000 over the next 12 months, with an estimated 2/3 of the funds being utilized from in the 2017 budget. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Robert Ware to enter into the Agreement with the Texas A&M Agrilife and Dr. Gholson for the implementation of this program and demonstration site. The motion was 2nd by Director Steven Wise. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Participation in the Texas A&M AgriLife Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program.

David Smith with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office gave a presentation on the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program. This program provides high school age 4-H members and youth an opportunity to gain knowledge in management of water in Texas. The ambassador program offers high school youth to participate in a ten (10) day summer 4-H2O youth leadership academy. The program is sponsored through private scholarships. After discussion by the Board, a motion was

made by Bob Wilson to participate at the Advocate Sponsorship Level of \$ 1,000 per year. The motion was 2nd by Director Lee Alford. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Board Member Dashboard

GM Gary Westbrook advised the Board that the Board Member Dash board was on the website under the Outreach icon. The tasks as listed on the dashboard were discussed and the General Manager updated the board according to each item. No action was taken.

11. Consider a written resolution documenting the Board's previous actions and approval of the applications to amend Drilling and Operating Permit POS-D&O/A&M-0001C to authorize relocation of the point of withdrawal of designated wells

The resolution documenting the Board's previous actions and approval of the applications to amend Drilling and Operating Permit POS-D&O/A&M-0001C to authorize relocation of the point of withdrawal of designated wells was presented to the Board. Discussion was held by the Board with comments being given from Barbara Boulware of The Knight Law Firm. Ms. Boulware clarified the reason for the resolution stating that the resolution summarizes the actions taken by the Board during the process. After discussion by the board a motion was made by Director Durwood Tucker to adopt the resolution. The motion was 2nd by Director Bob Wilson. A roll call vote was called by President Sid Youngblood. The motion passed 5 to 2 with President Sidney Youngblood and Director Steven Wise voting against.

12. 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, including an introduction to discussion on the next three agenda items, noting that Steve Young and Jevon Harding with Intera reviewed the Draft Interim Report Documenting the Development of the POSGCD Monitoring Program to Evaluate Compliance with DFCs, as well as discussing the Draft Groundwater Well Assistance Program. Steven Wise stated that the committee agreed with the methodology used by Intera. He stated more monitoring wells are needed in the shallow zone and that he felt the shallow zones in each aquifer should be monitored separately.

13. Methodology for determining compliance with DFC's and management Plan

After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Director Wise to approve the 5 Administrative Recommendations as outlined in the Draft Interim Report Documenting the Development of the POSGCD Monitoring Program to Evaluate Compliance with DFCs, and to bring this item back to the Board for review. The motion was 2nd by Director Durwood Tucker. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Draft Groundwater Well Assistance Program

GM Gary Westbrook stated the current Draft Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) was the result of dividing the previous document into two separate documents in order to simplify and focus more specifically on the separate concerns, which were those wells which might need immediate assistance upon application, and wells which, upon application, might need assistance at some point in the future. He noted he had e-mailed the timetable which had been developed and the Draft GWAP to the Board. After discussion, Director Wise recommended both the Draft GWAP and the second document, the Draft GWAP Procedure Manual, be posted to the District's website, and emailed to each Director requesting comments on both. All agreed. No further action was taken.

15. Updates and Improvements to Well Monitoring Network

POSGCD Water Resource Management Specialist Bobby Bazan updated the Board on the addition of new District monitor wells. After discussion, GM Westbrook thanked Andy Hovorak, who was in attendance for assisting in locating abandoned oil and gas wells in Burleson County that could be converted into deep Carrizo & Simsboro monitoring wells. Mr. Hovorak also stated he had a well that he would consider letting the District use for a monitoring well. No action was taken.

16. Agreement with Texian Geo-Spatial for website mapping interface

A presentation was given by David Pritchard with Texian Geo-Spatial on 3 different options for a website mapping interface system. After discussion by the Board no action was taken on this. It was tabled to bring back at a later date.

17. Additional Part Time Staff for Field Tech

GM Gary Westbrook advised the Board that with the increase of current District programs, as well as the recommended addition of District programs, such as increasing water quality testing throughout the District, increasing involvement with evaluations of applications filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas for disposal wells, and inspections on completed wells, he felt there was a need to employ a part time position for field work and inspections. He also advised the Board he believed this position would at some point grow to be a full-time position. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Durwood Tucker to send this to the Advisory Committee to be handled as they deem necessary. The motion was 2nd by Director Jay Wilder. The motion carried unanimously.

18. Request for amendments to Groundwater Conservation Grant applications, awards, and contracts with the District

GM Gary Westbrook advised the Board that Cooks Point WSC had sent in a request to amend their 2017 Grant Request. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Robert Ware to send this request to the Grant Committee for review, and then return a recommendation to the Board. The motion was 2nd by Director Bob Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

19. Report from Education Committee and Education Coordinator.

Megan Homeyer gave the Board a review of projects that she is currently working on and education projects for the future.

20. 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.

21. 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

0 Wells registered, 9 new well applications, 0 Completed Wells, 1 wells plugged, 1 well inspections

C. Recent and future District presentations and activities

1. Local Water Utilities Workshop

The date for this workshop was changed to July with the date to be determined

2. Water Quality Sampling Campaign with Texas Well Owners' Network and Texas A&M AfriLife

Bobby Bazan reported that this campaign had started and that the collection bottles had been delivered to the Extension Agents in both counties. The samples will be collected at the Extension offices and there will be a results meeting on July 14th for all participants to get their results. These meetings will be at the POSGCD offices for Milam County, and at the Expo Center in Caldwell for Burleson County.

3. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) quarterly meeting of May 31-June 1, 2017

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he, Ms. Homeyer, and Mr. Bazan had attended this meeting.

4. Sponsorship at TAGD Texas Groundwater Summit of August 29-31, 2017

GM Gary Westbrook provided the Board with the different levels of Sponsorship for this event. After discussion by the Board, Director Tucker made the motion to sponsor a booth at the cost of \$550 dollars. The motion was 2nd by Director Robert Ware. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Update on Legislation of 85th Legislature

GM Gary Westbrook advised the Board on the legislative actions to date, noting that although some of these bills had not been signed yet by the Governor. He noted a final report would be given at a later date after the veto deadline had passed.

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

GM Gary Westbrook presented a list of speakers and topics approved by the Education Committee to be forwarded to the Board for review for this event. Mr. Westbrook also noted several of these topics were requested by citizens who met with the District's Liaison Committee. All agreed the list was appropriate, and no action was needed.

7. POSGCD Open House of May 18, 2017

GM Gary Westbrook reported on the open house. He noted it was a success with good participation from both counties in the District, as well as neighboring GCDs.

8. Lone Star Healthy Streams of May 26, 2017

GM Westbrook reported he and Mr. Bazan and Ms. Homeyer had presented a discussion at this event, and the cost of the lunch for attendees was split between POSGCD and Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District.

9. TWCA Summer Conference of June 14-16, 2017

GM Gary Westbrook reported that he would attend this conference.

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

The bills were presented for approval. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Robert Ware to pay the list of bills. The motion was 2nd by Director Jay Wilder. The motion carried unanimously.

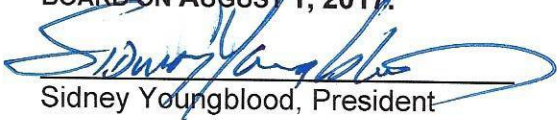
23. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings.

President Youngblood noted the regular Board Meetings date would fall on July 4th, so the next scheduled meeting, if needed in July, will be determined at a later date.

24. Adjourn Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON JUNE 6, 2017 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON AUGUST 1, 2017.

 8/1/2017
Sidney Youngblood, President

Attest:


Tommy Tietjen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date 8/1/17