

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting & Public Hearing
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
April 3, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Directors Present

Becky Goetsch
Durwood Tucker
Bob Ware
Steven Wise
Tommy Tietjen
Lee Alford
Sidney Youngblood
Bob Wilson
Jay Wilder
Chris Whittaker

Directors Absent

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Bobby Bazan
Elaine Gerren
Ralph Sufientes

Others Present

Barbara Boulware
Blair Parker
Pat Riley
Nathan Ausley
Mike Robbins
Mike Conner
Shan Rutherford

Entity

The Knight Law Firm, LLP
San Antonio Water Sys.
Blue Water System
Landowner
R.W. Harden
Landowner
Terrill & Waldrop

BOARD MEETING

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Youngblood brought the meeting to order at 5:36 pm and asked GM Gary Westbrook to lead the meeting in the pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas, and he did so.

2. Invocation

President Sidney Youngblood led the invocation.

3. Call to Order and establish quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 5:37 p.m. by Board President, Sidney Youngblood.

4. Minutes of March 6, 2018

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Bob Wilson to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018 board meeting as presented. The motion to approve the board meeting minutes was 2nd by Director Lee Alford. The motion carried unanimously.

5. 2017 District Audit

GM Westbrook stated the Audit is not complete. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

6. Award 2018 Groundwater Conservation Grants.

Recommendations were submitted by the Grant Committee. Three Directors will abstain from discussion and voting. They are, Director Bob Wilson, Director Chris Whittaker and Director Robert Ware. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Lee Alford to accept the Committee Recommendations as presented. The motion was 2nd by Director Durwood Tucker. The motion passed 7-0 with 3 abstaining. The amounts awarded are as follows:

City of Somerville \$381,105.00
Birch Creek Rec \$ 98,045.00
City of Thorndale \$ 385,000.00
South West Milam WSC \$ 390,000.00

7. Consider items for which fire departments in the District may be reimbursed for expenses under the Groundwater Conservation Grant Program

A handout was presented to the directors with information on Pro-packs that fire departments can purchase for foam use which conserves water. Discussion was held by the Board. A motion was made by Director Tommy Tietjen to continue to fund all reimbursement of foam, and to include all other materials which could be applied by a fire department in their work which would conserve groundwater, and to allow reimbursement for any equipment to apply foam, with an increase in the amount a fire department can get reimbursed for to \$ 3,000.00 per year. The motion was 2nd by Director Bob Wilson. After discussion was held by the Board, the motion was amended by Tommy Tietjen to bring the dollar amount for equipment reimbursement down to \$ 1,000 per fire department per year. The amended motion was 2nd by Director Durwood Tucker. The amendment carried unanimously. The motion passed 9-1, with Director Whittaker voting against.

8. Petition for inquiry filed with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by Fred Russell

Legal Counsel, Barbara Boulware gave a timeline of the events. She stated that we hoped to have a response from TCEQ by week's end. No action was taken.

9. Employment of District Personnel

A. Education Coordinator

GM Gary Westbrook stated that we had received 2 resumes' and hoped to have more come in in the next week. No action was taken.

B. Field Tech

4. District Groundwater Conservation Grant Program

GM, Gary Westbrook stated that grants had been awarded previously in this meeting.

5. Texas Groundwater Summit August 28-30, 2018

GM, Gary Westbrook stated that he and Bobby will attend this conference, and encouraged Board members to let staff know if they desired to attend so they could be registered.

6. Ongoing Audit by District by State Auditor's Office.

GM Gary Westbrook reported the audit is ongoing and District staff is providing information as requested and stated the report should be available in April or May of this year.

7. Rainwater Harvesting Workshop of April 12, 2018

GM Gary Westbrook stated that the next Rainwater Harvesting Workshop is scheduled for April 12, 2018

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

After discussion by the board, a motion was made by Director Tommy Tietjen to approve payment of bills and accept the financial report. The motion was 2nd by Director Jay Wilder. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Public Comment

Public comment was heard from the following citizens:
Mike Conner presented comment on the District's Rules.
Nathan Ausley encouraged the Board and Staff in their mission.

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

President Youngblood announced the next regularly scheduled meeting would be May 1st, 2018 at 5:30 pm located at the District Office.

17. Adjourn Board Meeting

President Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON APRIL 3, 2018 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON MAY 1, 2018.


Sidney Youngblood, President

Attest:


Tommy Tietjen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date

5/1/2018