

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting & Public Hearing
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
May 1, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

Bob Ware
Jay Wilder

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Bobby Bazan
Elaine Gerren
Ralph Sifuentes

Others Present

Barbara Boulware-Wells
Pat Riley
Mike Robbins
Shan Rutherford

Entity

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

BOARD MEETING

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Youngblood brought the meeting to order at 5:34 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

Ralph Sifuentes led the invocation.

3. Call to Order and establish quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 5:36 p.m. by Board President, Sidney Youngblood.

4. Minutes of March 6, 2018

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Lee Alford to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2018 board meeting as presented. The motion to approve the board meeting minutes was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion carried unanimously.

5. 2017 District Audit

GM Westbrook noted the Board had contracted with Alton Thiele, CPA to perform the District's Audit for 2017, and introduced Mr. Thiele. After a slide presentation of the audit discussion was held by the Board, a motion was made by Director Steven Wise to approve the audit subject to clarification or any adjustments that may be needed from questions that were presented to the auditor. The motion was 2nd by Director Bob Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

6. District Conservation Grants.

GM Gary Westbrook presented an overview and update of the District's current conservation and grant programs. These programs included:

\$12.3 million awarded in 85 grants since 2006 to Local Water Utilities;

\$107,000 for 2017 and 2018 for Rainwater Harvesting Grants;

\$150,000 committed to the Groundwater Well Assistance Programs;

\$25,000 for 2018 for reimbursements for foam to Fire Departments; and

\$25,000 for 2018 for plugging abandoned water wells.

After a brief discussion of possible new groundwater conservation programs, a motion was made by Director Lee Alford to proceed with the development of new programs for possible later consideration by the Board. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion carried unanimously.

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

GM Gary Westbrook stated that the petition for Fred Russell had been placed on the TCEQ Docket for May 9th at 9:00 am. GM Westbrook gave a brief overview of the proceedings that day, and stated that he and General Counsel Barbara Boulware-Wells would attend on behalf of the District, and asked if any other directors would like to attend. Directors Whittaker and Youngblood stated they will also attend. No action was taken.

8. Employment of District Personnel

A. Education Coordinator

GM Gary Westbrook stated that the committee along with himself had reached a decision on the Education Coordinator position. GM Gary Westbrook will reach out to the applicant with a job offer to secure this position by tomorrow. No action was taken.

B. Field Tech

GM Gary Westbrook addressed the Board stating that Ralph Sifuentes had been hired on as a full time employee. The goal with Ralph going full time is to have 200 monitor wells by the end of 2018. No action was taken.

9. Board Member Dashboard and Committee Charges for 2018

GM Gary Westbrook stated that the dashboard was up to date and with the hiring of a new Educational Coordinator he hopes to continue to have this updated and current on the website. He then noted several updates for committees of the District.. No further action was taken.

10. Community Outreach Committee Meeting of April 24, 2018

GM Gary Westbrook reported that the first meeting was well received, although there were not as many attendees as anticipated. The meeting was held in a round table fashion, and minutes were to be posted on the website. No action was taken.

11. 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)

GM Westbrook stated that the GMA 12 meeting will be held in Milano on May 11, 2018 at the District Offices. The next GMA 8 meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2018 in Cleburne, TX. No action was taken.

12. 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 Gary Westbrook reported no applications were filed which require a hearing and no emergency permits had been granted.

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

GM Gary Westbrook reported 18 registrations, 7 new applications, 14 completions, 0 plugging, 2 wells inspected since the last meeting.

C. Recent and future District presentations and activities

1. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Meeting of May 21-22, 2018

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he and Bobby Bazan will attend this meeting.

2. Well Monitoring Network and Water Level Well Monitoring Work

A report was given by Bobby Bazan updating the progress on the monitoring wells.

3. Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit of August 15, 2018

GM Gary Westbrook reminded the Board that the summit will be August 15, 2018 and that it will be at the Caldwell Civic Center again this year.

4. Rainwater Harvesting Workshop of April 12, 2018

GM, Gary Westbrook stated that this workshop had 24 participants and was a success.

5. Texas Groundwater Summit August 28-30, 2018

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

6. Texas Aquifer Conference of June 6-7, 2018

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he will attend this conference.

7. Rethinking Texas Water Policy Conference of April 5-6, 2018

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he had attended this conference, and gave a brief update on the agenda and panels there.

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

After discussion by the board, a motion was made by Director Lee Alford to approve payment of bills and accept the financial report. The motion was 2nd by Director Chris Whittaker. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Public Comment

President Youngblood invited public comment. No public comment was offered.

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

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

17. Adjourn Board Meeting

President Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON MAY 1, 2018 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON JUNE 5TH, 2018.

Sidney Youngblood, President

Attest:

Tommy Tietjen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date _____