

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting & Public Hearing
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
August 7, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

Jay Wilder

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Bobby Bazan
Elaine Gerren
Ralph Sifuentes
Doug Box

Others Present

Barbara Boulware-Wells
Pat Riley
Ross Cummings
Steve Young
Judith McGeary
Dan Fisher
Blaire Parker
Shan Rutherford
Nathan Ausley
Scott Carlson
Jevon Harding
Christian Dowde
Patty Miller

Entity

The Knight Law Firm, LLP
Blue Water System
Blue Water Systems
Intera
Landowner
Landowner
SAWS
Terrill & Waldrop
Land Owner
Met Water
Intera
R.W. Harden & Associates
Self

BOARD MEETING

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Youngblood brought the meeting to order at 5:40 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 asked Ralph Sifuentes to lead the invocation and he did so.

3. Call to Order and establish quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 5:43 p.m. by Board President, Sidney Youngblood.

4. Minutes of July 10, 2018

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Jay Lee Alford to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2018 board meeting as presented. The motion to approve the board meeting minutes was 2nd by Director Durwood Tucker. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Review and discussion of the Post Oak Savannah Aquifer Conservancy Program

A slide show presentation on the new program was given by GM Gary Westbrook. Questions and comments were received and discussion was held ranging from topics of conservation to timing of payments. Director Chris Whittaker stated that he felt that the program needs to have some flexibility in providing the landowner options for being able to sell their property or deed it to family members without penalty. Comment was given by Director Lee Alford and Director Becky Goetsch in agreement with Director Whittaker. Director Bob Wilson stated that we needed to know the participation before raising the fees. An enrollment incentive was discussed. The advisory committee will meet tomorrow at 7 am and will discuss this program further and have program prepared for a presentation at the Summit. No action was taken.

6. Review and action on Application to Dispose of Oil and Gas Waste by Injection, number 1186984, filed by Wildhorse Resources Management Company, LLC

GM Gary Westbrook presented a summary of this application and of the hearing of August 3, and the process going forward. Mr. Westbrook stated the District filed a letter of protest, and had been allowed to participate as a party in the hearing. The District produced evidence in the form of a report which expressed concerns about the protection of the aquifers in the District, and provided Matt Uliana as a witness. The District also cross-examined witnesses of the applicant. Mr. Westbrook also noted the closing argument for the District would be prepared and filed by Barbara Boulware with Knight & Partners, LLC. He requested that if the Board desired anyone to approve this document before filing it be the Advisory Committee. Ms. Boulware-Wells provided explanation of the content and purpose of the closing argument. After discussion, the Board agreed the closing statement should be provided to the Advisory Committee prior to filing in case explanation was needed, but the committee would not need to approve prior to filing. No action was taken.

7. Consider services for acquiring information on filings with the Railroad Commission of Texas concerning applications for oil & gas disposal wells

GM Westbrook reviewed two options for this service. After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by director Bob Wilson to approve Knight & Partners, LLC to provide services for acquiring

information on filings with the Railroad Commission of Texas concerning application for oil and gas disposal wells. The motion was 2nd by Director Chris Whittaker. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Update from DFC Committee on information presented at DFC Committee of August 7, 2018
Committee Chair Steven Wise gave an overview of the meeting including the Guidance Document for Evaluating Compliance with DFC's and PDL's. GM Gary Westbrook then briefly discussed a recent report entitled "Surface Water-Ground Water Interaction Issues in Texas" authored by Steve Young, Robert Mace, and Carlos Rubinstein which had been discussed earlier at the DFC Committee. He noted this report had been well received across the state and at the legislature and the report gave quite a bit of credit for research to Post Oak Savannah GCD. No action was taken.

9. POSGCD Guidance Document for Evaluating Compliance with Desired Future Conditions and Protective Drawdown Limits

Director Wise stated the committee had reviewed this revised document and recommended unanimously that the Board adopt the Guidance Document for Evaluating Compliance with DFC's and PDL's. GM Westbrook reminded that this document also included protocols for monitoring water levels in the District and approval would include that as well, and this document had been reviewed by the other GCDs in GMA 12 with those comments addressed. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Durwood Tucker to adopt the Guidance Document for Evaluating Compliance with Desired Future Conditions and Protective Drawdown Limits. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Approve the 2018 employer contribution rate of 2.91% for Texas Counties and Districts Retirement System

After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Steven Wise to approve the 2018 employer contribution rate of 2.91% for Texas Counties and Districts Retirement System and to make this retroactive to the first of the year. The motion was 2nd by President Sidney Youngblood. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Approve the 2019 employer contribution rate of 3.10% for Texas Counties and Districts Retirement System

After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Steven Wise to approve the 2019 employer contribution rate of 3.10% for Texas Counties and Districts Retirement System. The motion was 2nd by Director Lee Alford. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Amend Board Policies

GM Gary Westbrook presented 3 recommendations to amend the Board Policies. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Bob Wilson to accept the 3 amendments with additional language as offered by directors under the appropriate headings. The motion was 2nd by Director Becky Goetsch. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Review of Education Efforts and Activities

Doug Box, District Education Coordinator provided a handout and an overview of the educational program for the District and the upcoming Summit. He noted an increase in use of the District's website and social media. No action was taken.

14. Well Monitoring Network and Water Level Monitoring Network
A. Work with Deanville WSC on water level monitoring

Bobby Bazan, Water Resource Manager for the District stated that this is a continuation from discussion at the earlier DFC Committee meeting and previous Board meetings. He presented a report showing historic water levels and construction of the Deanville WSC wells and reported that additional water levels had been recorded and the wells were being monitored closely for any future changes. He further stated that one Deanville well would receive a continuous water level monitoring device from Wellintel, and if necessary these devices could be provided to other DWSC wells. He also noted that the District is scheduled to perform an investigation using the District's down hole camera as soon as one of the wells in question has the pump pulled for maintenance. Director Ware asked if the District was monitoring other wells in that area. Mr. Bazan elaborated on several additional wells and water levels which had been reviewed and reported. Reports on these wells will continue.

B. Update on availability of public interface for monitoring information

Bobby Bazan and Doug Box presented the new public interface options for the public to review water well information and water levels, and reported that these tools are now on the District's website. They then previewed 2 of the tutorials available to the public and then showed the benefit to the public and the ease of being able to use the program. No action was taken.

15. 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 noted the next meeting for GMA 8 had not been set yet, but that GMA 12 should meet by mid-November. He also noted the importance of having the guidance document adopted.

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

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 9 registrations, 5 new applications, 8 completions, 1 plugging, 0 wells inspected since the last meeting.

C. Recent and future District presentations and activities

1. District Rainwater Harvesting Classes of July 27, 2018

GM Gary Westbrook reported that there were 26 people attending the Rainwater Harvesting class on July 27, 2018.

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

GM Gary Westbrook stated that preparations were being finalized and all is on schedule. No action was taken.

3. Texas Groundwater Summit August 28-30, 2018

GM Westbrook stated that 4 staff and 3 directors are registered for this conference.

4. Texas Groundwater Association Driller's CEU Classes July 24, 2018

GM Westbrook advised the Board that we had 21 participants at the Texas Groundwater Association Driller's CEU Classes July 24, 2018 at the District Offices.

5. Presentation to Cameron Lions Club of July 9, 2018

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he had given a presentation on the Post Oak Savannah Aquifer Conservancy Program to the Cameron Lions Club on July 9, 2018.

6. Presentation to Cameron Rotary of July 17, 2018

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he had given a presentation on the Post Oak Savannah Aquifer Conservancy Program to the Cameron Rotary on July 17, 2018.

7. Presentation to Burleson County Commissioner's Court of July 23, 2018

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he had given a presentation on the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservancy Program to the Burleson County Commissioner's Court on July 23, 2018. He also noted several directors were present for this discussion and all commissioners were supportive of the POSGCD Aquifer Conservancy Program.

8. Presentation to the Rockdale Rotary of July 24, 2018

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he had given a presentation on the Post Oak Savannah Aquifer Conservancy Program to the Rockdale Rotary on July 24, 2018.

9. 2018 Water Wise Report

GM Gary Westbrook stated that this report is posted on the Website in electronic form.

17. 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 Steven Wise. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Public Comment

President Youngblood invited public comment.
No Public Comment was given

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

After discussion by the Board a motion was made by director Bob Wilson to move the next scheduled meeting to the 2nd Tuesday of the month, due to the Labor Day Holiday, to be on September 11th at 5:30 at the District Office. The motion was 2nd by Director Steven Wise. The motion carried unanimously.

17. Adjourn Board Meeting

President Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON AUGUST 7, 2018 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2018.

Sidney Youngblood, President

Attest:

Tommy Tietjen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date _____

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