

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Community Outreach
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
October 23, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members Present

Becky Goetsch
Durwood Tucker
Lee Alford
Sidney Youngblood

Committee Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Bobby Bazan
Doug Box

Others Present

Barbara Boulware
Steve Young
Sydney Beckner
Chris Whittaker
Blaire Parker
Dan Fisher
Liz Ferry
Judith McGeary
Gabbo Goetsch
Andy Hovorak

Entity

The Knight Law Firm, LLP
Intera
Student
POSGCD Board Member
San Antonio Water Systems
Landowner
R.W. Harden & Associates
Landowner
Landowner
Landowner

OUTREACH MEETING

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Sidney Youngblood 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

Chair Sidney Youngblood led the invocation.

3. **Call to order**

Chair Sidney Youngblood called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

4. **Presentation from Sydney Beckner on her Master's Thesis: Social Perspectives on an Inter-Aquifer Water Transfer Project: The Vista Ridge Pipeline in Central Texas**

Sydney Beckner described the methodology and process she followed to conduct research on this project and then to compile that information into her Master's Thesis. Discussion ensued on the methodology and Ms. Beckner's opinions and thoughts on why the results turned out as they did. Discussion also included Ms. Beckner's thoughts on the impact this study might have on the future of public policy in the state with regard to these kinds of projects.

5. **Presentation and discussion of questions and responsive information regarding: Applicable state law to the District, The District's Management Plan, The District's Rules, The purpose, operations and functions of the District.**

Chair Sidney Youngblood invited all in the room to introduce themselves. Chair Sidney Youngblood then asked GM Westbrook to proceed with questions submitted to the committee for discussion. Mr. Westbrook noted no questions had been submitted which required formal response, but noted several informal questions which had arisen. First, he answered that in case of adjustments to the maximum allowable production of permits, exempt wells would not be affected under the current state law and District Rules. Second, he asked Dr. Steve Young to describe the process of possible curtailment of production in the future under the current District Rules. Dr. Young covered scenarios including the use of management zones as described in the District's Management Plan and Section 16 of the District's Rules. Discussion ensued on this topic.

Gabbo Goetsch then inquired of the District's past and future actions concerning adoption and enforcement of Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) in Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12). Dr. Young and Mr. Westbrook provided information concerning these issues. Discussion also included the affects on the District of Rule of Capture in Texas.

Judith McGeary discussed the possibility of the District's Rules including the use of Modeled Available Groundwater in Threshold Level 3 of Section 16 for the purpose of reducing production to achieve the DFCs. She also asked if the District would add the updated terminology for use in protection of the shallow parts of the aquifers known as Protective Drawdown Limits (PDLs) of the new District Management Plan into Section 16 of the District's Rules. Mr. Westbrook responded this had been planned when the District next amends its Rules.

Mr. Westbrook and Dr. Young then discussed the new science available to the District and how the District will make use of the recently updated Groundwater Availability Model which will be used for GMA 12.

Chair Youngblood thanked all for their attendance and stated he hoped to continue this process at the next meeting in approximately six months.

6. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2018 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON

Sidney Youngblood, President

Attest:

Tommy Tietjen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date _____

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