# POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting POSGCD District Offices 310 East Avenue C Milano, TX 76556 January 8, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

# **MINUTES**

# **Directors Present**

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

# **Directors Absent**

None

# **Staff Present**

Gary Westbrook Bobby Bazan Elaine Gerren Ralph Sifuentes Doug Box

# Others Present Entity

Barbara Boulware-Wells The Knight Law Firm, LLP

Pat Reilly Blue Water System

Dan Fischer Landowner

Shan Rutherford Terrill & Waldrop

Scott Carlson Met Water
Mike Robin R.W. Hardin
Mary Ann Russell Landowner
Fred Russell Landowner
Judith McGeary Landowner
Vincent Garza SAWS

David Smith Texas 4-H Youth Development

Gabbo Goetsch Landowner
Steve Young Intera
Nathan Ausley Landowner

Chanyn Wise Self

#### **BOARD MEETING**

# 1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Sidney Youngblood asked Director Becky Goetsch to lead the pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas and she did so.

## 2. Invocation

President Sidney Youngblood lead the invocation.

### 3. Call to Order and establish quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 5:31 p.m. by President Sidney Youngblood.

### 4. Oath of office for Appointed Board Member

President Sidney Youngblood administered the Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer to Ed Savage and thanked him for his willingness to serve as a Director.

#### 5. Election of Board Officers

After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Lee Alford to retain the current Board Officers. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Durwood Tucker. The motion passed unanimously. A Statement of Thanks was read by President Sidney Youngblood.

### 6. Minutes of November 6, 2018

After brief discussion a motion was made by Director Tommy Tietjen to approve the minutes of the December 4th, 2018 board meeting as presented. The motion to approve the board meeting minutes was  $2^{nd}$  by Director Lee Alford. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 7. State of the District

GM Gary Westbrook stated that the State of the District as written by President Youngblood was included in the Annual Report, which would be considered for adoption later in the meeting. President Youngblood then presented an overview of events and accomplishments of the District during 2018. He also thanked all current and previous directors for their service, calling each by name and including their tenure on the Board. He also thanked each member of the District Staff by name for their dedication and professional approach and accomplishments. He then thanked the District's consultants, including the District's hydrogeologist, Intera, Inc. and the District's General Counsel, The Knight Law Firm, LLP, for their assistance in efforts in support of the Board and Staff. No further action was taken.

## 8. Consider Adoption of Aquifer Conservancy Program

President Sidney Youngblood asked General Manager Gary Westbrook to introduce this item. Mr. Westbrook noted the Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP) had been introduced early last year, and discussed for much of the past year with town hall meetings, public hearings, and notices to receive comment on the ACP and ACP Guidance Document (ACPGD), and the program was now properly before the Board for consideration to adopt. President Youngblood noted that many of the public's comments had been included in the ACP and the ACPGD. He further noted that because of this he believed this program may have been introduced by the Board, but now was truly built by the public because of their extensive involvement in the process. Director Steven Wise pointed out a formatting typo with item C-1 and with this correction he moved to adopt the Aquifer Conservancy Program.

The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Chris Whittaker. President Youngblood asked for discussion from the Board. After brief supportive discussion, he asked for comments from the public. After brief statements were offered, President Youngblood then asked for the vote on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Continued participation in Texas A&M Agri-life Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program David Smith, Program Director, Texas A&M Agri-life Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program presented a slideshow of the past years accomplishments and thanked the District for their participation. A motion was made by Director Tommy Tietjen to continue support with participation in the amount of \$ 1000.00. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Jay Wilder. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 10. Board Dashboard

GM Gary Westbrook presented a spreadsheet of the current Board committee assignments, including requests and preferences of Board members concerning their committee membership moving forward into 2019. After discussion, President Youngblood moved to agenda item 11.

# 11. Appointment of Committees

GM Gary Westbrook presented a spreadsheet with Committee assignments updated to reflect Board member requests and preferences. Discussion was held by the Board and appointees were recommended for appointment to the committees for the 2019 year. A motion was made by Durwood Tucker to approve the appointments as recommended. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Bob Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 12. Consider recommendations from DFC Committee:

- a. Consider Update of Pumping files to be used for Joint Planning in Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12) and Evaluation of Compliance with Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) and Protective Drawdown Limits (PDLs)
- b. Possible changes in GMA 12 DFCs
- c. Approach for Developing GMA 12 Explanatory Report for next round of Joint Planning
- d. Additions to hydrologic studies assigned to Intera, Inc. concerning management of aquifers
  - i. Proposed Scope of Work for Defining Aquifer Boundaries in the District
  - ii. Proposed Scope of Work for Identifying Sand and Clay Layers in Aquifers of the District

Committee Chair Steven Wise gave an overview of the DFC Committee meeting prior to the Board Meeting, and invited GM Westbrook to give a summary of the work considered and discussed, and the recommendations from the committee. He noted that the DFC Committee unanimously approved several recommendations to the Board, as follows:

- a. First, approve using the pumping files that the District used in the last round of joint planning and updating them using the new groundwater availability model, then return those results to the DFC Committee for consideration.
- b. Proceed with conversion of expression of DFCs from average drawdown across the District to water level as expressed compared to mean sea level.
- c. Use the same approach for developing the GMA 12 Explanatory Report for this round of joint planning as used in the previous round, which is to have each consultant write the part of the report responsive to comments received on DFCs in the GCD they serve.
- d. Approve both proposed scope of work items for defining Aquifer Boundaries and identifying Sand & Clay layers in the Aquifers of the District for a total of \$65,000. After discussion, a motion was

made by Director Durwood Tucker to approve all recommendations from the DFC Committee. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion carried unanimously.

# 13. Water Level Monitoring Work

- a. Deanville WSC
- b. Commencement of annual measurements

Bobby Bazan. Water Resource Manager gave an overview of the Deanville WSC well water levels stating that the levels had remained the same and that the District continues to monitor these wells and has installed a Well Intel monitoring in the wells for more accurate measurements. He also stated that he and Ralph Sifuentes will begin the annual measurements late January and into February.

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

General Manger Gary Westbrook advised the Board that there were no changes from the last report. Barbara Boulware-Wells of The Knight Law Firm, LLP stated that the RR Commission could possibly have a decision in late January. No further action was taken.

### 15. Review of Recent Educational Efforts and Activities

A handout and update was given by Doug Box on the District Activities for the 2018 year. Mr. Box noted the work on social media performed by the District's volunteer intern, Mrs. Jaclyn Robertson. After discussion, the Board thanked Mrs. Robertson and Mr. Box for a job well done.

16. 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 Gary Westbrook advised the Board that the next GMA 12 meeting will be on January 29, 2019 at 9 a.m.. He noted that there was no scheduled GMA 8 Meeting at this time. No action was taken.

- 17. 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 Emergency Permits were filed.
  - **B.** Well Drilling activities: registrations, applications, completions, plugging, inspections
    There were 12 wells registered, 2 new well applications, 5 wells completed, o wells plugged and 0 well inspections.
  - C. Recent and future District presentations and activities
    - 1. Annual Report from General Manager

GM Gary Westbrook presented the Annual Report for 2018 and thanked Doug Box for his work on the upgraded report. He then recommended to amend to the report by adding the District's participation in the Texas A&M Agri-life Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program on page 19 under item number 2 which corresponds to item 16.4 of the District's Management Plan.

- **2.** Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts meeting of January 22-23, 2019 GM Gary Westbrook stated the he, Bobby Bazan and Doug Box will attend the TAGD meeting on January 22-23, 2019.
- **3.** Groundwater Conservation Grant Program and Scoring Mechanism

  GM Gary Westbrook presented the Grant Scoring Mechanism with changes recommended by the Grant Committee. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Jay Wilder to approve

the changes to the Grant Scoring Mechanism as recommended and presented. Director Tommy Tietjen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Water for Texas Conference of January 23-25, 2019
  - GM Gary Westbrook stated that he and Doug Box will attend the Water for Texas Conference of January 23-25, 2019
- 5. Texas Ground Water Association meeting of January 23-25, 2019

GM Gary Westbrook stated that Bobby Bazan and Ralph Sifuentes will attend this conference of January 23-25, 2019

6. Update on improvements to property

GM Gary Westbrook stated that the lighted flag poles will be installed soon and that the planting beds are prepared for future classes.

# 18. Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report.

GM Gary Westbrook report that the \$1.25 Million is now in a CD for the duration of one year, as approved by the Board at the last meeting. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 19. Public Comment

President Sidney Youngblood invited public comment.

Public comment was heard from Fred Russell in opposition to the Aquifer Conservancy Program and the permitting rules of the District.

No one else offered comment.

# 20. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings.

The next scheduled regular meeting will be on February 5, 2019 at the District Office at 5:30 pm.

#### 21. Adjourn Board Meeting

President Sidney Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEET	TING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER
<b>CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD O</b>	N JANUARY 8, 2019 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON FEBRUARY
5, 2019.	
Sidney Youngblood, President	

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Tommy Tietien Secretary/Tre	asurer	Date	