

**POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DFC Committee
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
March 5, 2019 – 3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Directors Present

Steven Wise
Ed Savage
Durwood Tucker
Becky Goetsch

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Elaine Gerren
Doug Box
Bobby Bazan
Ralph Sifuentes

Others Present

Barbara Boulware
Shan Rutherford
Steve Young
Ross Cummings
Pat Reilly
Paul Terrill
Dan Fisher
James Bene'

Entity

The Knight Law Firm
Terrill Waldrop
Intera
Blue Water
Blue Water
Terrill & Waldrop
Land Owner
RW Harden

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Chair Steven Wise led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Invocation

Committee Chair Steven gave the invocation.

3. Call to order

Committee Chair Steven Wise called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

4. Approved the minutes of January 8, 2019 DFC Committee Meeting

A motion was made by committee member Ed Savage to approve the minutes of January 8, 2019 DFC Committee Meeting. The motion was 2nd by committee member Chris Whittaker. The motion carried unanimously.

A presentation was then given by Dr. Steve Young with Intera, Inc., entitled, "Presentation to DFC Committee" in which agenda items 5 through 7 were discussed.

5. Discussion on potential for land subsidence in aquifers of the District

Dr. Young advised the committee to turn to slides 2-14 for discussion of item 5. The committee discussed the results of this work, with Dr. young answering questions. After discussion, Dr. Young advised the committee that they should do more investigation on this and look at it later in the year after some of the other projects had been completed. The committee discussed the importance of the information gained and agreed to bring it back to the committee later in the year. No action was taken.

6. Progress report on hydrologic studies by Intera, Inc.

Dr. Young advised the committee to turn to slides 24-32 for discussion of item 6. The committee discussed the results of this work, with Dr. young answering questions. No action was taken.

7. Investigation into possible contamination of groundwater resources due to deposits of coal ash

Dr. Young advised the committee to turn to slides 14-23 for discussion of item 7. The committee discussed the report that had been received concerning the Alcoa plant location as well as other Coal Fired Power Plants that may have possible contamination. The committee discussed the possible contamination at the Alcoa location, with Dr. young answering questions concerning the construction of the pit where the coal ash was deposited and current monitoring and reporting requirements. Gary Westbrook, General Manager, then discussed the District's actions to date, noting that all regulatory authority at this site rested with either the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), but that the District would closely monitor the situation and results of ongoing water quality tests. GM Westbrook asked the committee to recommend to the Board for staff and consultants to continue to work with Alcoa and TCEQ by participating in the ongoing water quality testing and possibly add more monitor wells in the Alcoa area so the District could better provide accurate information to the public concerning the water quality in the area and any movement of that water quality. The committee discussed the recommendation and agreed to make that recommendation to the Board at the meeting of this same day.

8. Update on work with Deanville WSC on water level monitoring

Water Resource Manager, Bobby Bazan, reported the District continues to closely monitor this situation. He advised the committee that our internet connection had been lost and that we are working to regain internet service to this well, but that we were still recording information at this location, and we are currently downloading it by hand until the internet service is restored. Director Goetsch asked if there were any changes in water level. Mr. Bazan reported no change at this time, and the level remained consistent with levels from the previous year.

9. Update on monitoring and current results and investigations

Water Resource Manager, Bobby Bazan reported that Ralph Sifuentes was in process of collecting the monitoring data from the monitoring wells and that he was approximately 50% complete. He stated that we currently have approximately 220 wells in the monitoring program and that we had added several in the 22 Hills subdivision in the last couple of weeks. GM Westbrook also reported on a situation which had been brought to his attention in the 22 Hills area concerning recent water level decline, and which the district had begun to investigate. He reported staff would return with additional information on this situation at a later date when a more thorough investigation had been completed. He also noted that he had spoken with Dr. Steven Young of Intera about additional focus in this area with the aquifer

characterization study the District had undertaken, and staff would return with that information as well when it became available.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE DFC COMMITTEE OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON MARCH 5, 2019 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON _____, 2019.

Steven Wise, Chair

Attest:

Gary Westbrook, General Manager

Date _____

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¹ Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes from each individual desiring to speak. The public comment period will be limited to one hour. Board members are prohibited by law from discussing matters presented under this item, except for placement on a future agenda.