

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
April 2, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

Jay Wilder
Ed Savage

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Bobby Bazan
Elaine Gerren
Ralph Sifuentes
Doug Box

Others Present

Gabbo Goetsch
Pat Reilly
Dan Fischer
Mike Robins
Shan Rutherford
Mary Ann Russell
Fred Russell
Nathan Ausley

Entity

Landowner
Blue Water System
Landowner
R.W. Harden
Terrill & Waldrop
Landowner
Landowner
Landowner

BOARD MEETING

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Sidney Youngblood asked Director Bob Wilson to lead 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 5:38 p.m. by President Sidney Youngblood.

4. Minutes of March 5, 2019

After brief discussion a motion was made by Director Tommy Tietjen to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 board meeting as presented. The motion to approve the board meeting minutes was 2nd by Director Lee Alford. The motion carried unanimously.

5. 2018 District Audit

GM Gary Westbrook stated that due to an employee illness within the Auditors office the audit will be delayed. This will be tabled and brought back at the next meeting.

6. Award 2019 Groundwater Grants

A report was given by the Grant Committee Chair Lee Alford with recommendations for grants to be awarded. Director Chris Whittaker and Bob Wilson abstained from comment and voting. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Durwood Tucker to approve the grant awards as recommended by the Grant Committee. The motion was 2nd by Director Becky Goetsch. The motion to award the grants as presented below passed 6-0 with 2 abstaining from voting.

Deanville WSC	100,213.00
Birch Creek Village	279,240.00
Tunis WSC	335,000.00
Southwest Milam WSC	115,000.00
City of Rockdale	170,547.00

7. Board Dashboard

Board President Sidney Youngblood asked for a report of progress from each committee. He began by reporting the Advisory Committee had moved forward with approval of the contract to be used in the Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP) and oversight of the ACP Ambassadors program. Director Alford reported on the Grants awarded. Director Goetsch reported the Rules Committee had their 1st meeting of the year and reviewed proposed amendments. She also noted that the committee will have a workshop in the near future. Bob Wilson, Chair of the Education Committee asked Doug Box to give this committee's report, and Mr. Box reported on the ongoing work of the Education Committee, including the ACP signs to be erected in the District. He stated that several people had come forward to participate by hosting a sign, and he presented a mock up of the sign to be used. He then reported the cost options to do a mass mailing on the ACP to rural addresses in the District. Finally, he handed out a report on the newsletters and discussed the success of this publication. GM Gary Westbrook noted that the Summit was set for August 14th and that the Caldwell Civic Center had been reserved. Durwood Tucker, Chair of the Legislative Committee asked GM Gary Westbrook to report on legislation the Legislative Committee was monitoring. Mr. Westbrook called attention to the current groundwater bills being monitored, and presented a spreadsheet showing support or opposition as expressed by the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD). Director Youngblood reported the Community Outreach Committee would schedule a meeting after the Summit to discuss any topics that arise from the Summit. No action was taken.

8. Update on Aquifer Conservancy Program

a. Administration

President Sidney Youngblood asked General Manager Gary Westbrook for an update. GM Gary Westbrook stated that contract and sign-up sheet had been completed and staff will soon meet again with attorneys to finalize the process of administering the program.

b. Ambassador Program

GM Gary Westbrook reported that we have received response back from some of the Ambassadors and that he will schedule a meeting within the next 3 weeks.

He also reported that the BRA had invited us to speak at a steering committee concerning the ACP in Waco, April 11.

9. Report on investigation of deposits of coal ash and possible effects on groundwater resources

GM Gary Westbrook stated that ALCOA was scheduled to give a report on this, but has decided that since Luminata is the current owner of the land the report should be deferred to them. A presentation at the Board meeting in May is anticipated.

10. Update on Water Level Monitoring Work

Bobby Bazan, District Water Resource Manager, gave stated that the annual water level measurements were almost complete with approximately a dozen wells yet to be measured, and that most of these were due to inability to coordinate the effort with the owners/operators of those wells. He also stated he expected to have this issue finished by late next week.

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

GM Westbrook reported that no decision has been made by the Railroad Commission yet. No action was taken.

12. Review of Recent Educational Efforts and Activities

A report was given by Doug Box stating that the newsletters had been sent out and that our open rate is up from 39% to 45%. This is double from previous publications. He stated that we had a Rainwater Harvesting class last week and the attendance was to full capacity and that additional tables had to be set up. He is working on doing a presentation for the Rockdale Earth Day and stated that progress is being made on the ACP Signs and presented a mock-up of the sign and pricing for this.

13. Joint planning process and Desired Future Conditions (DFC's), groundwater resources in the District, and future process for evaluating District DFC's for Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA12) and Groundwater management Area 8 (GMA8)

GM Gary Westbrook stated there was nothing to report.

14. 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 21 wells registered, 5 new well applications, 0 wells completed, 2 wells plugged and 2 well inspections.

C. Recent and future District presentations and activities

1. Legislative Update

GM Westbrook reported on several bills which the Legislative Committee had been following, including both HB1066 and SB800, which relate to the extension of a permit to transport groundwater from a groundwater conservation district. GM Westbrook called attention to the letters which had been sent on behalf of the District in opposition to these bills. He noted these letters had been sent to both Chairman Larson of House Natural Resources and Chairman Perry of Water and Rural Affairs, as well as all legislators of the two counties in the District.

2. Brazos Region G Water Planning Group Meeting of March 20, 2019

GM Gary Westbrook stated he attended the Brazos Region G Water Planning Group Meeting of March 20, 2019. He reminded the Board that the Brazos Little River Off Channel was not funded in this round of regional planning.

3. Texas Water Conservation Association Meetings March 6-8, 2019

GM Gary Westbrook stated he attended the Texas Water Conservation Association Meeting of March 6-8, 2019 and that Rep. He stated that he had met with the General Manager of the Brazos River Authority at that conference to discuss any matters concerning conjunctive use of surface water and groundwater as outlined in the District's management plan.

7. Lecture and discussion at Environmental Impacts Assessment Class, Texas A&M University

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he had the pleasure of being invited back to lecture at Dr. Smein's class at Texas A&M.

15. 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 Tommy Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Public Comment

President Sidney Youngblood invited public comment.

Public comment was heard from Fred Russell in opposition to the Aquifer Conservancy Program and POSGCD management strategies.

No one else offered comment.

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

The next scheduled regular meeting will be on May 7, 2019 at the District Office at 5:30 pm.

20. Adjourn Board Meeting

President Sidney Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON APRIL 2, 2019 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON MAY 7, 2019.

Sidney Youngblood, President

Attest:

Tommy Tietjen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date _____

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