

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Rules Committee
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
May 7, 2019 – 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Directors Present

Becky Goetsch
Sidney Youngblood
Chris Whittaker
Tommy Tietjen

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Doug Box
Bobby Bazan
Elaine Gerren

Others Present

Barbara Boulware
Dan Fisher
Gabbo Goetsch
Shan Rutherford
Pat Reilly
Ross Cummings
Fred Russell
Mary Ann Russell
Vincent J. Garza
Ed Savage
Steven Wise
Jaclyn Robertson
Mike Rubinov

Entity

The Knight Law Firm
Land Owner
Land Owner
Terrill and Waldrip
Blue Water Systems
Blue Water Systems
Land Owner
Land Owner
SAWS
POSGCD Director
POSGCD Director
Self
Harden and Assoc.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Chair Becky Goetsch led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Invocation

Committee Chair Goetsch asked General Manager Gary Westbrook to give the invocation. He did so.

3. Call to order

Committee Chair Goetsch called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

4. Comprehensive overview of possible amendments to District Rules, including but not limited to Section 1.1, Section 4.2, Section 7.1, Section 7.4, Section 7.5, Section 7.12, Section, Section 7.13, Section 7.16, Section 7.18, Section 9.8, Section 12, Section 14.2, Section 14.5, Section 16.2, Section 16.3, Section 16.4, and Section 16.6.

Committee Chair Goetsch asked GM Westbrook to lead the overview and discussion of recommended amendments to the Rules. Mr. Westbrook stated that he would not cover the previously reviewed work which had been considered and approved by the Rules committee over the past year, and which had been available on the District’s website, but would focus on the recent work discussed at the last Rules Committee meeting of April 1, 2019 for which language had been developed. He then asked the draft language to be placed on the screens, and noted each director had a packet with recommended language at their station, and most of what would be discussed had been placed on the District’s website. He explained and led discussion on each of the recommended amendments up to Section 12. GM Westbrook then introduced Water Resource Management Specialist Bobby Bazan who provided discussion and comparison of section 12 of the Rules to the current rules of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations (TDLR), with respect to drilling and completion of water wells, and recommended amendments to the Rules. Mr. Westbrook asked the committee to provide guidance on required spacing for a well to a cemetery. Director Whittaker asked if this would be to a boundary of the cemetery or to the nearest grave. Mr. Westbrook clarified the rules should include that the measurement would be to the perimeter boundary of the cemetery. The committee agreed to set the required distance at 150 feet consistent with TDLR spacing. Mr. Westbrook then resumed explanation and discussion of the recommended amendments in the other sections to be considered. Following discussion of each of the recommended amendments, a motion was made by Director Sidney Youngblood to present the amendments to the Board for consideration to be set for public hearings. The motion was 2nd by committee member Tommy Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE DFC COMMITTEE OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON MAY 7, 2019 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON _____, 2019.

Becky Goetsch, Chair

Attest:

Gary Westbrook, General Manager

Date_____