



**Board Meeting
July 2, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.
Post Oak Savannah GCD Offices
310 East Ave. C
Milano, Texas
Agenda Preview**

Hello Directors,

Here is an Agenda Preview for our July 2 meeting. As usual my comments are in ***bold italics where necessary***. I will leave no comment in cases where comment is not needed and a full report will be given at the meeting. Any necessary supporting documents are attached, or will follow shortly. Please call with any questions.

Respectfully,

Gary Westbrook

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Invocation
3. Call to Order and establish quorum
4. Peer Review Process for Technical Support

The purpose of this document is to outline a verification process for sensitive hydrogeologic work to be performed by the District's hydrogeologist. This document has been reviewed several times over the past year, most recently this week by the Rules Committee and is now recommended for adoption by the Board. The recommended document is attached to this email.

5. Consider Rules tabled and any modifications suggested by Rules Committee:
The comments received at the public hearing have been reviewed by the Rules Committee in a workshop this week. Please see the attached spreadsheet with the comments received and recommendations from the Rules Committee on each, as well as several non-substantive changes recommended by staff and by the Rules Committee. Please note that several of these comments will continue to be reviewed moving forward, but the current draft Rules, with these minor and non-substantive changes, are all recommended for adoption at this meeting.
 - a. Substantive Changes to the Rules to be considered include: Rule 1.1, Definitions and Concepts; Rule 4.2, Exceptions to Spacing Requirements; Rule 7.1, General Permit; Rule 7.4, Applications; Rule 7.5, Notices/Hearing; Rule 7.10, Exempt Well Status; Rule 7.12, Drilling Permit; Rule 7.13, Drilling/Altering Well; Rule 7.15, Operating Permits; Rule 7.16, Operating Permit; Rule 7.18, Hydraulic Fracturing; Rule 9.8, Accounting Fee; Rule 12, Well Location; Rule 14.2, Hearing Notice; Rule 14.5, Contested Case Hearing; Rule 16.2, Management Zones; 16.3, Monitoring; Rule 16.4, Actions and Rule 16.6, Adjusting.
 - b. Non-Substantive Changes within the Rules above are considered to clarify counting of days, Rule references, improve the Rule's clarity; and reletter or renumber Rule text, and grammatical changes.
6. Minutes of June 6, 2019 Board Meeting
Emailed to you on or about June 10, and subsequently amended, and attached to this email.
7. Update on Water Level Monitoring Work and areas of focus
We will provide any available updates at the meeting on these three.
 - a. 22 Hills
 - b. Deanville WSC
 - c. FM 908/Blackjack area
8. Board Dashboard and Committee Reports
This is an opportunity for committee chairs to provide any desired updates to the Board.
9. Aquifer Conservancy Program update
We will provide updates on the following, including dates, times, and places for staff to be present at different locations around the district to answer questions and provide assistance with sign ups.
 - a. Ambassador Website assistance
 - b. Effective Dates June 1- August 31
 - c. Public sign-up preferences
 - d. Response to recent mailout/newsletter

10. Review of Recent Education Efforts and Activities
Doug will provide a complete update here.
11. Consider closing District Offices July 5, 2019
I have discussed this with President Youngblood since Milam County Commissioners recently decided to close county offices on this day. Board action would be necessary since July 5 is not listed in our policies as a holiday. This would not change that policy. We have found in the past that when a holiday falls on Thursday, there is not much activity or interaction with the public at our office the following day. If approved each employee could use either vacation or comp time for this day off.
12. 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)
The next GMA 8 meeting is July 26. I anticipate a GMA 12 meeting July 30 or July 31.
13. 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
 - B. Well Drilling activities: registrations, applications, completions, plugging, inspections
 - C. Recent and future District presentations and activities
 1. Legislation update
I will provide information on several additional bills which were discussed as well as not discussed at our last meeting. I will also provide some of my insights into the interim studies and issues for the next session.
 2. Conference Call with Director of Water Resources, State of Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Now that Drew Gholson is active in Mississippi, we are getting some attention with some of the things we do. I will ask Bobby to fill you in on this recent call.
 3. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Meeting of June 3-4, 2019
Doug, Bobby, and I attended this meeting.
 4. Texas Aquifer Conference of June 12-13, 2019
Bobby and I attended this conference.
 5. Texas Water Conservation Association Conference of June 19-21, 2019
I attended this conference, and served my first time as a Director of TWCA, representing the Groundwater Panel of TWCA.
 6. Region G Meeting of July 10, 2019
 7. Discussions of conjunctive use with Brazos River Authority
Conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water will continue to be at the forefront of discussions addressing the water needs of a continuously growing Texas. Legislators have made it clear that there is much to be understood and discussed about this topic and its usefulness. I believe it is imperative to the conservation of aquifers to be sure we are doing all we can to ensure surface water and groundwater are wisely used in a manner which compliments each other. I will share these thoughts and discuss this at this meeting.
 8. Southern Region Water Conference of July 23-25, 2019
This is a reminder. Several staff and Board will attend.
 9. Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit of August 14, 2014
This is a reminder.
 10. Texas Groundwater Summit of August 20-22, 2019
This is a reminder. Several staff and Board will attend.
 11. Update on District Website transparency concerning Coal Combustion Residual Regulations
As directed by the Board, we now have on our website a page dedicated to this issue.
13. Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report.
A full report will be provided at the Board meeting. Also, both Director Wise and I have completed our required training as financial officers of the Board.
15. Public Comment
16. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings
17. Adjourn Board Meeting