

**POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**POSGCD District Offices**  
**310 East Avenue C**  
**Milano, TX 76556**  
**October 1, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Directors Present**

Durwood Tucker  
Lee Alford  
Becky Goetsch  
Sidney Youngblood  
Bob Wilson  
Jay Wilder  
Tommy Tietjen

**Directors Absent**

Chris Whittaker  
Ed Savage  
Steven Wise

**Staff Present**

Gary Westbrook  
Bobby Bazan  
Elaine Gerren  
Ralph Sifuentes  
Doug Box

**Others Present**

Gabbo Goetsch	Landowner
Ross Cummings	Blue Water Systems
Barbara Boulware-Wells	The Knight Law Firm, LLP
Blaire Parker	SAWS
Shan Rutherford	Terrill & Waldrop
Scott Carlson	Metropolitan Water
Judith McGeary	Landowner
Mike Robbins	R.W. Hardin
Amy Jurrica Hinnant	Burleson County Landowner
James Bene	R.W. Hardin
Curtis Chubb	Central Texas Aquifer Coalition
Kathy Cilny	Self
Joyce Cilny	Self
Charles Cilny	Self
Ronald Rushing	Ind.
Paul Terrill	Terrill & Waldrop
David Smith	Texas A&M Agri-life Extension

## **BOARD MEETING**

### **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Sidney Youngblood asked 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 board meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by President Sidney Youngblood.

### **4. Public Comment on items included in agenda**

Judith McGeary urged the Board to look at the amended application in its entirety and examine all leases for the possibility of permitted wells that are producing water and are also included in the Vista Ridge application lease schedule. She warned about the possibility of fraud against landowners, not by the District. She also addressed use of Modeled Available Groundwater in permitting. She asked the Board to require Vista Ridge to come forward with all leases.

Paul Terrill, representing Vista Ridge, stated Mrs. McGeary's comments were not appropriate for this forum. He further stated they had always come forward when required by the General Manager of the District to produce information where a landowner had rights to use their groundwater even when under lease.

### **5. Minutes of July 2, 2019 Board Meeting**

After brief discussion a motion was made by Director Tommy Tietjen to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2019 meeting. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Jay Wilder. The motion carried unanimously

### **6. Receive award from Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors**

David Smith with the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension gave a presentation to all and stated that some of the students in the program are now approaching their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> tiers in the program. He expressed his appreciation for the District's participation in this program and presented an appreciation plaque to Director Bob Wilson, Chair of the Education Committee.

### **7. Consider Contract with Century Link for upgraded internet services**

Education Coordinator Doug Box presented a slideshow with the options for obtaining faster and more reliable internet services. GM Gary Westbrook recognized Mr. Box for negotiating a reduced rate and expense for services, and stated that the upfront cost would be \$70.00 more per month than currently paid by the District and there would be a 120 day build out time. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Lee Alford to approve the Century Link Contract. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Jay Wilder. The motion carried unanimously.

### **8. 2019 Budget**

GM Gary Westbrook provided an update on the 2019 Budget and provided an overview of the items that may need to be amended before the end of the year. No action was taken.

## **9. First Look Draft 2020 Budget**

GM Gary Westbrook provided a spreadsheet for the 2020 Budget to take a first look at the draft proposed budget. He stated the Advisory Committee was seeking input from the Board at this time. With no additional comments, he stated that an Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the budget and set it for hearing in November. No action was taken.

## **10. Board Dashboard, Committee Reports**

President Youngblood asked for updates to the Dashboard. He then reported the Advisory Committee will meet to discuss the 2020 Budget and the Outreach Committee. Director Becky Goetsch stated that the Rules Committee had a workshop on September the 26<sup>th</sup> and that they would schedule another one soon. She then asked Mr. Westbrook to review possible minor amendments needed for the Rules, which had been recommended at the last meeting. Mr. Westbrook advised the Board of recommended minor amendments to the Rules as follows: adding a definition of PDLs, clarification in Section 4 of spacing, correction of typos in Section 16, changing some reporting requirements in Section 8 and Section 7, changing some notice requirements from business to calendar days, and including language to bring Section 8 into compliance with recent changes in State law concerning Transport Permits. Mr. Westbrook asked if there were any questions from the Board on the recommended work from the Rules Committee. None was presented and he noted the Rules committee would meet in the next few days to give a final review to this work and post for public hearings for the November Board meeting. In the absence of Director Wise, Mr. Westbrook then stated the DFC Committee has not met since the last Board Meeting, but would meet soon to consider information from the most recent GMA 12 modeling work. The Legislative Committee, Education Committee, and Grant Committee have had no recent meetings and provided no updates. No action further was taken.

## **11. Aquifer Conservancy Program update**

- a. General Update**
- b. Request to Extend 2019 Sign up date to October 31,2019**
- c. Current Contract Issues**
- d. Hiring Additional part time position to complete task for 2019**

Mr. Westbrook stated he would give a general update and include all four agenda items in his discussion. He asked Mr. Box to give an update on the acreage signed up to date. Mr. Box noted approximately 22,000 acres had been enrolled and more then 400 different parcels. Mr. Westbrook noted that we are on track to hit our projected acreage, and he had received several requests to extend the sign-up deadline. He stated the Advisory Committee had recommended extending the sign up period to October 31<sup>st</sup>. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Tietjen to extend the sign up period to October 31<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded by Director Wilder. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Westbrook then outlined several minor amendments needing to be made to the contract addressing minor issues that have been brought to the District's attention. The changes will be given to the District Legal Counsel for approval. President Youngblood stated the Board would support this effort without a vote. GM Gary Westbrook praised the efforts of staff, especially Mrs. Gerren, in dealing with the added workload of handling the ACP in house. He also stated each application takes a minimum of 1 hour to handle from start to finish, which equates to approximately 8 weeks of full time staff up to this point. He stated that with the added workload additional part time staff is needed immediately, and recommended hiring LaVelda Box, retired teacher and wife of District employee Doug Box for the remainder of this year's efforts. He noted he had discussed this

matter with District General Counsel to ensure compliance with all State laws and they concurred. He stated Mrs. Box would be working directly under himself. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Durwood Tucker to hire Mrs. Box as additional part time staff. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Becky Goetsch. The motion passed unanimously. Curtis Chubb requested to know the pay range for this part time position. GM Westbrook stated that this would be between \$17-18 per hour. Board President Sidney Youngblood stated that we needed to do more advertisement to get the word out about extending the sign up period to October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**12. Request to extend Deadline completion of application, award, and contract for 2018 Groundwater Conservation Grant**

**a. City of Somerville**

**b. City of Thorndale**

An overview of the 2 requests was given by GM Westbrook. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Lee Alford to approve the extensions for the City of Somerville and the City of Thorndale. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously

**13. Review of Recent Educational Efforts and Activities**

Educational Coordinator Doug Box presented a handout and report on the recent educational efforts and activities. No action was taken.

**14. 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 that the GMA 12 had met on September 24<sup>th</sup>. He stated that there was concern for neighboring production and the impact that it will have on the District's DFCs and PDLs. He stated that the DFC Committee will meet to examine and evaluate this. No action was taken.

**15. 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**

GM Westbrook reminded all there would be a public hearing on October 3. He then noted no Emergency Permit applications had been filed.

**B. Well Drilling activities: registrations, applications, completions, plugging, inspections**

There were 17 wells registered, 15 new well applications, 12 wells completed, 2 wells plugged and 1 well inspection.

**C. Recent and future District presentations and activities**

**1. One Water Summit of September 18-20, 2019**

GM Westbrook stated that he attended this summit and gave a brief report.

**2. Milam County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting of September 23, 2019**

GM Westbrook stated that he attended this and discussed the ACP with local landowners.

**3. Brazos G Regional Planning Group Meeting of September 25, 2019**

GM Westbrook provided an update on this recent meeting. He noted discussion at the meeting concerning a group which had approached Williamson County public water utilities about purchasing the ALCOA property and using groundwater from the ALCOA property to serve needs in Williamson County. He stated that a feasibility study would be performed.

**16. Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report.**

GM Gary Westbrook advised the Board that \$ 1,000,000 had been moved to our Tex-pool account for better return on our investment. After review and discussion of the financial report and status by the board, a motion was made by Director Tommy Tietjen to approve payment of bills and accept the financial report. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Jay Wilder. The motion passed unanimously.

**17. Public Comment on items not included in agenda**

President Sidney Youngblood invited public comment. Ron Rushing stated that more communication was needed and that he wanted more education for himself on the District.

**18. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings.**

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

**19. Adjourn Board Meeting**

President Sidney Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

**THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON OCTOBER 1, 2019 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019.**

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Sidney Youngblood, President

**Attest:**

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Tommy Tietjen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date \_\_\_\_\_