



**Board Meeting
January 14, 2020 – 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 January 14 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 to this email, 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. Oath of office for Appointed Board Members
5. Election of Board Officers
6. Public Comment
7. Minutes of December 3, 2019 Board Meeting
Emailed to you previously and included in this email for your convenience.
8. State of the District
This is an opportunity for the Board President to review the District's accomplishments of 2019 and outline some areas for growth for 2020.
9. Final Amendments to 2019 Budget
I will present some final recommended amendments to last year's budget.
10. Continued Participation in Texas A&M AgriLife Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program
I had previously sent out the most recent newsletter from the Water Ambassadors Program. David Smith will be here to present to the Board and answer questions on this program. We currently support this with \$1500 per year. The Board can then discuss participation for 2020. This program is widely supported by more than 20 GCDs across the state, with several GCDs participating at the highest level of \$5000 per year.
11. Board Dashboard
This will be an opportunity for review of committees and charges at the end of 2019.
12. Appointment of Committees
The newly elected President may discuss appointments at this time.
13. Engagement Letter for Auditing services for 2019 with Alton Theile
Please see the attached letter of engagement for these services. The Board may discuss and act on this if desired.
14. Executive Session- The Board will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code:
Items 14 will be explained and discussed as appropriate by our general counsel.
 - a. To consult with the District's Attorney regarding the pending matter at State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), Docket No. 965-20-1832, Application to Amend Vista Ridge Drilling and Operating Permits; and/or
 - b. On matters in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct requires such consultation.No action will be taken in Executive Session.
15. Reconvene into Open Session- Take Action as necessary and desired, if any, concerning matters discussed in Executive Session:
 - a. Pending matter at State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), Docket No. 965-20-1832, Application to Amend Vista Ridge Drilling and Operating Permits; and/or
 - b. On matters in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct requires such consultation.

16. Review of Recent Education Efforts and Activities

This will be a thorough report from Doug Box.

17. Report from DFC Committee on process for adoption of DFCs in GMA 12

The DFC Committee will meet immediately prior to the Board meeting and may have some updates at this time.

18. 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)

I will provide an update at this point on activities of both GMA 8 and GMA 12.

19. 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. Annual Report from General Manager

Please see the draft report attached to this email.

2. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts meeting of January 30-31, 2020

Staff will attend this meeting in Austin.

3. Texas Ground Water Association meeting of January 23-25, 2019

We have attended this meeting for the past two years, and although it is beneficial, we may not send staff this year due to increased work load of monitoring.

4. Amendment to permitted amount for Clara Hills WSC per District Rule 5.5

I will report that due to some growth in this very small WSC near Lake Somerville they have requested the amount of water they are allowed to produce be increased under Rule 5.5 to provide for their customers. Their current amount is a total of approximately 5 acre feet per year. I am still working with them to identify the appropriate total for amendment.

5. 2020 Groundwater Conservation Grants applications and filing deadline

These applications were mailed out January 2, with the deadline for receiving applications set at March 20.

6. 2020 Water Level Monitoring work

We will advise we are beginning our annual measurements

7. 2020 Meter verification work

We have purchased a new ultra sonic flow meter which attaches to the side of a pipe to verify the amount of water moving through the pipe which enables us to verify meter rates and will begin verification of meters throughout the district this month.

8. Services for Monitoring and Verification

We will increase our presence in monitoring and verification at many locations this year, and as such will engage the services of a qualified independent contractor to accomplish some of the work load.

We will provide in depth discussion at the meeting.

9. Senate interim studies on groundwater regulatory framework and hearings of January 22, 2020

The interim has begun with the above listed hearings of January 22. We will monitor the testimony of that day.

20. Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report.

21. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be February 11, 2020.

22. Adjourn Board Meeting