

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
February 11, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Directors Present

Lee Alford
Becky Goetsch
Sidney Youngblood
Tommy Tietjen
Steven Wise
Chris Whittaker
Bob Wilson
Dana McClaren
Ed Savage
Jay Wilder

Directors Absent

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Bobby Bazan
Elaine Gerren
Doug Box

Others Present

Barbara Boulware-Wells
Blaire Parker
Shan Rutherford
Scott Carlson
Ross Cummings
Jaelyn Robertson
Alan Gardenhire
Ron Rushing
Jaiden Hudspith
Liz Ferry
Gabbo Goetsch

Entity

The Knight Law Firm, LLP
SAWS
Terrill & Waldrop
Metropolitan Water
Blue Water
TWRI
Milam County City of Rockdale Resident
Self
KMIL Radio
R.W. Harden & Associates
Landowner

Board Meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Sidney Youngblood asked Director Becky Goetsch to lead the pledges to the flags of the United States and she did so.

2. Invocation

President Sidney Youngblood asked Director Dana McClaren to lead the invocation and she did so.

3. Call to Order and establish quorum

The board meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by President Sidney Youngblood.

4. Oath of Office

President Sidney Youngblood administered the Oath of Office to 1 recently appointed Director Ed Savage.

5. Public Comment

President Sidney Youngblood asked for public comment and none was offered.

6. Minutes of January 14, 2020 Board Meeting

After brief discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Tommy Tietjen to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Director Lee Alford. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Amend Board Policies Section 9 Board of Directors Meeting

A slide presentation and overview of the recommended amendments were given. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Jay Wilder to accept the amendments as recommended. The motion was 2nd by Director Ed Savage. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Report from Rules Committee on possible consideration of amendments to District Rules, including but not limited to Section 1 Definitions and Concepts, Section 4 Spacing and Monitoring Requirements, Section 7 Permits, Records, Reports, and Logs, Section 8 Transport of Groundwater, and Section 14 Hearings, as well as differentiation of calendar days and business days, and additional clean-up language throughout the Rules

A slide presentation was given for the proposed rule amendments. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Chris Whittaker to set a hearing to consider the rule changes. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Review of Recent Education Efforts and Activities

Items 9 & 10 were opened together. Doug Box Educational Coordinator gave an overview of the District educational activities including the start of the ACP for the 2020 year. An update was given on a comparison between using Water Wise and Tinker educational services for the schools. The Board directed the educational committee to consider this. Jaclyn Robertson with TWRI gave an update on the upcoming workshops.

10. Report from Education Committee

a. Participation with Texas A&M Agri-Life Education efforts for irrigation conservation

Discussion was held regarding support for matching funds for an irrigation education program through Texas A&M Agrilife. Some Directors wanted to see allocations for the services provided in exchange for matching funds. After discussion by the Board a motion was made by Steven Wise to approve the matching funds in the amount of \$50,000. The motion was 2nd by Director Bob Wilson. The motion passed 8 to 2 with Director Tommy Tietjen and Director Chris Whittaker opposing the motion in favor of a smaller amount of

participation.

- b. Select date for Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit during August 2020**
GM Gary Westbrook was directed to select Monday August 3rd or Monday August 10th depending on the availability of the Caldwell Civic Center.

11. 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)

a. GMA 12 Meeting of January 29, 2020

GM Gary Westbrook gave an update on the progress of GMA 12, and also of the recently adopted white paper entitled, "The State of Groundwater Management Area 12" that is now available on the District Website. He advised the Board that the next meeting will be on March 26, 2020.

b. GMA 8 Meeting of February 26, 2020

GM Gary Westbrook provided an update on the upcoming meeting.

12. Executive Session- The Board will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code: To consult with the District Legal Counsel on Board Procedures.

The Board convened into executive session at 6:29 pm. No action was taken in Executive Session

13. Reconvene into Open Session- Take Action as necessary and desired, if any, concerning matters discussed in Executive Session:

The Board reconvened back to regular session at 7:08 p.m..

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

GM Westbrook stated that no emergency permits had been issued.

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

There were 20 wells registered, 10 new well applications, 20 wells completed, 1 well plugged and 0 well inspections.

C. Recent and future District presentations and activities

1. Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group meeting of February 12, 2020

GM Gary Westbrook gave a presentation on the discussion to be held at the Brazos Region G on the February 12, 2020 meeting regarding the Brazos River alluvium in Milam County and the Alcoa water rights to Williamson county.

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

GM Gary Westbrook stated that he had not received an update from the applicant and this will be delayed to the next meeting.

3. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Groundwater Summit of September 1-3, 2020

GM Gary Westbrook stated that any one that wanted to attend this needs to advise staff so that reservations can be made.

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

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 2nd by Director Lee Alford. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The next scheduled regular meeting will be on March 10 at the District Office at 5:30 pm.

19. Adjourn Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2020 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON MARCH 10, 2020.

Sidney Youngblood, President

Attest:

Tommy Tietjen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date _____