



**Public Hearings and Board Meeting
May 12, 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 May 12 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 see instructions below to attend the meeting. You should be able to simply click on any of the links below. Please call with any questions.

Respectfully,

Gary Westbrook

Due to recent concerns regarding COVID-19, this meeting will be held virtually.

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Invocation
3. Call to Order and establish quorum
4. Public Comment
5. Public Hearing on Rules: Section 1 Definitions and Concepts, Section 4 Spacing and Monitoring Requirements, Section 7 Permits, Records, Reports, and Logs, Section 8 Transport of Groundwater, Section 14 Hearings, and Section 16 Management of Water Availability and Production, as well as differentiation of calendar days and business days, and additional clean-up language throughout the Rules.
Amendments to the Rules have been discussed at both the February and April Board meetings. Notices have been properly posted, and the draft Rules have been posted and available on the District's website. These are also attached to this email. I have also copied the comments received to date to this email.
6. Minutes of April 14, 2020 Board Meeting
Previously sent to you and is included this Board Packet.
7. Minutes of April 27, 2020 Board Meeting
Previously sent to you and is included this Board Packet.
8. Consider Rules: Section 1 Definitions and Concepts, Section 4 Spacing and Monitoring Requirements, Section 7 Permits, Records, Reports, and Logs, Section 8 Transport of Groundwater, Section 14 Hearings, and Section 16 Management of Water Availability and Production, as well as differentiation of calendar days and business days, and additional clean-up language throughout the Rules.
The amendments to the Rules will be before you for adoption at this point.
9. Consider District Mission Statement
The Advisory Committee has drafted an amended mission statement for the Board to consider at this time. Our mission statement is currently listed in our management plan and on our website. If adopted we will update the mission statement on the website, but the management plan may not be updated until later in 2021.
10. Request from City of Somerville for extension for time to complete work under 2018 Groundwater Conservation Grant
This request is included this Board Packet. I have spoken with the engineers and the project should be completed this month.
11. Consideration of Applications submitted by Vista Ridge as required by Board of Directors at the February 13, 2020 hearing and direction to General Manager as to action thereto.
Please see the applications filed by Vista Ridge as required by the Board. Also, please see letters from District consultants and my letter noting completion of the application.
12. Support of study by Texas A&M Agri-Life in Estimating Recharge in the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer
Please see the letter of support and scope of work for this project in this Board Packet.

13. Consider Recommendations from DFC Committee concerning the following:
 - a. Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) and GWAP Annual Needs Assessment (GANA)
 - b. Desired Future Conditions for aquifers in GMA 12
 - c. Additional studies and reports to assist the District in management of aquifers

The DFC Committee may have recommendations at this time following workshops to discuss these topics. Those recommendations will be presented before or at the Board meeting.

14. Report on recent activities of groundwater level monitoring from Water Resource Management Specialist
Bobby Bazan will give a report on work to date. Please see information in this Board Packet.

15. Review of Recent Education Efforts and Activities

Doug Box will provide an update. Also, please see minutes in this Board Packet from a recent Education Committee meeting dealing with virtual education efforts.

16. 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. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Groundwater (TAGD) Summit of September 1-3, 2020

This is a reminder

2. Update to 2020 Groundwater Conservation Grants

I will report a change in the amount awarded to Clara Hills and to Southwest Milam WSC.

3. Office staffing, protection of staff and public, social distancing

We are currently operating under the same guidelines as previously. We keep the outer doors locked, but continue to meet the needs of the public by accepting applications electronically as well as at the front door and sliding window by utilizing safe social distancing practices. I am in the office each day, with Bobby, Elaine, and Doug alternating days in the office. Ralph is in the field most days and in the office only as necessary. I believe we have remained efficient with our alternating schedule.

4. Storage Building

As our efforts in monitoring have increased, so has our need for storage of equipment. The Advisory Committee discussed purchase of a storage building to meet these needs, and instructed me to proceed with that purchase. The building has been delivered and is in place. We are in the process of finishing outfitting of the building.

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

This will be forwarded as part of your Board Packet on Monday.

18. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings

The next regular Board meeting date will be Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

19. Adjourn Board Meeting