

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
May 11, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Directors Present

Sidney Youngblood-in person
Lee Alford-in person
Becky Goetsch-in person
Steven Wise-in person
Dana McClaren-in person
Bob Wilson-in person
Tommy Tietjen-in person
Ward Roddam- via online until 6:00 p.m.
Ed Savage-in Person

Directors Absent

Jay Wilder

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook- in person
Doug Box- in person
Bobby Bazan – in person
Craig Andrews – via online
Elaine Gerren – in person

Others Present

Steve Young- in person
Barbara Boulware-Wells- in person
Others via online or telephone
James Bene` - via online
Shan Rutherford- via online
Blair Parker- via online
Stefan Schuster- via online
Jaclyn Robertson-via online
Jordan Aldridge-via online
Allen Berthold-via online
Visitor -via online
Caller 01-via online
Caller 02-via online
Caller 03-via online

Entity

Intera
The Knight Law Firm, LLP
R.W. Harden & Associates
Terrell & Waldrop
SAWS
EPCOR
TAMU AgriLife
Self
TAMU AgriLife

President Youngblood reminded all that the meeting is being recorded.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Becky Goetsch led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States' and Texas' flags.

2. **Invocation**

GM Gary Westbrook gave the invocation.

3. **Call to Order and establish quorum**

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by President Sidney Youngblood. He declared a quorum had been established, with Directors' attendance verified by general counsel and staff to be in attendance either in person or by telephone.

4. **Public Comment**

President Youngblood asked GM Westbrook if anyone had requested to speak under this agenda item. GM Westbrook stated that Judith McGeary had requested to speak on item 6 e). She was not able to log on at this time. President Youngblood then asked if anyone online would like to address the Board. No one requested to speak.

5. **Consent Agenda**

President Youngblood asked GM Westbrook to explain the purpose of a consent agenda as this is the first time the District has used a Consent Agenda. GM Westbrook gave an explanation of the procedures for using a consent agenda and stated all supporting information was in the Board Packet for the meeting.

All of the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Board and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board Member requests.

a) Minutes of April 13, 2021 Board Meeting

b) Approve GMA 8 Summary Report

c) Extend and Amend Scope of Work and Agreement with Texas A&M AgriLife

d) Consider extension of agreement with Intera, Inc. for Hydrogeologic services through May 1, 2024

e) Approval of Advisory recommendation changing regular June Board meeting date to June 7, 2021

f) Approval of notice to put out for bids on new district vehicle

g) Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report.

h) Review of Recent Education Efforts and Activities

I) Receive report from General Manager on recent District activities and take appropriate actions.

1. Permit applications filed with the District and Hearing Dates; Emergency Permits Granted

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

3. Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) Update: investigations and corrective actions taken

4. Recent and future District presentations and activities

a. Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA) Conference of June 9-11, 2021

b. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) Meetings of June 8-9, 2021

c. June 1 – August 31 Enrollment period for Aquifer Conservancy Program

d. Field Technician Staff Position

e. Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit August 12, 2021

Board President Sidney Youngblood asked for questions or discussion. A motion was made by Tommy Tietjen to approve the consent agenda. The motion was 2nd by Bob Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Regular Agenda

a) receive report from Dr. Brad Wilcox on potential for enhancing recharge in the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer

Dr. Wilcox, professor at Texas A&M University, gave a presentation on the potential for enhancing recharge in the Carrizo Wilcox Aquifer. President Youngblood asked for questions or comments. Dr. Wilcox then briefly discussed the next steps in the study. President Youngblood thanked Dr. Wilcox for the update and presentation. No further action was taken.

b) Recommendations from Legislative Committee for joint efforts with Milam and Burleson Counties to accomplish purposes of District mission statement and Chapter 36, Texas Water Code

President Youngblood recognized Director Ward Roddam as chair of the Legislative Committee. GM Westbrook stated that Director Roddam has asked Barbara Boulware-Wells to provide this report. Ms. Boulware-Wells read the Legislative Committee's recommendation to the full Board. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Ed Savage to accept the committee's recommendations and have the Advisory Committee proceed with exploring options as discussed. The motion was 2nd by Director Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously. President Youngblood directed GM Westbrook to send letters to both county judges notifying them of the Board's decision.

c) Report from DFC Committee on Draft Management Strategies Report

Steve Young and GM Westbrook provided an update and presentation of the Draft Management Strategies Report as forwarded to the Board by the DFC Committee. After discussion, no further action was taken.

d) Amend Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP)

GM Westbrook presented draft amendments to the GWAP as recommended by the DFC Committee. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Steven Wise, Chair of the DFC Committee, to approve the amendments to the GWAP as recommended with the grammatical corrections being made. The motion was 2nd by Director Savage. The motion passed unanimously.

e) 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)

GM Westbrook noted that Judith McGeary had asked to speak on this item but had stated during the DFC Committee Meeting, she likely would be unable to attend remotely due to prior commitments. Mr. Westbrook stated he had invited her to provide written comments in the event she could not participate during the meeting.

GM Westbrook stated that GMA 12 will meet again on June 24th and will discuss the process used during this round of joint planning. He stated the required 90-day comment period for districts in GMA 12 to receive comments on Proposed DFCs had started and then discussed topics forwarded from the DFC Committee to be covered in comments sent by the District to the other districts in GMA 12.

7. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings

President Youngblood stated the next regularly scheduled meeting for June only would be June 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to the action under Consent Agenda and instructed the staff to get the word out to the public the Board would be meeting on a different day than normal.

8. Adjourn Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON MAY 11, 2020 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON JUNE 7, 2021.

Sidney Youngblood, President

Attest:

Gary Westbrook, Assistant Board Secretary

Date _____

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