

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
June 7, 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- in person
Jay Wilder-in Person

Directors Absent

Ed Savage

Staff Present

Gary Westbrook- in person
Doug Box- in person
Craig Andrews – via online
Elaine Gerren – in person
Jordan Aldridge – in person

Others Present

Steve Young- in person
Barbara Boulware-Wells- in person
Alan Gardenhire- in person
Robby Cook- in person
Others via online or telephone
James Bene` - via online
Shan Rutherford- via online
Amy Jurica Hinnant- via online
Visitor -via online
Caller 817-988-8220

Entity

Intera
The Knight Law Firm, LLP
Alcoa
Eichler & Cook

R.W. Harden & Associates
Terrell & Waldrop
Landowner

President Youngblood reminded all that the meeting is being recorded.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Doug Box led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

2. **Invocation**

Robby Cook 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 verified by general counsel and staff to be in attendance in person.

4. **Public Comment**

President Youngblood asked GM Westbrook if anyone had requested to speak under this agenda item. GM Westbrook stated that no one requested to speak.

5. **Consent Agenda**

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 May 11, 2021 Board Meeting

b) Resolution to issue debit card to Jordan Aldridge for District expenses

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

d) Review of Recent Education Efforts and Activities

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

d. Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA12) Meeting of June 24, 2021

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

f. Public Hearings on Proposed Desired Future Conditions for GMA 12 set for July 13, 2021

g. Purchase of District Vehicle

h. Employment of Jordan Aldridge as Hydrologic Specialist and Field Technician

i. District Asset retirement

j. District General Manager appointed as Groundwater Committee Chair for Brazos Region G Water Planning Group

Board President Sidney Youngblood opened the Consent Agenda for discussion and action. Director Ward Roddam asked why the district purchased a vehicle outside of the district. President Youngblood removed item 5.4.g from the consent agenda for discussion. A motion was made by Director Steven Wise to approve the Consent Agenda without Agenda Item 5.4.g. The motion was 2nd by Director Bob Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

GM Gary Westbrook provided clarification on the process for Item 5.4.g. He stated the District had run ads in local papers and called each dealer in the District to invite bids, noting the District required a vehicle in place by June 1. He noted only 2 bids were received, both from inside the District, with one truck scheduled to be available in mid to late June and the other would not

available until possibly January 2022. After discussions with the District’s General Counsel on process of bids, and the District’s Advisory Committee on the availability of trucks in the current market, staff proceeded to search for trucks outside of the District. GM Westbrook then advised the Advisory Committee of availability and received direction from them to proceed with acquisition of a vehicle.

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Tommy Tietjen to approve item 5.4.g of the Consent Agenda. The motion was 2nd by Director Lee Alford. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Regular Agenda

a) Receive report from Robby Cook of Eichler and Cook on activity of the 87th Texas Legislature

Robby Cook provided an overview and update of results of the 87th session of the Texas Legislature. After brief discussion, GM Westbrook informed Mr. Cook the District would also be pursuing discussion and possible changes to the definitions of Beneficial Use, and also of Waste, in Chapter 36, Texas Water Code, as well as with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and that Mr. Cook and Ms. Eichler would be heavily involved in this effort. Mr. Cook agreed this would be a worthwhile endeavor, and the process would have many stakeholders who would participate.

b) Consider request for funding continuation of study for potential for enhancement of recharge in the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer from Dr. Brad Wilcox of Texas A&M University

GM Gary Westbrook stated that this study is encouraging, but with this amount of data there are still questions to answer before proceeding further. The recommendation from Intera and Staff is to table the request pending additional information and clarification. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Wilder to table this item and bring it back at a later time. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Award 2021 Groundwater Conservation Grants

Director Dana McClaren abstained from discussion and voting. President Youngblood recognized Committee Chair Lee Alford who instructed GM Westbrook to review and explain the recommendations from the Grant Committee. He listed the recommendations as follows:

<u>Local Water Utility</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Match</u>	<u>Use of Funds</u>
City of Thorndale	\$315,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	Replace obsolete water meters
Clay WSC Stage 1	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 0.00	Water Quality Investigation
<u>Cade Lakes WSC</u>	<u>\$141,462.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,718.00</u>	Replace obsolete water lines
Totals	\$552,462.00		

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Alford to approve the recommendations for award of grants from the Grant Committee. The motion was 2nd by Director Jay Wilder. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Groundwater Monitoring Report

In the absence of Bobby Bazan, GM Westbrook provided a report on the District’s recent efforts of water level monitoring and emphasized areas of focus where the District would like to add monitor wells. He then introduced Ms. Jordan Aldridge, District Hydrologic Specialist and Field Technician.

e) Request for waiver from notice and public hearings requirements for supply wells for Beaver Creek WCID #1

GM Westbrook presented and reviewed the request submitted on behalf Beaver Creek WCID #1. During discussion, directors expressed a desire to help with the request, but also cited concerns about granting a request to waive notice and hearings requirements of the Rules. Director Becky Goetsch moved to approve the request. The motion died for the lack of a 2nd. President Youngblood stated there was no action taken, but the request could be returned with any additional information which might be helpful to

the Board.

f) Recommendations from Rules Committee of Draft Rules to post for Public Hearing

President Youngblood recognized Rules Committee Chair Becky Goetsch to discuss recommendations from the Rules Committee. She provided a brief overview and asked GM Westbrook to discuss the Draft Rules. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Goetsch to post the Draft Rules for public hearings with amendments as discussed. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously.

g) Comments on Proposed Desired Future Conditions to file with Groundwater Conservation Districts in Groundwater Management Area 12

GM Westbrook gave a presentation entitled "Update for GMA 12" and recommended the District file comments with the other GCDs in GMA 12 on the Proposed DFCs for GMA 12 as outlined in the presentation. After discussion, a motion was made by Steven Wise to file comments as discussed with the other GMA 12 Districts during the public comment period. The motion was 2nd by Director Goetsch. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings

President Youngblood stated the next regularly scheduled meeting would be July 13, 2021 at 5:30 at the District Office.

7. Adjourn Board Meeting

Director Jay Wilder moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON JUNE 7, 2020 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON JULY 13, 2021.

Sidney Youngblood, President

Attest:

Gary Westbrook, Assistant Board Secretary

Date _____