



**Board Meeting
March 14, 2023 – 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 March 14 meeting. The “Consent Agenda” includes items not normally needing discussion. All items to be considered under the Consent Agenda have been reviewed by staff and appropriate consultants, as well as one of the District’s committees where appropriate.

As usual my comments are in ***bold italics where necessary***. I will leave no comment in cases where information in the Board Packet is self-explanatory or where comment is not needed. For those items a full report will be given at the meeting. Any necessary supporting documents are posted in the under the meeting date and may be found on our website at <https://posgcd.org/agendas-minutes/posgcd-agendas-minutes/> . Some information may not be available until after a respective committee meeting, or will be presented at the meeting.

Please see instructions below concerning attendance for the meeting. Please call with any questions.

Respectfully,

Gary Westbrook

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District will hold a regular meeting on March 14, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, the District Offices are open, however, members of the public who wish to attend virtually and listen, observe, or actively participate during the public comment portion may join this meeting from their computer, tablet or smartphone at:

<https://meet.goto.com/279724381>

You may also dial in for audio only using your phone at:

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Access Code: 279-724-381

To actively participate with virtual public comment in the meeting, please email the General Manager with your name and the topic or agenda item you wish to address at gwestbrook@posgcd.org by 3:00 pm, March 14, 2023. Please remember Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes per person.

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as listed below. Items may or may not be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Invocation
3. Call to Order and establish quorum
4. Public Comment
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 January 10, 2023 Board Meeting and January 19, 2023 Board Meeting and Public Hearings
- b) 2022 Annual Report ***-This has been posted to our website.***
- c) Board Committee Assignments for 2023 ***-The Board Committee Dashboard has been updated.***
- d) Update on Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP) enrollments
- e) Water Well Monitoring Update: Number of wells and frequency of measurements
- f) Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) Update: investigations and corrective actions taken
- 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
There are no new applications filed requiring hearings and no Emergency Permits granted
 2. Well Drilling activities: registrations, applications, completions, plugging, inspections
22 Registrations, 16 Applications, 20 Completions, 0 Plugging, 3 Inspections

3. Recent and future District presentations and activities
 - a. Panel participation on Groundwater Availability at Water for Texas Conference of Jan. 23-25, 2023 – ***I had previously emailed the evaluation survey results on this panel from TWDB.***
 - b. Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA) Conference of March 1-3, 2023 – ***we had two staff in attendance at this event.***
 - c. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) Meetings of March 9-10, 2023 – ***we had three staff in attendance at this event.***
 - d. EarthKind Class with Texas A&M AgriLife of March 10, 2023 -***We hosted this event.***
 - e. Water Classes for Master Gardeners of March 10, 2023 -***We hosted this event.***
 - f. Water Classes for Master Naturalists of March 11, 2023 -***We hosted this event.***
 - f. Groundwater Conservation Grant Applications due April 21, 2023
 - g. Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit August 17, 2023 -***We have this date confirmed.***
 - h. Texas Groundwater Summit of August 29 – 31, 2023 – ***Please advise if you would like to attend so we may register you and reserve rooms.***
 - i. District General Manager elected to Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group Executive Committee ***This action took place March 8, 2023.***
6. Execution of contract with SOAH as requested by SLR to conduct Public Hearings (Preliminary and Evidentiary) for SLR Property I, LP applications to-wit:
 - a. **October 14, 2022 Application by SLR Property I, LP (SLR) for a new 15,000 AF/Yr Simsboro Operating Permit**
 - b. **October 14, 2022 Application by SLR Property I, LP (SLR) for a new 9,000 AF/Yr Simsboro and Hooper Drilling and Operating Permit**

This agreement is posted and properly before you to execute.

7. Regular Agenda

a) Consider Report and Recommendations from Rules Committee concerning Draft Rules for posting for public hearings, including but not limited to Section 1.1 Definition of Terms, Section 4.1 Required Spacing, Section 4.3 Monitoring Requirements, Section 5 Production Limitations, Section 7.1 General Permit and Registration Provisions, Section 7.4 Application Requirements for All Permits, Section 7.6 Considerations for Granting Permits, Section 7.7 Permits Issued by the District, Section 7.10 Exempt Well Status, Section 7.12 Drilling Permits, Section 7.13 Drilling or Operating a Well, Section 7.15 Operating Permits, Section 8.5 Exempt Wells and Discharges Under State Permits, Section 12 Well Location and Completion, Section 13.1 Waste, Section 14 Hearings, Section 16.4 Actions Based on Monitoring Results, Section 16.5 Reductions Required by Regulatory Action, New Section 16.5 Five Year Reviews, Section 16.6 Adjusting Maximum Production Permitted, Section 16.7 Permit Limitations and Reductions

Most of the work on these Rules amendments were discussed at the January Board Meeting. In consideration of the discussions at that meeting, the Rules Committee continued work on these draft amendments, and I will provide a brief review of the recommended amendments at this time. The Rules Committee recommends these amendments be posted for public hearings at our April 11, 2023 Board Meeting.

b) Execute contract with Goodwin-Lasiter-Strong for Professional Architect/Engineering and Service Agreement for Architectural/Engineering and Construction Phase Services for the new POSGCD offices, education and meeting center.

Please see the agreement for your consideration and execution.

c) Consider increase in amount paid by District for cost share for plugging abandoned water wells from a maximum total of \$2500 to \$3500 per well qualified under the District's water well plugging programs ***We have not updated this amount in over 10 years and the cost of plugging has significantly increased. The Advisory Committee will discuss and have a recommendation on this item.***

d) Consider and act upon all matters incident and related to an Interlocal Agreement regarding Groundwater Management Area 8 Funding participation for Northern Trinity and Woodbine Aquifers Groundwater Availability Model Update.

The Interlocal Agreement is available for your consideration. The Advisory Committee will have a recommendation for participation on this item.

e) Requests to amend application, scope of work, and award of Groundwater Conservation Grants

- i. City of Rockdale
- ii. City of Somerville
- iii. Cade Lakes Water Supply Corporation

The Grant Committee will review these requests and present a recommendation to the Board on each.

f) Update from Legislative Committee on bills filed during the current legislative session

I will provide a brief update at this meeting on bills we are tracking.

g) Request for variance to permitted instantaneous rates of production by Vista Ridge, LLC, for water wells permitted by the District as PW-9, PW-10, PW-11, PW-12, PW-13, PW-15, PW-16, PW-17, and PW-18

This request is to run a pump test on these identified Simsboro wells to see if they will sustain higher production levels with the interest to reduce production in the Carrizo wells through the filing of an amendment to the current permitted amounts. A draft request has been received and will be forwarded to you and posted on our website when the request is finalized.

h) Sponsorship for Texas Groundwater Summit of August 29 – 31, 2023

Previously for this event our sponsorship has been for \$2500 as a sponsor for Video/Livestream of the event. We have the opportunity to participate in same sponsorship for that again this year. One advantage to sponsoring this part of the event as opposed to another part is our presence and support is noted at the beginning of each video that is viewed on each presentation on the TAGD website continuing on into the future. We have included an amount in this year's budget which can cover this item.

8. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings

Our next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2023

9. Adjourn Board Meeting