

**POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Public Hearings & Board of Directors Meeting  
POSGCD District Offices  
310 East Avenue C  
Milano, TX 76556  
May 9, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**POSGCD Board Members Present**

Ward Roddam  
Jay Wilder  
Tommy Tietjen  
Steven Wise  
Becky Goetsch  
Bob Wilson  
Kit Worley  
John Redington – online

**Board Members Absent**

Buster Evers  
Ed Savage

**POSGCD Staff Present**

Gary Westbrook  
Doug Box  
Courtney Gentry  
Michael Redman  
Kelli Timmerman  
Gregory Perry  
Craig Andrews – online  
Jeff Fisher – online

**POSGCD Consultants Present**

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| Barbara Boulware-Wells | The Knight Law Firm |
| Steve Young            | Intera              |

**Public Attendance**

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| Stefan Schuster | EPCOR         |
| Jaclyn Wise     | TWRI/AgriLife |
| Scott Carlson   | MetWater      |
| Nathan Ausley   | Landowner     |

**Public Attendance via online**

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| James Bené   | RW Harden |
| Amy Ochello  |           |
| Casey Cooper |           |
| Andy Wier    | SAWDF     |
| 512-796-1580 |           |

**Board Meeting**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board President Ward Roddam led the pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas.

**2. Invocation**

General Manager Gary Westbrook gave the invocation.

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

President Roddam called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Barbara Boulware-Wells confirmed a quorum was present.

**4. Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

**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 April 11, 2023 Board Meeting & Public Hearings**

**b) Update on Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP) enrollments**

**c) Water Well Monitoring Update: Number of wells and frequency of measurements**

**d) Update on Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP) enrollments**

**d) Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) Update: Investigations and corrective actions taken**

**e) Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report**

**f) Review of Recent Education Efforts and Activities**

**g) 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, plugging, inspections**

**3. Recent and future District presentations and activities**

- a. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Meetings of June 6-7, 2023**
- b. Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA) Conference of June 14-16, 2023**
- c. Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit August 17, 2023**
- d. Texas Groundwater Summit of August 29-31, 2023**
- e. Retirement of District assets**
- f. Report on legislation filed during the 88<sup>th</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature**
- g. Agriculture Producers Irrigation Efficiency Workshop of April 27, 2023**
- h. Groundwater Rights and Real Estate Seminar of June 27, 2023**
- i. National Groundwater Association Managed Aquifer Recharge Conference of April 23-26, 2023**
- j. Texas Environmental Law Enforcement Association Conference of April 17-20, 2023**

President Roddam noted a correction needed for the Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Board Meeting. The minutes stated Director Kit Worley moved to approve the temporary permit. Director Worley requested the correction be made to read he moved to authorize GM Westbrook to sign and approve the temporary permit. The correction was made to the April 11, 2023 Minutes.

President Roddam asked for an update on agenda items 6b, 6c and 6d. GM Westbrook gave a brief update on the Aquifer Conservancy Program and the Groundwater Well Assistance Program. Gregory Perry, POSGCD Water Resource Specialist, gave a monitoring network update.

President Roddam asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including the corrections made to the April 11, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. Director Jay Wilder moved to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Director Tommy Tietjen. Approval of the Consent Agenda was unanimous of all present.

## **6. Regular Agenda**

### **a) Award 2023 Groundwater Conservation Grants**

Director Bob Wilson and Director Worley abstained from discussion and voting on this item.

GM Westbrook reviewed recommendations from the Grant Committee. The recommendation to the Board was to approve the grant applications from Cooks Point WSC, Birch Creek Recreation WSC, Enchanted Oaks, Marlow WSC, City

of Rockdale and Cade Lakes WSC. The total for these applications is \$1,040,211.

Director Wise moved to approve the grant applications as recommended. He was seconded by Director Wilder. The approval of the grants was unanimous of all present with the exceptions of Director Bob Wilson and Director Worley abstaining from discussion and voting.

**b) Report from EPCOR on recent events and activities concerning Vista Ridge Permits and Pipeline**

Stefan Schuster, EPCOR, gave an update regarding an incident that took place on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 that involved a failed gasket. The efforts to repair this issue resulted in loss of approximately 2 million gallons of water. This also resulted in an issue with turbidity in the water which resulted in water loss of 28.4 million gallons which was discharged into Mud Creek. He answered questions from the Board. He noted there are no more of these types of items on the pipeline, so there are no more chances for this specific type of failure in the future. He also addressed the issue of turbidity which caused the need for discharge stating this resulted from having to completely drain a section of the pipeline and this was a rare occurrence.

Director Goetsch expressed several concerns. First this was the third large discharge of water due to an issue such as this. Second, she noted the volume of water lost through the discharge and asked if there were another place the water could be used so as not to simply discharge it into a creek. Mr. Schuster agreed another place for the water would be preferred.

Director Tietjen asked for an update on issues caused by cathodic problems and work to correct those issues. Mr. Schuster stated that approximately 28% of the bolts which had been the problem had been replaced to date with work continuing.

President Roddam asked if a reliability study had been performed by an engineer to identify possible problems in the future. Mr. Schuster stated similar work had been performed and was ongoing.

He also gave an update regarding the temporary amendment that was granted to Vista Ridge at the April 11, 2023 Board Meeting. Mr. Schuster reported the goal of the recent temporary amendment was to achieve a mixture of 82% Simsboro 18% Carrizo production. The current levels were 78% and 22% due to PW-13 not being able to achieve the desired level of capacity. This does represent quite a change from previous production in these two aquifers and a reduction of production from the Carrizo as desired.

**c) Report from DFC Committee concerning ongoing discussions and studies, including Five Year Reviews of permits, and ownership and Fair Share of groundwater resources**

GM Westbrook gave a summary of a presentation entitled Desired Future Conditions Committee Update: Discussion of the Five-Year Renewal. He

answered questions from the Board. Director John Redington expressed concerns over impacts to the wells near the Vista Ridge well field and production.

**d) Report from staff concerning progress on work on new POSGCD offices, education and meeting center**

GM Westbrook gave a summary of the recent meeting between staff and the engineering firm, Goodwin-Lassiter-Strong (GLS), and noted drafts will be returned by GLS to be considered by the Building Committee. He also stated a draft timeline for work from GLS was provided and posted on the District website under this agenda item as well.

**e) Approve and execute agreement with Texas A&M AgriLife for District Education Programs**

Director Wise stated he would abstain from discussion and voting on this item. GM Westbrook provided a review and update of the Texas A&M AgriLife agreement for 2023 and noted the Texas A&M AgriLife contract is now listed as a separate line item in the POSGCD budget. GM Westbrook noted this contract will be roughly the same cost as the past year and includes some additional items.

President Roddam noted the Advisory Committee recommended the Board execute this agreement to avoid a lapse in education efforts. President Roddam asked for a motion to approve and execute the Texas A&M AgriLife agreement. Director Tietjen moved to approve and execute the agreement and was seconded by Director Wilder. Approval was unanimous of all present with the exception of Director Wise, abstaining from discussion and voting.

**7. Executive Session – Closed session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Advice of Counsel) regarding:**

**a) Discussion of legislation from the 88<sup>th</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature which may affect the District**

**b) Discussion of District Grant Programs**

President Roddam convened the Board into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.

**8. Reconvene – Reconvene into regular open session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in executive session.**

The board reconvened into regular session at 7:27 p.m. President Roddam noted that no action was taken during Executive Session.

**9. Dates, locations, and times for future meetings**

The next Board Meeting will be held on June 13, 2023.

**10. Adjourn Board Meeting**

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON MAY 9, 2023 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Ward Roddam, President

**Attest:**

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Gary Westbrook, General Manager

Date \_\_\_\_\_