



**Board Meeting
November 28, 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 November 28 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 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 public hearings and a regular meeting on November 28, 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/POSGCD/board-meeting>

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

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Access Code: 453-007-493

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, November 28, 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

All of the information to be considered during public hearings at this meeting was discussed at length during our October 10, 2023 Board Meeting and has been on our website since that time.

5. Public Hearing on District 2024 Budget
6. Public Hearing on District Production Fees
7. Public Hearing on District Transport Fees
8. Public Hearing on District Fee Schedule

9. **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 October 10, 2023 Board Meeting
- b) Adoption of Resolution authorizing Investment Officers to Manage, Withdraw or transfer District funds
Approval of this resolution will facilitate the necessary work under the Advisory Committee as outlined later in Agenda item 12. k) below without requiring further Board action.
- c) Set District Holiday Schedule to close District Offices from December 25-26, 2023

District policies afford both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as holidays and Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, thereby moving it to the next work day. This would result in the offices being closed both Monday and Tuesday of that week.

- d) Completion of Employee Annual Evaluations

This should be finalized during November.

- e) Update on Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP) enrollments and amendments to terms
- f) Water Well Monitoring Update: Number of wells and frequency of measurements
- g) Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) Update: investigations and corrective actions taken
- h) Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report.
- i) Review of Recent Education Efforts and Activities
- j) Permit issued to City of Thorndale under Rule 5.5 for 250 gallons per minute and 172.46 acre feet per year for Municipal Use

I am required to report any issuance of permits under this Rule to the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. This permit was issued last month and there is no Board action required.

- k) 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

Registrations- 8, Applications- 13, Completions- 8, Wells Plugged- 3, Inspections- 11

- 3) Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) Update: investigations and corrective actions taken
- 4) Recent and future District presentations and activities
 - a. District Local Water Utility Workshops of October 18 & 19, 2023

We sponsored and held these workshops on the evening of October 18 in Caldwell and the morning of October 19 at our offices. Staff from Texas Rural Water Association presented on Fee Structure and planning for growth. Most of our local water utilities did have representation at one of these workshops. Our feedback from attendees was very positive.

- b. Brazos Region G Water Planning Group meeting of October 20, 2023

This was a notable meeting in that we are in the time where population projections are established. Texas Water Development Board Rules for planning require consideration of the most recent census in establishing these projections, and during this round that is mis-leading in many areas since much of the growth impacts had not began prior to the census. Both Milam and Burleson Counties showed minimal projected population growth. We have been able correct the projections for Milam and are working with officials to correct Burleson to more accurate projections.

- c. Roundtable meeting of October 25, 2023 at Bureau of Economic Geology with cooperators and GCD stakeholders to discuss results of pilot program of the Well Performance Model

This is the work began and developed by Justin Thompson of BEG and began with his evaluation of use of the cost of impacts of groundwater production. We are one of 6 GCDs which participated in the program. Please see the attached summary of the meeting.

- d. Groundwater Management Area 12 Meeting of October 26, 2023

Steve Young and I did present the information approved at the last Board meeting for consideration in the round of joint planning. The GMA did discuss but took no action. We will continue to discuss at future

GMA 12 meetings.

e. Texas Water Conservation Association Fall Conference of Nov. 1-3, 2023

Michael and I attended this conference.

f. District Agriculture Irrigation Workshop of Nov. 10, 2023

This is a continuing effort began this past Spring. Please see the attached flyer and agenda.

g. Texas Water Conservation Association Board of Directors Meeting of Dec. 7-8, 2023

As a director of TWCA I will attend this meeting.

10. Regular Agenda

- a) District 2024 Budget
- b) District Production Fees
- c) District Transport Fees
- d) District Fee Schedule
- e) Amend Board Policies

Currently there are no recommended amendments, but this item is included should it be needed at this meeting.

- f) Report on recent events and activities concerning Vista Ridge Pipeline and Permits

The District did receive applications from Vista Ridge as required by the previously issued and extended temporary permit to make amendments to reduce the amount of water permitted in the Carrizo and increase production in the Simsboro by an equal amount. The filing of this application does extend the terms of the temporary permit so the reduced rate of production from the Carrizo will continue while the District processes the application and gathers any additional information which might be needed from the applicant to make the application administratively complete, and then begin the process of consideration of the application by the Board. Staff will continue to provide updates to the Board as available and appropriate. Stefan Schuster is also planning to be present to provide discussion and answer any questions.

- g) Meeting of October 11, 2023 between representatives of Brazos Valley GCD, Post Oak Savannah GCD, and Lost Pines GCD to discuss regional impacts of production and possible cooperative work among the districts concerning maintaining the operability of water wells as set out in Section 36.207, Texas Water Code, as amended by HB3059 of the 88th Texas Legislature

This meeting was held at our offices and attended by the general managers and two Board members of each of these GCDs. While no decisions were made, it was agreed that all were interested in continuing the discussions and evaluating possible ways forward. No issues related to desired future conditions were discussed or will be discussed at this or future meetings. The next date has not been determined at this time.

- h) Discussion and possible action on Grant criteria and scoring mechanism for 2024 Groundwater Conservation Grants

The changes to the Grant Program criteria and scoring mechanism are designed to include the opportunity for our local water utilities to apply for assistance in recovering funds expended to lower pumps in wells due to regional production. I still have a small amount of work to finish before the packet of this information is complete and ready to publish. I will ask the Board to charge the Grant Committee to finalize the packet of these requirements and qualifications to be included in the Grant Packet to be issued January 3, 2024 for the 2024 applications. The new language is highlighted in yellow.

- i) Employment of Jaclyn Wise as Education Coordinator

Once I understood that Jaclyn would apply for this position I asked our Advisory Committee to allow me to request our Board President and Vice President to step in to review the applications received and select applicants to interview, perform the interview, and then select the person to be hired. Normally I would perform this process along with selected staff. I did this to insure fairness to all applicants in the process.

Both Michael and I were in the room during the interviews as a resource to answer questions and be available to assist as needed. After interviews and much discussion, Jaclyn was selected as the clear choice, based on many factors, and our officers recommended I offer her the position at a level of compensation comparable to what we currently pay that position. She accepted the offer and will begin work and specific training November 15.

- j) Discussion and possible action authorizing the Advisory Committee to review and publish the District's Banking, Depository and Investment RFP and from responses received select an entity to be the District's Banking, Depository and Investments entity as well as secure possible loans that may be needed to assist with payment of the new POSGCD Education Center and offices.

If the Board adopts the 2024 Budget it will necessitate the District acquiring a loan for the new center and offices. This action will allow the Advisory Committee to proceed and not require the Board to meet during December. Since we are going through this process the committee thought it would be good to request financial institutions to file proposals on all services. We will advise our local banks and financial institutions when we publish and the committee will devise a scoring system to score the proposals received.

- k) Discussion and possible action authorizing Goodwin-Lasiter-Strong to proceed with taking all necessary actions related to advertisement for competitive sealed proposals and all associated documents and information for the new POSGCD Education Center and offices.

The Building Committee, Chaired by Director Evers, has reviewed and provided discussion to be included in this information to enhance protection for the District. GLS has included those items and now we are prepared to proceed.

- l) Report from DFC Committee on Compliance with Desired Future Conditions/Protective Drawdown Limits
The DFC Committee will meet immediately before the Board Meeting to review this and will bring a short report to the Board at this time.
- m) Report from DFC Committee on Guidance Document for drilling wells and eligibility for Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) and GWAP Annual Needs Assistance (GANA)

The DFC Committee will meet immediately before the Board Meeting to review this and will bring a short report to the Board at this time.

- 11. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings

We have a Christmas gathering for Board and Staff scheduled for December 5 at 5:30 PM and a Board Meeting December 12, 2023, at 5:30 PM both at the District office.

- 12. Adjourn Board Meeting