

**POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
October 10, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

POSGCD Board Members Present

Ward Roddam
Jay Wilder
Lee Pelzel
Becky Goetsch
Bob Wilson
Ed Savage
Tommy Tietjen
Kit Worley
John Redington - online

Board Members Absent

Buster Evers

POSGCD Staff Present

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

POSGCD Consultants Present

Steve Young – Intera
Barabara Boulware-Wells – The Knight Law Firm – online

Public Attendance

Stefan Schuster	EPCOR
Jaclyn Wise	TWRI/AgriLife
Andy Wier	SAWDF

Public Attendance via online

Amy Ochello	
Blaire Parker	SAWS

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 5:33 p.m.

4. Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

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 September 12, 2023 Board Meeting

b) Update on Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP) enrollments

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

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) Fines assessed to Deep Water Holdings, Inc., dba Big Creek Marina

h) 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. Groundwater Committee of Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group Meeting September 20, 2023

b. Meetings at Bureau of Economic Geology October 25, 2023

c. Groundwater Management Area 12 Meeting of October 26, 2023

d. Texas Water Conservation Association Conference of November 1-November 3, 2023

President Roddam asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Jay Wilder moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and was seconded by Director Bob Wilson. Approval of the Consent Agenda as presented was unanimous of all present.

6. Regular Agenda

a) Discussion and possible action on recommendations from Rules Committee on amendments to Rules, Management Plan and Board Policies

GM Westbrook overviewed recommended amendments to the Rules, noting two additions to the proposed amendments posted to the District website. Michael Redman, POSGCD Regulatory Compliance Officer, overviewed recommended amendments to the Management Plan and Board Policies. Director Goetsch moved that the Board approve amendments to the Rules as presented and post for Hearing. She was seconded by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

b) Amend Board Policies

Director Goetsch moved to amend the Board Policies as presented. She was seconded by Director Wilder. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

c) Discussion and possible action on recommendations from DFC Committee concerning methodology to be used in joint planning regarding factors to be considered in adoption of Desired Future Conditions under Section 36.108, Texas Water Code

GM Westbrook overviewed a presentation entitled Discussion Regarding GMA 12 Process for Appropriate Consideration of Nine Factors from Section 36.108, TWC During the Development of DFCs.

Director Savage moved to support the methodology presented by GM Westbrook to be used for the Joint Planning Process for DFCs. He was seconded by Director Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

d) Update on 2023 Budget and First look at Draft 2024 Budget

GM Westbrook gave an update on the 2023 Budget and Draft 2024 Budget. He answered questions from the Board. After discussion, Director John Redington moved to present the 2024 Draft Budget as only a draft and as it is currently written at the Public Hearing on November 14th. He was seconded by Director Worley. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

e) Employment of Education Coordinator

GM Westbrook advised that selection of a new Education Coordinator will be made within the next few weeks. He stated he would like to have about a month of overlap between Doug's retirement and hiring a new Education Coordinator to allow for training. He stated this would require an amendment to the District's 2023 Budget. Director Worley moved to proceed with Gary's recommendation,

he was seconded by Director Savage. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

f) Review Investment Policy

GM Westbrook stated that the Board Policies require the Investment Policy to be reviewed once a year. The Investment Policy can remain as is if no amendments are necessary. Director Wilder moved to approve the Investment Policy and was seconded by Director Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

g) Appoint Financial Officer

The Advisory Committee recommended naming Director Wilson as the Financial Officer. Director Worley moved to approve naming Director Wilson as the Financial Officer and was seconded by Director Wilder. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

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

Stefan Schuster, with EPCOR, gave an update on recent events concerning the Vista Ridge Pipeline. He stated that there was a well field collection line break on September 21st. Water drained out of that line break for about 6 hours. Crews repaired the break within 20 hours. The system has been inspected to determine the cause of the break. There are no further issues. GM Westbrook thanked Mr. Schuster for reaching out regarding the field collection line break as soon as he was aware of it. Mr. Schuster answered questions from the Board.

Regarding the temporary amendment becoming permanent, the permittees met earlier this month and are trying to get another meeting scheduled at the end of this week between all parties to put a plan together to reduce Carrizo dependence. Application materials will be completed before the end of the month.

Mr. Schuster gave an update on the corrosion repairs which will now be done during a shutdown scheduled for mid-February. 148 stations will be addressed, up to 5 million gallons will be drained into lake McQueeney. They are working with Lake McQueeney Lake Owner's Association to get a letter of designation for beneficial use for recreational purposes. They are also working with GBRA.

President Roddam thanked Mr. Schuster for his updates.

i) Request for extension of time for Groundwater Conservation Grants awarded:

- 1. Clay WSC**
- 2. Cade Lakes WSC**
- 3. City of Thorndale**
- 4. Deanville WSC**
- 5. Marlow WSC**

6. Burleson County MUD #1

Director Worley moved to approve all grant extension requests. He was seconded by Director Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

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

GM Westbrook stated that approximately 95% of information needed to proceed with scheduling a Building Committee Meeting has now been received. A Building Committee Meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

k) Move December meeting to December 5, 2023 for Board and Staff Christmas gathering

Director Goetsch moved to approve moving the Christmas gathering to December 5th. She was seconded by Director Wilson. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

7. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings

The next Board Meeting will be held on November 14th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

8. Adjourn Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 2023 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON _____, 2023

Ward Roddam, President

Attest:

Gary Westbrook, General Manager

Date _____