

**POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
January 9, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

POSGCD Board Members Present

Ward Roddam
Buster Evers
Jay Wilder
Lee Pelzel
Becky Goetsch
Kit Worley
John Redington
Jeffrey Zgabay
Robert Jekel

Board Members Absent

Ed Savage

POSGCD Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Courtney Gentry
Michael Redman
Kelli Timmerman
Jaclyn Wise
Gregory Perry
Jeff Fisher
Craig Andrews - Online

POSGCD Consultants Present

Barabara Boulware-Wells The Knight Law Firm

Public Attendance

Alan Gardenhire	SLR
Scott Carlson	MetWater
David Smith	Texas A&M AgriLife
Collier & Peggy Perry	Landowners

Public Attendance via online

Andy Wier SAWDF
Amy Ochello

Blaire Parker
Shan Rutherford
Stefan Schuster
Doug Box
(504) 214-8307

SAWS
Terrill & Waldrop
EPCOR

Board Meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Jay Wilder led the pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas.

2. Invocation

General Manager Gary Westbrook gave the invocation.

3. Oath of Office for Appointed Directors

Board President Ward Roddam administered the Oath of Office for newly appointed directors Jeffrey Zgabay and Robert Jekel. He also administered the Oath of Office for re-appointed director Lee Pelzel.

4. Call to Order and establish quorum

President Roddam called the Board Meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

5. Election of Board Officers

Director Becky Goetsch moved to nominate Ward Roddam to continue as Board President. She was seconded by Director Buster Evers. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

Director Kit Worley moved to nominate John Redington as Board Vice-President. He was seconded by Director Robert Jekel. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

Director Jeffrey Zgabay moved to nominate Becky Goetsch as Board Secretary/Treasurer. He was seconded by Director Evers. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

6. Public Comment

There were no public comments offered.

7. 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 December 12, 2023 Board Meeting and Public Hearings**
- b) Final amendments to 2023 Budget**
- c) Amend 2024 Budget**
- d) Draft 2023 Annual Report**

- e) **Execute Contract with Riceland Consulting to Legislative services for 2024**
- f) **Execute Contract with Ede and Company for auditing services for 2023**
- g) **Permit issues to Yegua Water Systems under Rule 5.5 for replacement well for municipal use for 100 gallons per minute and does not increase the total amount of permit.**
- h) **Issue debit card for District expenses for Jaclyn Wise**
- i) **Update on Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP) enrollments**
- j) **Water Well Monitoring Update: Number of wells and frequency of measurements**
- k) **Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) Update: investigations and corrective actions taken**
- l) **Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report**
- m) **Review of recent education efforts and activities**
- n) **Receive reports from the General Manager on recent District activities and take appropriate actions**
 - 1. **Permit applications filed with the District ad hearing dates; emergency permits granted**
 - 2. **Well drilling activities: registrations, applications, completions, plugging, inspections**
 - 3. **Recent and future District presentations and activities**
 - a. **Groundwater Conservation Grant Packets mailed out January 3, 2024**
 - b. **Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group Groundwater Committee meeting of January 17, 2024**
 - c. **Texas Groundwater Association Conference of January 23-26, 2024**
 - d. **Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Meeting of January 30-31, 2024**

GM Westbrook reminded all that the Annual Report under Agenda item 7.d) was not on the agenda for final approval but rather to post to receive comments and would be available for the Board to consider final adoption at the next Board meeting. After brief discussion on item 7.e) and 7.j), Director Wilder moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and was seconded by Director Redington. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

8. Regular Agenda

- a) **Report from David Smith, Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors**

Mr. Smith gave an overview of the 4-H Water Ambassadors Program. He gave a report of program highlights over the last year and events planned for the future. He answered questions from the Board and provided further discussion.

b) Consider sponsorship for 2024 of Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors

GM Westbrook and Mr. Smith answered questions from the Board. The District supported the Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program at the Signature Level of \$5,000 during 2023. After discussion, Director Worley moved to approve sponsoring the Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program for 2024 at the Signature Level of \$5,000. He was seconded by Director Goetsch. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

c) Appointment of Financial Officers

Director Worley moved to nominate Director Jekel as the Board Financial Officer. He was seconded by Director Redington. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Board training

Barbara Boulware-Wells, general counsel for the District, gave a presentation to the Board entitled Conflicts of Interest in the Groundwater District World. She answered questions and discussed this topic with the Board.

9. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings

The next Board Meeting will be held on February 13th, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

10. Adjourn Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2024 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON _____, 2024

Ward Roddam, President

Attest:

Gary Westbrook, General Manager

Date _____