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## **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS KEY LEADERSHIP CHANGES AND EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES**

The Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District (POSGCD) conducted a Board meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, focusing on governance and educational initiatives. Key takeaways:

**Oaths of Office and Election of Board Officers:** Two new Board members were sworn in, including Jeff Zgabay, replacing Tommy Tietjen as the Burleson County representative for municipal water interests, and Robert Jekel, replacing Bob Wilson as the Milam County representative for rural water. The District elected Ward Roddam as Board President, John Reddington as Vice President, and Becky Goetsch as Secretary-Treasurer, affirming its commitment to effective leadership. Board members serve for a term of four (4) years. However, Board officers are elected annually and serve for one (1) year terms, ensuring dynamic and responsive governance. The meeting also featured essential Board member training focused on conflicts of interest, underlining the District's dedication to ethical governance.

**Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program Sponsorship & District Scholarship:** The Board discussed a comprehensive report on the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program. Emphasizing youth education in water conservation, the Board voted unanimously to continue sponsorship to support this educational initiative investing in future water leaders.

A scholarship is available to Burleson and Milam County students active in the Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program. This initiative aims to foster career interest in the water industry and develop future leaders. The scholarship provides \$250 annually to cover participation fees, along with full reimbursement for attending 4-H2O events, including retreats and conferences. Additionally, students can accrue an annual scholarship of \$1,250, totaling up to \$5,000, which is paid to their chosen post-high school institution upon graduation. For more information visit: <https://posgcd.org/grant-programs/>

**Well Water Levels - Monitoring Network Update:** The District has concluded the third water level monitoring campaign of the year, with (411) wells in the network. The water level measurements include wells at strategically selected locations and varying depths to reach the different aquifer formations managed. The data gathered from network wells plays a crucial role in enhancing the accuracy of our management models and promptly detecting and responding to changes in water levels, ensuring timely and effective decision-making.

The breakdown of wells measured across the aquifer formations is as follows: Hooper (58), Simsboro (69), Calvert Bluff (80), Carrizo (139), Queen City (44), Sparta (24), Yegua-Jackson (20), Brazos River Alluvium (7). The District actively seeks new monitoring sites to add to the network and encourages residents interested in participating to contact Water Resources Specialist Gregory Perry at [gperry@posgcd.org](mailto:gperry@posgcd.org) or (512) 455-9900.

The next Board meeting will be held on February 13, 2024, at 5:30 PM.