



**Board Meeting
June 11, 2024 – 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 June 11 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 comment is not needed, or information in the Board Packet is self-explanatory. Any necessary supporting documents are posted under the meeting date and may be found on our website at

<https://posgcd.org/agendas-minutes/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 a regular meeting on June 11, 2024, 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:

United States: +1 (224) 501-3412

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, June 11, 2024. 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
5. **Public Hearing**

Public Hearing on application submitted on May 10, 2024, by Highland Branch, LLC, 8575 E. FM485, Cameron, Texas 76520, to produce 40 gallons per minute, not to exceed .5 Acre Feet per year from the Hooper Aquifer for Industrial Purposes on property at the same address.

This information is on our website under this meeting notice and agenda. The application is for ½ acre feet per year to be used for construction of roads on a property being developed.

6. **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 May 14, 2024 Board Meeting
- b) Update on Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP) enrollments
- c) Water Well Monitoring Update: Number of wells and frequency of measurements, and wells plugged
- d) Water Well Drilling activities: applications filed, registrations issued, and inspections performed
- e) Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) Update: investigations and corrective actions taken
- f) Report on property inspections received under Interlocal Agreement with Milam and Burleson Counties
Milam County has a new person in this position who is taking over these reports and she has already come into our offices to meet with both Michael and I. We anticipate Milam County to be caught up during the next 45 days.
- g) Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report

- h) Review of Recent Education Efforts and Activities
- i) 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. Recent and future District presentations and activities
 - a. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Groundwater quarterly meeting of June 6-7, 2024
We will have three staff members at these meetings.
 - b. Texas Water Conservation Association Meetings of June 12-14, 2024
Michael and I will attend this conference
 - c. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Groundwater Summit of August 20-22, 2024
This is a reminder that there is still time to register to attend either virtually or in person. Please let Courtney know if you are able to attend.
 - d. Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit of July 18, 2024 Topics and Speakers
This list is now on our website.
 - e. Annual Summer Water Quality Sampling offered to public of June 20 to July 3, 2024
This is a reminder of this effort which begins in just a couple of weeks.

7. Regular Agenda

- a) Discussion and possible action on application submitted on May 10, 2024, by Highland Branch, LLC, 8575 E. FM485, Cameron, Texas 76520, to produce 40 gallons per minute, not to exceed .5 Acre Feet per year from the Hooper Aquifer for Industrial Purposes on property at the same address.
This application for permit requires Board approval.
- b) Discussion and possible action on new tool to store, access, and review monitoring information
This will be a continuation of previous discussions. Wellntell will have a representative in person to discuss and answer questions.
- c) District 2024 Budget for Monitoring
This is here as a discussion item if necessary. Any action on the preceding agenda item may require a budget amendment later this year.
- d) Report and update from Intera concerning previous and continuing investigation of deposits of coal ash and other by-products from coal combustion, and possible effects on groundwater resources in the District
This will be a discussion of past investigations and actions by the District in 2019 concerning these issues, as well as discussion of recent events and information recently made available to the Board. Much of this information has been emailed to you earlier this week or has been available on our website. The link to that page on our website can be found at: <https://posgcd.org/coal-combustion-residue/>
Staff and consultants will provide discussion and answer questions about possible actions by the District.
- e) Workshop on Brazos River Groundwater-Surface Water Interactions of December 9, 2024
Following the interest in legislation last session to begin work on a study of groundwater-surface water interactions in the Brazos River basin our District has been asked to participate in a discussion about the possibility of our District being one of several hosts for this endeavor. There is interest from Brazos Valley GCD and Bluebonnet GCD as well as the Brazos River Authority (BRA) and Environmental Defense Fund to hold this event. There would be a panel for overall understanding of the science of interactions between groundwater and surface water, a panel for regulators such as BRA and GCDs, and a panel for water users- both of groundwater and surface water- such as farmers who irrigate and entities depending on Brazos River water near the gulf coast. John Giesenschlaug has agreed to host this effort at his offices in Snook. The intent is to build consensus to better understand these interactions between groundwater and surface water and their effects on availability of groundwater.
- f) Purchase and installation of rear doors for District office
This was an item which was brought up at our Board Workshop prior to the May 14, 2024 Board Meeting. We will present estimates for this work to the Board for consideration.
- g) Discussion and possible action on Improvements to District building, property, and parking space at 310 E. Avenue C, Milano, Texas
We will present bids for paving the parking lot to the Board for consideration.
- h) Discussion and possible action on sale of District vehicles

We will present estimates of value of these vehicles as well as bids received for our two vehicles to the Board for consideration.

i) Discussion and possible action on purchase of District vehicles

We will present bids of the vehicle type previously discussed by the Board for consideration.

j) Discussion and possible action on agreement with Texas A&M AgriLife for District Education services
It is time for our annual renewal of this agreement. This agreement continues our rainwater harvesting and all associated classes, as well as our annual water quality testing. This new contract also includes a new effort to hold classes to increase efficiency in irrigation of crops. The previous contract was for approximately \$122,000 per year, and there was a part of that which was not used since we hired Jaclyn about halfway through the work performed in the contract year. We anticipate a decrease of a little over \$8000/year to \$113,606/yr. This includes a reduced amount towards cost of management of these programs, since a part of these tasks were previously performed by Jaclyn at AgriLife and she now performs that same work for us. This amount will also include the increased work towards creation and implementing the new efforts towards installing and monitoring soil moisture sensors and working with farmers who irrigate to better understand water requirements and timing of water application on crops.

The contract will be for a total term of three years, but can be terminated by either party with 60 days notice with no penalty.

k) Request from Clay WSC to amend Scope of Work in Groundwater Conservation Grant awarded in 2022
Please see the request from Clay WSC in your packet. They have completed the original work under budget, but still have water quality issues due to another source, so flushing is still required. Their request would allow them to use the remainder of funding to perform additional water quality correcting work to reduce loss of water required by flushing, so neither the amount of the grant nor the purpose would change.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, the Board of Directors only will consider receiving legal advice on the following matters:

a. Discussion of Desired Future Conditions of Groundwater Management Area 12

In your packet please find a hand out given by BVGCD and one from our office at the GMA 12 meeting of May 23, 2024. Permitting in the Simsboro has increased by approximately 150,000 acre feet in the past 1- 1 ½ years in BVGCD. This discussion of permitting and predicted impacts begins at the 2 hour mark on the video which can be found at the following link:

- <https://vimeo.com/949934105?share=copy>

There was also discussion of mitigation. I am also including a draft of the minutes from that meeting in your packet as well. This session will be a discussion of options available to the POSGCD Board.

9. **RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Take action on matters discussed in Executive Session:

a. Direction to the General Manager concerning Desired Future Conditions of Groundwater Management Area 12

10. Agenda Items, Dates, locations, and times of future meetings

11. Adjourn Board Meeting