



**Board Meeting and Public Hearings  
October 8, 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 October 8 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 Public Hearing and regular meeting on October 8, 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 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](mailto:gwestbrook@posgcd.org) by 3:00 pm, October 8, 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 a quorum
4. Public comment
5. Public Hearing on Rules: Section 1.1 Definitions of Terms, Section 4.1 Required Spacing, Section 4.2 Exceptions to Spacing Requirements, Section 5.1 Maximum Allowable Permitted Production, Section 5.3 Waivers and Variances, Section 5.5 Regulation of Production For Local Water Utilities, Section 7.1 General Permit and Registration Provisions, Section 7.4 Application Requirement For All Permits, Section 7.6 Considerations For Granting Permits, Section 7.10 Exempt Well Status, Section 16.5 Five (5) Year Reviews, and new Section 18 Requests For Verification of Water Availability Studies For Subdivisions.

***These are the same rules that we posted last month, and that we had edited once prior to last months hearing. The notices for this hearing were reposted and these drafts now have been available for far beyond the necessary 20 days and can be discussed and considered.***

**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 September 10, 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
- 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. Groundwater Management Area 12 Meeting of December 20, 2024

- b. Burleson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting of October 8, 2024

***Greg will be at this meeting promoting the ACP while we are in this Board meeting.***

- c. Williamson County Pre-Legislative Summit of October 9, 2024

***I was invited and spoke at this event two years ago and my message was that the folks who are in need of water should focus on system efficiency, including repair of obsolete and leaking pipes, as well as resilient sources of water instead of just planning to acquire additional sources from the Carrizo-Wilcox as has been the norm for the past 20 years. I will briefly discuss items of concern from our summit in July with respect to the number of projects planned to draw from that aquifer and the possible consequences in the future.***

- d. Workshop on Brazos River Groundwater-Surface Water Interactions of December 9, 2024

***This is a place holder and reminder.***

- e. Accepting applications for position of District Field Tech through October 18, 2024

***This is a place holder and reminder. We have received several very good resumes to date.***

- f. Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA) Conference of October 23-25, 2024

***Both Michael and I will attend this conference.***

- g) Bell County Water Symposium of November 13, 2024

***I had previously sent an email to you with information on this event which is hosted by Clearwater***

***UWCD. Pre-registration is required and can be directed to [tsmith@cuwcd.org](mailto:tsmith@cuwcd.org)***

## **7. Regular Agenda**

a) Amend Rules: Section 1.1 Definitions of Terms, Section 4.1 Required Spacing, Section 4.2 Exceptions to Spacing Requirements, Section 5.1 Maximum Allowable Permitted Production, Section 5.3 Waivers and Variances, Section 5.5 Regulation of Production For Local Water Utilities, Section 7.1 General Permit and Registration Provisions, Section 7.4 Application Requirement For All Permits, Section 7.6 Considerations For Granting Permits, Section 7.10 Exempt Well Status, Section 16.5 Five (5) Year Reviews, and new Section 18 Requests For Verification of Water Availability Studies For Subdivisions.

***All of these drafts have been properly noticed and are before you here for consideration and adoption should you desire.***

b) Presentation concerning Texas Runs on Water Campaign

***Texas Runs on Water is a state-wide campaign to raise awareness on water similar to the very successful "Don't Mess with Texas" campaign and the way it was used to raise awareness concerning highway litter in this state several decades ago. Staff believes using this campaign is the best path forward to advancing not only the worthwhile concerns about water conservation but also to be able to use this platform to advance education about our ACP locally and to increase enrolments in the ACP. This will be a presentation which is focused on those discussions. Part of the draft budget for 2025 includes use of this or a similar effort to increase awareness and enrolment in the ACP. Information on Texas Runs on Water can be found at their website here: <https://www.texasrunsonwater.org>***

***Also, a similar and more detailed presentation can be found here:***

***[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FYO8b1\\_XwSfxyt4tHGJJj1RHMyVEI4m/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FYO8b1_XwSfxyt4tHGJJj1RHMyVEI4m/view)***

c) Update on Water Level Viewer Tool

***This tool is nearing completion and we will discuss final steps and dates to roll out the finished product.***

d) Request for extension of time to complete scope of work associated with award of District Groundwater Conservation Grants:

***These requests are in your packet and are recommended by staff for approval.***

- 1. City of Rockdale
- 2. Clay WSC

3. Cade Lakes WSC

4. Marlow WSC

e) Adoption of Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District's Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy, Dated: September 16, 2024, Version: 1.0, as required by Texas Government Code, Section 620.003.

***This item is included in your packet and is required by statute which was passed into law this past session. This must be adopted by all government agencies in Texas by November 1, 2024.***

f) Update on comments received during Public Comment at September 10, 2024 Board Meeting

***I will give a brief report on what we have provided in the way of assistance to the gentleman who spoke at the last meeting.***

g) Amend Personnel Policies

***The Advisory Committee has worked with staff to amend these policies according to direction from the Board at recent meetings. The sections which were added or amended for consideration deal with Sick Leave, Holidays, Annual Leave, and Disability Leave and considerations. These draft policies are included in your packet and are properly before you for consideration, approval and amendment.***

h) Amend Board Policies

***As there are some common areas contained in both the Personnel and Board Policies and amending those parts of the Board Policies to remain consistent with the Personnel Policies is necessary. The only section necessary for consideration at this time is Holiday Schedule in Section 8.M. These draft policies are included in your packet and are properly before you for consideration, approval and amendment.***

i) Amend 2024 Budget

***In your packets is a spreadsheet with recommended amendments to the 2024 budget as well as the first look at the draft of the 2025 Budget. Amendment to the 2024 Budget is recommended to include several important changes previously approved by the Board, including the addition of line items which were not in the original 2024 Budget. Those new items are noted, and notes relating to the recommended 2024 amendments are contained in the first of two column farthest to the right. These amendments were discussed by the Advisory Committee, which serves as our committee with oversight to budget and finance and are recommended for your approval.***

j) First look at draft 2025 Budget

***Staff put together a draft of the 2025 Budget and reviewed that item with the Advisory Committee in consideration of recent discussions and actions by the Board. The draft 2025 Budget is also included in the same spreadsheet as the 2024 Budget so you can see the flow of development and compare years. Notes related to changes are in the far right column of the spreadsheet. The Draft Budget Notes for 2025 are also included in your packets. This draft 2025 Budget is recommended by the Advisory Committee. We will discuss the draft 2025 Budget at the meeting and I will ask you for direction on posting for public hearings and adoption at our November 12, 2024 Board Meeting.***

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel, relative to deliberations about officers and employees of the Groundwater Conservation District to be held in executive session; the Board of Directors may also consider receiving legal advice pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, on the following matters:

a. To deliberate the evaluation of a public officer or employee - Evaluation of General Manager

***Information related to this item will be emailed to the Board separately than in your packet.***

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

a. To deliberate the evaluation of a public officer or employee - Evaluation of General Manager

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

***Our next regularly scheduled Board meeting is November 12, 2024.***

**11. Adjourn Board Meeting**