

Public Hearings and Board Meeting January 12, 2021 – 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 January 12 meeting. As usual my comments are in *bold italics where necessary*. I will leave no comment in cases where comment is not needed, and a full report will be given at the meeting. Any necessary supporting documents are included in this Board Packet or will follow shortly. Please see instructions below to attend the meeting. You should be able to simply click on any of the links below. Please call with any questions.

Respectfully,

Gary Westbrook

In consideration of the recent Governor's Order (GA-18), Open Texas, effective May 1, 2020, regarding the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), this meeting will be held via telephone and video conference call. Members of the public who wish to attend virtually and listen, observe, or actively participate during this meeting may join this meeting from their computer, tablet or smartphone at:

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To actively participate with 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, January 12, 2021. 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. Election of Board Officers
- 5. Public Comment
- 6. Public Hearing on Proposed Desired Future Conditions for aquifers in the District for GMA 8

 This is required by law and the notice is included in this Board Packet.
- 7. Proposed Desired Future Conditions for aquifers in the District for GMA 8 *This is an opportunity to consider approval of these proposed DFCs.*
- 8. Minutes of November 3, 2019 Board Meeting

Included in this Board Packet.

9. State of the District

This report will be provided by President Youngblood.

10. Final Amendments to 2020 Budget

I will provide these either Monday or at the meeting.

11. Appointment of Committees

Please see attached spreadsheet with current committee assignments.

- 12. Legislative Update from Shera Eichler and Robby Cook
 - Mr. Cook and Ms. Eichler will be present to discuss concerns in the upcoming session.
- 13. Continued Participation in Texas A&M AgriLife Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program Currently our level of participation is \$2500 per year. We have budgeted that amount again for 2021. Please see attached report from David Smith on this past year's efforts.
- 14. Participation in Amicus Brief filing by Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

 On January 7, 2021 TAGD approved filing an Amicus Brief on behalf of its membership. Please see attached summary of this case. TAGD funds these efforts by commitments from its member districts.

 Barbara and I believe this is a very important case which could affect our ability to manage production in

our aquifers and agree we should participate. The total cost of the brief will be approximately \$5000. I am requesting your approval to participate at a level not to exceed \$250.

- 15. Review of updates and improvements to website and Recent Education Efforts and Activities *Doug Box will provide a review of the new website and recent education activities.*
- 16. Report from DFC Committee on recommendations for adoption of DFCs in GMA 12

 The DFC Committee will have recommendations for the Board on DFCs for our District as part of the joint planning process. I am asking for your guidance in preparation for the January 15 GMA 12

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- 17. Joint planning process and Desired Future Conditions (DFCs), groundwater resources in the District, and future process for evaluating District DFCs for Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12) and Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8)
- 18. Executive Session- The Board will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code and 1.05 Texas Disciplinary Code to consult with Legal Counsel on the following:
 - a. Consider enforcement actions due to violation of District Rules in waste of groundwater No action will be taken in Executive Session.
- 19. Reconvene into Open Session- The Board will reconvene into Open Session to take any action deemed necessary and desired, if any, concerning matters discussed in Executive Session:
 - a. Consider enforcement actions due to violation of District Rules in waste of groundwater
- 20. Receive General Manager's report on compliance with reporting associated with 2020 amendments to Vista Ridge permits, and associated direction to General Manager

This is a report on progress on the contingency requirements for approval of VR permits during February 2021.

- 21. Receive report from General Manager on recent District activities and take appropriate actions.
 - A. Permit applications filed with the District and Hearing Dates; Emergency Permits Granted
 - B. Well Drilling activities: registrations, applications, completions, plugging, inspections
 - C. Recent and future District presentations and activities
 - 1. Annual Report from General Manager

We will present this at the meeting.

2. Payments for Aquifer Conservancy Program for 2020 participation

These payments will begin being mailed this week.

- 3. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts meeting of January 26-27, 2021
- 4. Brazos G Nominations for voting members representing Water District Interests and Municipalities Interests
- 5. 2021 Groundwater Conservation Grants applications and filing deadline

These applications have been mailed out with the filing deadline of March 19.

6. 2021 Water Level Monitoring work

We are continuing our focused work in the area near the Vista Ridge Wellfield and will begin annual Spring measurements soon.

7. Services for Monitoring and Verification: introduction of Jordan Aldridge

With Craig Andrews assuming the responsibilities of Ralph Sifuentes, we have also entered into an agreement with Jordan Aldridge to assume a role as an independent contractor. Ms. Aldridge's resume is included in this Board Packet.

- 8. Update on pending work to develop conservation programs for brush control and irrigation
- 22. Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report.
- 23. Dates, locations, and times of future meeting

The next regular meeting date would be February 12, 2021

24. Adjourn Board Meeting