Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

Board of Directors Agenda Minutes

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

The Board of Directors convened at 7:00 p.m. in a meeting pursuant to public notice having been given, at Giddings Public Library, Giddings, Texas. The following members of the Board were present: President, Michael Talbot; Vice-President Billy Sherrill; Secretary-Treasurer Doug Prinz; Directors: Herbert Cook, David Fleming, Larry Schatte, Clifton Seidel, Michael Simmang, Sheril Smith and Carl Steinbach.

Staff members present: Jim Totten, General Manager; Peggy Campion and Dana Goertz.

Consultants present: Matt Kutac, Attorney.

The following members of the public attended the meeting: see attachment one (1).

- 1. President Talbot called the meeting to order.
- 2. Welcome and introductions.
- 3. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
- 4. Review and approval of the minutes of the June 19, 2019 Board meeting. Director Fleming moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2019 Board meeting. Director Seidel seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 5. Consideration of the financial report for the period of July 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019. General Manager Totten presented the financial report. Director Seidel moved to accept the financial report as presented. Director Schatte seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 6. Discussion of and possible action regarding contracting with a qualified candidate to undertake legislative efforts and to conduct lobbying on behalf of the District. After Board discussion, Director Fleming moved to direct the General Manager to negotiate with Greg Ellis a contract for legislative efforts and services. Director Seidel seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 7. Discussion of and possible action on the proposed Request for Qualifications for architectural services for a District office building. After Board discussion, Director Fleming moved to direct staff to go forward with sending out the RFQ for Architectural / Engineering services associated with the site that's under the ownership of the District for determining the feasibility of building a building going forth. Director Seidel seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 8. Discussion of and possible action on the classification of the Trinity Aquifer in the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District as non-relevant for District planning purposes. General

Manager Totten explained to the Board the request for classifying the Trinity Aquifer as non-relevant. A memo from hydrogeologist Andy Donnelly was provided to the Board. Director Fleming moved to classify the Trinity Aquifer as non-relevant for District planning purposes. Director Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 9. General Manager's Report. President Talbot next recognized General Manager Totten for presentation of the General Manager's report. Director Steinbach moved to accept the General Manager's Report as presented. Director Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 10. Discussion of Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District Legislation, related legislation and/or activities occurring that affect or pertain to the District and Groundwater. There was no legislative report given.
- 11. Consideration of conferences, meetings and educational opportunities Board members desire to attend. There were none at this time.
- 12. Consideration of agenda calendar and events. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be September 18, 2019 at Bastrop City Hall, Bastrop, Texas.
- 13. Executive session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071 so that the Board may seek the advice of its Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, including, but not limited to the following:
 - a) Applications of Lower Colorado River Authority for Operating Permits and Transfer Permits for Eight Wells in Bastrop County; SOAH Docket No. 952-19-0705, State Office Of Administrative Hearings.

There was no action taken on this item.

President Talbot adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Approved:

Michael Talbot, President

Peggy Campion, Assistant Board Secretary

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Board of Directors Agenda Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

The Board of Directors convened at 7:00 p.m. in a meeting pursuant to public notice having been given, at Giddings Public Library, Giddings, Texas. The following members of the Board were present: Vice-President Billy Sherrill; Directors: Herbert Cook, David Fleming, Larry Schatte, Clifton Seidel, Michael Simmang, Sheril Smith and Carl Steinbach.

Staff members present: Jim Totten, General Manager; Peggy Campion and Dana Goertz.

Consultants present: Natasha Martin and Matt Kutac, Attorneys.

The following members of the public attended the meeting: see attachment one (1).

- 1. In the absence of President Talbot, Vice-President Sherrill called the meeting to order.
- 2. Welcome and introductions.
- 3. Public Comments. The Board heard comments from the public.
- 4. Review and approval of the minutes of the September 18, 2019 Board meeting. Director Steinbach moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 Board meeting. Director Seidel seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 5. Consideration of the financial report for the period of September 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019. General Manager Totten presented the financial report. Director Smith moved to accept the financial report as presented. Director Schatte seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 6. Discussion of and possible action regarding contract with GM Ellis Law Firm, PC to provide legislative services to, and on behalf of the District. After Board discussion, Director Sheril moved to approve the contract with GM Ellis Law Firm, PC to provide legislative services to, and on behalf of the District. Director Cook seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Director Smith then moved to approve the formation of a legislative guidance committee with attendance of full board. Director Steinbach seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 7. Discussion of and possible action on the classification of the Yegua-Jackson Aquifer in the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District as non-relevant for District planning purposes. General Manager Totten explained to the Board the request for classifying the Yegua-Jackson Aquifer as non-relevant. A memo from hydrogeologist Andy Donnelly was provided to the Board. Director Seidel moved to approve the classification of the Yegua-Jackson Aquifer as non-relevant for District planning purposes. Director Cook seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 8. General Manager's Report. Vice-President Sherrill next recognized General Manager Totten for presentation of the General Manager's report. Director Simmang moved to accept the General Manager's Report as presented. Director Schatte seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 9. Discussion of Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District Legislation, related legislation and/or activities occurring that affect or pertain to the District and Groundwater. There was no legislative report given.
- 10. Consideration of conferences, meetings and educational opportunities Board members desire to attend. There were none at this time.
- 11. Consideration of agenda calendar and events. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be November 13, 2019 at Bastrop City Hall, Bastrop, Texas.
- 12. Executive session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071 so that the Board may seek the advice of its Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, including, but not limited to the following:
 - a) Applications of Lower Colorado River Authority for Operating Permits and Transfer Permits for Eight Wells in Bastrop County; SOAH Docket No. 952-19-0705, State Office Of Administrative Hearings.

There was no action taken on this item.

Vice-President Sherrill adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Approved:

Billy Sherill, Vice-President

Peggy Campion, Assistant Board Secretary