# Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting 2180 N. Main Street Central Texas Council of Governments Belton, Texas Tuesday, January 10, 2012 Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 in the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) Building, located at 2180 N. Main Street, Belton, Texas.

# **Board Members Present:**

Leland Gersbach, President Wallace Biskup, Vice President Judy Parker, Secretary Bill Bartlett, Director David Cole, Director At-Large

# **Public Advisory Committee Members:**

Bill Schumann Tom Madden Henry Bunke

# **Staff Present:**

Dirk Aaron Shelly Chapman

# **Others Present:**

Geoff West - Temple Daily Telegram

# Workshop Convened at 1:30 pm

# Item 1. Review and discuss the construction progress and items of interest concerning the new office building:

Dirk Aaron informed the Board that the cabinetry was in, painting and brick work is complete, phone lines and power lines almost complete and work has begun on the parking lot. We have received the 3rd draw request from Larry Neal. Move in is still anticipated for mid to late March.

# Item 2. Discuss the possibility of amending the current drought contingency plans for Clearwater UWCD:

Dirk Aaron informed the Board that Clearwater's attorney, Kristin Fancher, is working Randy Williams of BarW to update the drought contingency plan. CUWCD is currently working to get mapping information to BarW. More information on this will hopefully be ready to present in the next workshop. David Cole asked if stakeholders would be included in the discussion of changes to come and stated that it is important for us to communicate this process to those affected. Dirk Aaron indicated that there will be multiple opportunities for stakeholders and permit holders to meet regarding the changes in the plan. Dirk Aaron and the lawyers will come up with a series of questions and answers and different scenarios to present to those involved. President, Leland Gersbach stated that we need to get this in place and bring all stakeholders to the table and give them a heads up.

Clearwater Board meeting was convened with Board President, Leland Gersbach, calling the meeting to order at 1:58p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, gave the invocation and Director, Bill Bartlett, led the "Pledge of Allegiance".

# 2. Public Comments:

None

3. Approve Minutes of the December 13, 2011 Workshop and Board Meeting:

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, moved the minutes be accepted as they stand. Motion seconded by Secretary, Judy Parker. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on selecting a telephone service and internet provider for 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, TX 76513

Dirk Aaron presented quotes for service providers. The location has only ATT for hard wired service and Time Warner Cable Business in the business park. No T1 lines are available. ATT provides and offers only DSL at 6x1.5MB. Time Warner provides 10X2 MB or 15X2 MB service per special pricing. Staff has determined the following based on the need for 4 telephone lines (includes the fax) and internet capabilities. Phone dependability and speed of internet delivery is imperative. Quotes were based on the need for 4 telephone lines (includes the fax) and internet capabilities. Director David Cole stated that phone dependability and speed of internet delivery is important and commended Dirk Aaron on his thorough research. Dirk Aaron stated that the desire is to continue service with the most dependable provider and improve the internet service/speed/dependability compared to the current situation and presented 4 options to the Board and recommended Option D be considered. David Cole inquired how Option D fits into the budget. Dirk Aaron responded that there is no historical data on this.

Option A: (TW Internet + 5ips) \$174.95 + (ATT phone) \$115.00 = \$289.95 / month

Option B: (TW Internet + 5ips) \$174.95 + (Broadvox) \$121.00 =

\$295.95 / month

Option C: (TW Internet + 5ips) \$174.95 + (TW phone) \$119.80 =

\$294.75 / month

Option D: (Time Warner Internet) \$159.99 + (ATT Pack) \$155.00 = \$314.99 / month (5 ip's @ \$10)

Secretary Judy Parker said that Option D sounds complete. President Leland Gersbach stated Option D gives Clearwater a backup.

Secretary Judy Parker moved to accept Option D for telephone and internet service. Director Bill Bartlett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

5. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on selecting a telephone system, equipment and installation for 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, TX 76513.

Dirk Aaron presented bids for telephone system, equipment and installation. Five phones are needed and one polycom phone for the Board room. Three quotes/estimates were presented for a phone system, the phone switch equipment,

rack, termination and configuration to the phone provider. Dirk feels all bids are of very good quality equipment. Dirk Aaron and Shelly Chapman met with all 3 companies and feel comfortable with them all. Dirk stated it would be good to have a company that will work with us and provide continued and dependable support. Judy Parker is familiar with Folkerson and is impressed with their service. She has had no dealings with the others. Leland has had dealings with db and is comfortable with either. Dirk Aaron suggested that we were comfortable working with Greg Folkerson and the support he will give. David Cole said he has heard good things about Folkerson and feels they are a reputable company. David Cole moved that the bid by Folkerson be accepted. Wallace Biskup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0** 

6. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary Networking system, equipment and installation for 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, TX 76513.

Dirk Aaron asked that this item be tabled until the scope of work is better determined. No action taken at this time.

7. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on selecting a security firm for 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, TX 76513.

Dirk Aaron presented proposals for 24 hour security from 2 firms in Bell County. Progressive Protection Security Systems, Inc. and InHouse Systems, Inc. Dirk stated that both companies have the appropriate TDLR licenses and their references have been positive. Leland Gersbach asked Dirk Aaron if he had inquired with the local police department about break-ins in the area. Dirk stated that the biggest problem the police has is with false alarms. Both companies are recommending motion detectors in Board room, lobby, offices and kitchen as well as door sensors and key pad entry. Dirk Aaron feels security is important. Both companies have a delivery through cell phone. Dirk explained that if someone were to cut the phone lines, the security system would still be in place.

Progressive submitted the following two choices:

A: Two-way Voice Security System (see attached) = \$1646.00

Monthly 24 two-way voice over cell @ \$39.95 fee per month

B: Standard Security System (see attached) = \$1321.00

Monthly 24 hr over cell @ \$29.95 fee per month

InHouse submitted the following choice:

GE Networx System= \$349.00 Monthly 24 hr Service (Web-link) @ \$34.95 fee per month

David Cole has concerns about the Two-way Voice over and the ability of the firm to listen into conversations. Dirk questioned if that option was really necessary and that certain measures would have to be put in place to assure privacy. Wallace Biskup stated that he didn't think we needed the Two-way voice system. David Cole remarked about the GE equipment used by InHouse. He prefers the Honeywell equipment (provided by Progressive) over GE. Leland Gersbach asked for Dirk Aaron's recommendation. Dirk stated he was very comfortable with the Honeywell equipment. Judy Park moved that the Board accept proposal B from Progressive for the Standard Security System. David Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on in-house security camera system for 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, TX 76513

(item removed from the agenda – no presentation or action taken) Dirk Aaron does not feel this item is necessary at this time.

9. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on membership in the State of Texas Co-op program.

Dirk Aaron requested that Clearwater become a member of the State of Texas Co-op Program. Membership in this program will allow Clearwater UWCD the opportunity to purchase items established under state contract through local vendors. Shelly Chapman confirmed that there would be an annual membership fee of \$100. Wallace Biskup moved that Clearwater become a member of the State of Texas Co-op Program. David Cole seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

10. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on a request for tax abatement agreement with Sparetime Entertainment.

Dirk Aaron presented a request for tax abatement for Sparetime Entertainment. Wallace Biskup moved not to approve the tax abatement. Bill Bartlett seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.** 

11. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on a request from GMA8 representative, Judy Parker, to continue fiscal support of Administrative Groundwater District (North Texas Groundwater Conservation District) for GMA8.

Judy Parker, GMA8 representative, informed the Board that North Texas Groundwater Conservation District has agreed to handle the administrative work for GMA8. Other districts have agreed to pay approximately \$387 per year to support this effort. Judy Parker asked if the Board of Director for Clearwater UWCD is on board to pay their share. Dirk Aaron responded that \$3000 is budgeted in support of GMA8. According to Chapter 36 each District with in GMA8 is required to participate. Judy Parker said there are 10 Districts within GMA8. No motion needed on this item since there is a line item budgeted for GMA8 support per President Leland Gersbach. He also asked that Judy Parker continue to keep the Board informed on this matter.

12. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on GMA8 request for participation in the development of a new Groundwater Availability Model.

Judy Parker presented information from GMA8 requesting participation in the development of a new Groundwater Availability model. She stated that the TWDB funds (especially in the Groundwater division) have been cut by 2/3. She informed the Board that every 5 years we have to update the desired future condition of the Trinity, Woodbine and Edwards aquifers. The last GAM on the Trinity/Woodbine aquifer is flawed and out of date. GMA8 sent out request for proposals for a new GAM to be done. Only one proposal has been returned. Judy will inquire at the next GMA8 meeting how the RFP was sent out and to whom they were sent. She is also concerned that when she read the RFP that there is no new science. If there is no new science there will not be any new information. Cost for a new GAM will be divided equally among the 11 district. How much

are we willing to participate? No action taken on this item. Judy Parker will continue to keep the Board informed on this matter and will continue to ask questions of GMA8.

# 13. Receive monthly report and possible consideration and Board action on the following:

a) District financial status report

Dirk Aaron to present financial report – CTCOG did not provide December Financial Statement. They did complete the close of the year. Dirk Aaron presented the year end finances. Clearwater did come in under budget for the year.

b) Monitoring wells

Shelly Chapman presented the measurements of the monitor wells.

c) Salado Creek stream flow gauges

Dirk Aaron explained the stream flow gauge system to the Board. This information is for INFORMATION ONLY. It is not to be used as a "warning" system. Dirk, Karl and AECOM are still working to make sure equipment and information is accurate.

d) Rainfall/drought conditions

Shelly Chapman presented the Rainfall map for December 2011 and YTD

e) Well Registrations

Shelly Chapman presented report of 3 new exempt wells registered and 1 request for 1 new N1 well and 1 N1 grandfathered.

f) Non-Exempt Well Production

Dirk Aaron presented report based on Well Production spreadsheet

14. Manager's Report and Staff comments:

Dirk Aaron stated he will have more information on the networking system at the next meeting. He will also have a cost analysis on furniture for the office and refrigerators. Dirk will have ideas on electricity providers. Dirk will have information on the Risk Management Pool for insurance. We also need to discuss Holiday Schedule for 2012.

# 15. Public Advisory Committee Comments:

None at this time

### 16. Director Comments and Reports:

None at this time

# 17. Discuss agenda items for next meeting

USGS Presentation Networking system Furniture Cost Electric Provider and other Utilities

18. Set time and place of next meeting.

Next meeting is set for February 14, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at the CTCOG in Belton.

19. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

JUDY PARKER, Secretary

(A compact disc of this meeting is available upon request.)