

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
2180 N. Main Street
Central Texas Council of Governments
Belton, Texas
Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 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 Presiden
Judy Parker, Secretary
Bill Bartlett, Director
David Cole, Director At-Large

Public Advisory Committee Members:

Bill Schumann
Henry Bunke
Bradley Ware

Staff:

Dirk Aaron
Shelly Chapman

Others Present:

MaryLynn Musgrove – USGS
Randy Williams – BarW
Joe Yelderman

Meghan Roussel – USGS
Jeff Stone – CTCOG
Mike Gershon - Attorney

Jeff Christiansen
Marty Janczak

Workshop Convened at 1:30 pm

Item 1. Review and discuss the Texas Supreme Court Ruling “EEA, State of Texas vs. Day/McDaniel”

Attorney, Mike Gershon, summarized the Ruling for the Board and all present. Mike also stated that the Court will be presented with a “re-hearing” in April.

Item 2. Review and discuss the USGS proposal to study and develop a comprehensive understanding of the hydrogeology and water quality of the Northern Segment of the Edwards BFZ Aquifer.

Dirk Aaron introduced Mary Lynn Musgrove and Meghan Roussel with the USGS. Meghan Roussel gave a brief overview of who the USGS is and what their role is. They presented a proposal to the Board for a hydrologic and geochemical investigation the Northern Segment of the Edwards BFZ Aquifer in Travis, Williamson and Bell County. There are several phases to this project. Phase 1 is the proposed initial study phase and consists of an isotopic and geochemical assessment of Salado Springs and selected stream and groundwater sites. Results of Phase 1 will provide a foundation for the development of future phases to evaluate the Northern Segment of the aquifer. Estimated cost for Phase 1: \$55,000 (co-funded by CUWCD and USGS). CUWCD = \$40,000 and USGS matching funds = \$15,000. Time line for Phase 1 will be 6 months.

Additional phases will be developed based on results of Phase 1.

Item 3. *Review and discuss proposed GIS Support Contract with CTCOG.*

Dirk Aaron introduced Jeff Stone from the CTCOG who provides GIS Support to Clearwater. Jeff presented an overview of GIS and his role in GIS mapping support, training and maintaining the data base. The contract for CTCOG to continue to provide the scope of work outlined will be fee based. Compensation will be: Option A - \$45,000 for 3 years (\$15,000/year); Option B - \$32,000 for 2 years (\$16,000/year).

Item 4. *Review and discuss construction progress and items of interest concerning the new office building.*

Dirk Aaron will discuss the details of the new building and upcoming move during the Board meeting in his Manager's Report.

Item 5. *Review and discuss the potential Salado Salamander listing.*

Dirk Aaron filled the Board in on the meeting held regarding the Salado Salamander. Dirk commented that there was confusion by some on this issue. There is still time to discuss and give information to stakeholders. Dirk, Tim Brown, Dr. Gulley and several others will be meeting with other stakeholders based on what the Salado Aldermen want to do. Dirk will come back in the April meeting with more specifics and what our possible cost share might be for this. We want to be a stakeholder in this and need to be involved in the dialogue. Mike Gershon commented that a timeline for the listing is coming soon. US Fish and Wildlife Service will issue a ruling well in advance of the Fall 2012 deadline. Once the proposed ruling is made on the species we will know with more certainty whether Fish and Wildlife Service will identify a critical habitat for the species.

Clearwater Board meeting was convened with Board President, Leland Gersbach, calling the meeting to order at 3:57p.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 February 14, 2012 Workshop and Board Meeting:*

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, moved the minutes be accepted as they stand. Motion seconded by Director, Bill Bartlett. **Motion carried 4-0 – 1 absent.**

4. *Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on proposed 2012 Holiday Schedule.*

Dirk presented the proposed holiday schedule consisting of 8 holidays.

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, moved that the 8 Holidays presented by Dirk Aaron be approved. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

5. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on requests for extension of the following drilling permits: a.) D-09-005 for Moffat WSC (N2-08-006P) and b.) D-10-004 Armstrong WSC (N2-10-001P).

A) Director, Bill Bartlett, moved that the drilling permit be extended for Moffat WSC. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0** (Director, David Cole, recused himself from the vote)

B.) Vice President, Wallace Biskup, moved that the drilling permit be extended for Armstrong WSC. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

a) District financial status report

Dirk Aaron presented financial report.

b) Monitoring wells

Dirk Aaron presented the measurements of the monitor wells.

c) Salado Creek stream flow gauges

Dirk Aaron presented information on stream flow and drought status reports

d) Rainfall/drought conditions

Shelly Chapman presented the Rainfall map for February 2012 and YTD

e) Well Registrations

Shelly Chapman presented report of 4 new exempt wells registered.

f) Non-Exempt Well Production

Dirk Aaron presented report based on Well Production spreadsheet

7. Manager's Report and Staff comments:

Dirk Aaron updated the Board on issues concerning the new building and future move. Phones, Network Server, File Server, E-mail and Wireless equipment is being installed. Clearwater will begin moving furniture, files and other items to the building on Wednesday. Staff will meet with FSB to establish bank account. Electrical Service has been selected through Hudson. Signed 36 month agreement at .0558/kwh. Clearwater will develop a Handbook of District Policies per Chapter 36 Water Code.

Dirk Aaron and Judy Parker will be attending TAGD meeting in Austin Mar. 27-28.

Dirk also informed the Board about the Texas Water 2012 Regional Water Conference in San Antonio April 10-13.

8. Public Advisory Committee Comments:

None

9. Director Comments and Reports:

None

10. Discuss agenda items for next meeting

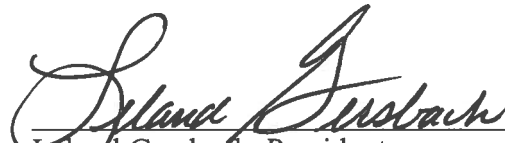
Salado Water Supply Permit to aggregate wells.

11. Set time and place of next meeting.

Next meeting is set for April 10, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at CUWCD New Building located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.



Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:



JUDY PARKER, Secretary

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