

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, Texas
Tuesday, January 8, 2013
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 in the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

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

Public Advisory Committee:

Henry Bunke

Staff:

Dirk Aaron
Shelly Chapman

Guest:

Peter Dilillo
Geoff West - Media

Randy Williams – BarW (via phone)
Mike Gershon – Attorney (via phone)

Board Meeting convened with Board President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:40 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, gave the invocation.
Director, Bill Bartlett, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Workshop was convened with Board President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:42p.m.

Workshop:

1. Discuss the issues and upcoming event pertaining to the potential listing of the Salado Salamander.

Dirk Aaron re-capped the issues and the latest letter sent out regarding the potential listing of the Salado Salamander and the economic development study. Dirk discussed the upcoming meeting on January 14th in Austin with the State Comptroller's office. The USFWS is required to open up a second comment period based on the Economic Impact Analysis. CUWCD and the Stakeholder's group will be able to submit additional comments. August 22, 2013 is the deadline for USFWS to make their final decision. Dirk mentioned that USFWS was present at the Stakeholders meeting held in Salado. Positive comments were made by personnel of both USFWS and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

2. Discuss the issues and concerns of the proposed City of Georgetown-Chisholm Trail SUD regionalization or consolidation of the respective utility operations.

Dirk wanted the Board to be aware of a news release that resurfaced by Judge Borrows on this issue. Dirk discussed some concerns that came about as a result of the feasibility study. The City of Georgetown expressed that they intend to use the 5,040 ac/ft. allowed for their CCN and Chisholm Trail has 1,451 ac/ft. Dirk suggested that the District may want to look at the projected use through 2060 and go on record that this may be a concern. This is something the District may want to just keep an eye on as the PGMA process pursues.

Board Meeting reconvened with Board President, Leland Gersbach, at 2:07p.m.

2. Public Comment.²

None

3. Approve minutes of the December 11, 2012 Board Meeting.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to accept the minutes as they stand. Vice President, Wallace Biskup, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4. *Discuss, consider and take action if necessary to accept the monthly financial report as presented.*
Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to accept the monthly Financial Report as presented. Director, Bill Bartlett, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0**

(Discussed Item #6 prior to Item #5 to accommodate phone conferences with Randy Williams & Mike Gershon)

6. *Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on proposed Monitor Wells in the Trinity and Edwards BFZ Aquifers.*

Dirk Aaron discussed with the Board that 2 additional Middle Trinity Wells are needed in the southwestern area of the County. Construction of these wells would allow the District to continue monitoring the Middle Trinity drawdown in the Stillman Valley and Firefly area. Randy Williams, BarW Exploration, has reviewed former drilling specification used in in 2009 by CUWCD and amended for the Middle Trinity. Dirk informed the Board that he had been in contact with Blake Neffendorf, TWDB Monitor Well Coordinator. Blake indicated that equipment cost would be about \$5000 each and would include transducer, transmitter, data logger, yagi antenna, locking shelter and fencing. Dirk recommended we also budget \$5000 for equipment/repairs. Randy Williams was present via phone to discuss drilling specification with the Board. Staff recommends approving the drilling specifications and amend the budget based on the estimated cost of the 2 wells not to exceed \$30,000. Mike Gershon, Attorney for the District, was also consulted via phone on how to proceed.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to proceed on the advice of technical and legal counsel for the construction of 2 additional monitor wells not to exceed \$30,000. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

5. *Discuss, consider and take appropriate action necessary on proposed line item transfers to the FY13 Budget.*

Dirk Aaron presented a request for proposed line item transfers to the FY13 budget. The financial report currently shows over expenditures in the following line items:

Election Expense	\$ 515.81
Studies (ESA)	\$1,725.75
Insurance (staff Bonding)	\$ 63.40
Insurance (BOD Bonding)	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Total:	\$2,554.96

Dirk informed the Board that the Contingency Fund has a balance of \$96,010.00. The Contingency Fund could be utilized to offset the needed (\$2,554.96) as described. Staff recommended the Board approve budget amendments a presented.

President, Leland Gersbach, recommended the Board amend the Monitor Well Construction line item at this time to add an additional \$30,000 from the Contingency Fund for the construction of 2 additional monitor wells.

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, moved to accept the budget amendments as stated plus \$30,000 recommended by the Board for construction of 2 monitor wells. Director, David Cole, seconded the motions. **Motion carried 5-0.**

7. *General Manager's report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan.*

Dirk informed the Board that Todd Strait is doing a great job. He is in the process of working with the permit holders to renew the Operating Permits and Existing Historical Use Permits. Dirk did not provide a copy of the production report at this time since the reports are not due until the 10th of the month and many of them have not been received yet.

Dirk is anticipating a request for a minor amendment from Bell- Milam-Falls WSC. They have been making inquiries.

Todd will be working with several of the WSCs, including Moffat WSC, to be on the pilot program for the automated reporting system.

Staff has already started working on the 2012 Annual Report.

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

a. Salado Creek stream flow gauges

Dirk Aaron reviewed the stream flow gauge information with the Board.

b. Education Outreach Update

Dirk Aaron gave an update on educational events and other projects that Todd Strait is currently working on.

c. Monitoring wells

Dirk Aaron reviewed the monitor well reading with the Board

d. Rainfall

Dirk Aaron presented the Rainfall maps for December 2012.

e. Well registration

Shelly Chapman reported 4 new exempt well registered in December 2012.

f. Non-exempt Monthly well production

Production reports are due from the permit holders on the 10th of the month. Not all reports are in yet. Report is incomplete at this time.

9. Public Advisory Committee comments.³

None

10. Director comments.³

None

11. Discuss agenda items for next meeting.

-Public hearing for MWSC Operating Permit and Amendments


-Jack Hilliard has indicated that he intends to possibly drill a Lower Trinity Well. He is doing some preliminary work for an existing gravel pit at Reed's Lake Rd in the Little River Academy Community. They have hired a consultant on this matter.

12. Set time and place of next meeting.

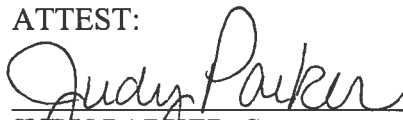
February 12, 2013 @ 1:30

13. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned by President, Leland Gersbach at 4:15 pm.


Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:


JUDY PARKER, Secretary

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