

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, Texas
Tuesday, December 10, 2013
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

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

Public Advisory Committee:

Henry Bunke
Bill Schumann
Bradley Ware

Staff:

Dirk Aaron
Shelly Chapman

Guests:

Brian Newman – Troy High School FFA
Emily Serma- Troy High School FFA
Relyn Marburger-Troy High School FFA
Tommy Lovelace

John Meyer-Troy High School FFA
Miranda Hill-Troy High School FFA
Aaron Baker-Troy High School ISP
Mike Gershon-Lloyd Gosselink Attorney at Law (via phone)

Convened to Workshop with President, Leland Gersbach at 1:30 p.m.

1. *Presentation by Troy ISD FFA Ag Issues Team concerning “Water Availability in 2030”.*

Students from the Troy High School FFA Ag Issues Team gave the presentation to the Board that they presented at Area Ag Issues competition regarding “Water Availability in 2030”. The Board was impressed with their presentation and had some constructive criticism for the Team. The Board encouraged them to keep up the good work.

2. *Discuss the proposed amendments and timeline necessary to amend District Rules.*

Dirk Aaron conferenced in Mike Gershon (Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at Law) to discuss suggested changes to the District Rules. The suggestions were based on previous discussions, well owner concerns about construction standards, and enforcement rules associated with improper construction and plugging. The suggestions are by no means complete and/or absolute. Dirk informed those present that well driller, Tommy Lovelace, was also consulted regarding suggested changes. The Board discussed the suggested changes presented by Dirk Aaron and received clarification from Mike Gershon and Tommy Lovelace on the suggested changes.

Dirk commented that if the Board wanted to proceed with these changes, the District would need to hold a public hearing at the January meeting. Dirk discussed the timeline that would be associated with the public hearing and getting it on the January agenda. If we put this on the January agenda the Board can always “table” it if there is push back from the public.

Mike Gershon stated that he thinks our rules and the suggested changes are good. They are sound, logical and supported by law. He does not foresee any issues with the proposed changes.

Dirk will summarize the proposed changes and send a letter out to all of the Well Drillers and Pump Installers that have been doing work in our District and let them know this is the initial draft of the proposed changes.

3. *Discuss legislative activity and discussions concerning groundwater management in Texas.*

TAGD has a legislative committee that has met in the past. Dirk and Judy have attended some of the meetings. This committee will be meeting again in January. There is a brackish water discussion going on at this time, permitting discussion, and an ASR workgroup. There is another committee with in TDLR that Dirk would like to be involved in. There has been some push back by State Representatives and the Senate to move

or change how TDLR water management is being handled. They are not meeting expectations and there is some discussion to maybe move it out of TDLR and over to TCEQ. There is another group that has been organized by TWCA called the groundwater committee. Dirk feels the District needs to be engaged in this committee as well.

Workshop closed and Board Meeting called to order with President, Leland Gersbach, at 3:43 p.m.

1. *Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:*

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

2. *Public Comment.*²

No public comment.

3. *Approve minutes of the November 12, 2013 Board Meeting and Workshop.*

Vice President, Wallace Biskup moved to approve the Minutes of the November 12, 2013 as presented.
Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4. *Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the monthly financial report as presented.*

Director, David Cole, moved to accept the monthly financial report as presented. Vice President, Wallace Biskup, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

5. *Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary accept the monthly Investment Fund account report as presented.*

Director, Bill Bartlett, moved to accept the monthly Investment Fund account reports as presented.
Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the Motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

1 .Received final information and studies from Randy with Bar-W and have started working with Allan Standing as the Districts new hydrologist.

2. We have had some issues with the stream flow gauges at Patterson's Crossing and Inn on the Creek. Dirk and Todd are working with Karl Hamson to resolve. USGS gauges are up and running.

3. Village of Salado has a meeting Wednesday in regards to the sewage plant being dedicated over to the Village of Salado.

4. Audit process with our Auditors is ongoing. Engagement letters have been sent out.

5. Still working with Dean Mikeska on the permit process.

6. Fraudulent check showed up on the District bank account. Shelly discovered it when she reconciled the statement. Dirk met with the bank and the issue was corrected. The banks security is watching this closely.

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

a. *Salado Creek stream flow gauges*

Dirk presented an update on the stream flow gauges.

b. *Education Outreach Update*

Dirk presented an update on education outreach and Todd's accomplishments

c. *Monitoring wells*

Dirk presented the monitor well information to the Board

d. Rainfall/Drought Conditions

Dirk discussed the rainfall totals and drought conditions

e. Well registration

Shelly informed the Board that there were 6 new wells registered.

f. Non-exempt Monthly well production

Dirk presented the monthly production report to the Board.

(Copies of the Monthly Staff Reports were given to the Board Members to review. No action required. Informational items only.)

8. Public Advisory Committee comments. ³

Bill Schumann informed the Board that the County selected Halff Associates as the architect for the Expo Center project.

9. Director comments ³

Judy Parker commented about the Water Symposium. She thought the Symposium went really well. Dirk mentioned that he had a lot of good feedback from speakers and participants.

Leland Gersbach informed the Board that he attended the financial requirement course in San Antonio. So he is up to date on his training.

10. Discuss agenda items for next meeting.


Possible permit request – Mikeska
Rule changes and Public Hearing
2014 Holiday Schedule

11. Set time and place of next meeting.

January 14, 2014 @ 1:30

12. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned by President, Leland Gersbach at 4:19 p.m.


Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:


JUDY PARKER, Secretary

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