

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, Texas
Tuesday, February 11, 2014
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 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
Tom Madden

Staff:

Dirk Aaron
Shelly Chapman

Guests:

Dean Mikeska	Tim Brown-County Commissioner	David Wright – Texas A&M AgriLife Ext.
Robert Becker	Dr. Joe Yelderman – Baylor Univ.	Annie Mae – Texas A&M AgriLife Ext.
	Stephanie Wong – Baylor Univ.	

Board Meeting called to order with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:30 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 Comments:

None

Public Hearing opened with President, Leland Gersbach at 1:33 p.m.

6. Hold Public Hearing on the following permit applications.

a. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on the proposed operating permit, for Dean Mikeska, authorizing withdrawal from an existing well (N2-14-001G) in the Alluvial Formation of 100 acre-feet for agricultural irrigation use in a center pivot system. Estimated rate of withdrawal: 800 gallons per minute.

b. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on the proposed combination drilling and operating permit, for Dean Mikeska, authorizing drilling and withdrawal from a proposed well (N2-14-002P) in the Alluvial Formation of 100 acre-feet for agricultural irrigation use in a center pivot system. Estimated rate of withdrawal: 800 gallons per minute.

c. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to amend operating permits for Mikeska wells N2-14-001G and N2-14-002P of 200 acre-feet total for a two well aggregate system from the Alluvial Formation for agricultural irrigation. Estimated rate of withdrawal: Well #N2-14-001G = 800 gallons per minute; Well #N2-14-002) = 800 gallons per minute.

President, Leland Gersbach, reviewed the procedures for the Public Hearing to include proper posting and notification of the Public Hearing. President Gersbach noted that all requirements had been met.

Leland Gersbach opened the Hearing up for public comments and administered oath to all participating parties. Dirk Aaron informed the Board that Hydrologist, Allan Standen, would not be available for the Hearing. Neighbor, Robert Becker, appeared as an interested party to the Hearing. He commented that

he was present to learn more about the requested permit and how he would be affected by the approval of the permit applications.

General Manager, Dirk Aaron, presented the facts and related information associated with the permit application. Dirk informed the Board that all 12 criteria have been met.

Leland Gersbach opened up the Hearing for discussion on the applications from the Board.

Dirk Aaron recommended that the board approve an operating permit for well N2-14-001G. He also recommended approving a 120 day drilling permit ONLY on a proposed well (N2-14-002P). He also recommended tabling the aggregation of the two wells at this time.

(a.) Director, David Cole, moved to approve the operating permit for the existing well #1 (N2-14-001G) of 100 acre feet for agricultural irrigation use in a center pivot system. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

(b.) Vice President, Wallace Biskup, moved to approve a 120 day Drilling ONLY permit for a proposed well #2b (N2-14-002P) for agricultural irrigation use in a center pivot system. Director, Bill Bartlett, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

(c.) Director, David Cole, moved to table the aggregation of the wells at this time. Vice President, Wallace Biskup, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

President, Leland Gersbach, closed the Public Hearing and convened to Workshop at 2:20 p.m.

Workshop #1. Interpretive presentation from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension concerning Youth Programs.

David Wright and Annie May presented an interpretive review of accomplishments and programs coordinated in 2013. Some of the programs were attended and sponsored by CUWCD. They also presented plans for 2014.

Workshop #2. Discuss Monitor Well progress at Gault site.

Dirk Aaron filled the Board in on the progress of the monitor wells at the Gault site. Commissioner, Tim Brown, has been instrumental in heading up this project. Well driller, Tommy Lovelace, has been working diligently to get the wells completed. Tommy even replaced an old well at his own expense for the Gault location. Geophysical logs have been received. Still need to conduct pumping test and then consult with Blake Neffendorf on what equipment needs to be installed. Tim would like to see a Dye Trace study done at this well.

Workshop #3. Discuss and receive update on Edwards BFZ Research with Baylor University.

Stephanie Wong recapped the findings of the Edwards BFZ Research that Baylor is conducting. She included their findings as well as proposed studies and new locations to be added in 2014.

Workshop #4. Discuss the GMA8 efforts and upcoming deadline on the DFC/MAG runs.

Dirk informed the Board that the District is compiling information/date for James Beach (LBG Guyton) to work on the GAM run for the District. Is the District ok with the current MAGs or do we need to look beyond? Judy Parker commented that Upper Trinity GCD has proposed that Bill Mulligan manage the process for GMA8 and the cost be shared between the Districts. Dirk stated that CUWCD has their own consultants working on this. Dirk commented that he feels the District should sit on the sidelines and see how it plays out. Judy Parker stated that not all of the Districts were happy with the way this was handled. Dirk said he will continue to work with Judy and James Beach to determine what the free GAM runs are that the District needs.

Workshop closed and Board Meeting reconvened with President, Leland Gersbach at 3:38 p.m.

3. **Approve minutes of the January 14, 2014 Board Meeting and Workshop.**

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, moved to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting 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.**

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

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

- Dirk Aaron re-capped the Chisholm Tail issue and provided the Board a copy of the letter submitted on behalf of the CUWCD. Judy Parker commented that River Ridge Ranch POA, Sen. Frazer's office, Jimmie Don Aycock's office, Bell County Commissioner's Court, City of Leander, and numerous individuals also submitted letters. Dirk submitted the letter to the Board to be part of the February minutes. Dirk also commented that CUWCD does not have a standing in the suit.
- CUWCD website now showing the USGS gauges and not the District's original gauge system.
- Next TAGD meeting is Feb 24-26 in Austin. Dirk and Judy will be attending
- TWCA meeting March 5-7th
- Fraser hosted a meeting Jan 30th. Dirk Aaron and David Cole attended.
- District Rules with amendments were printed, posted on website, and sent to well drillers and pump installers.

8. **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 was 4 grandfathered exempt wells registered, 3 new exempt wells registered, 1 grandfathered non-exempt well, and 1 new non-exempt well registered in January.

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.)

9. **Public Advisory Committee comments.**³

Bill Schumann – commented on the water situation in Texas and GCD's.

10. **Director comments**³

Judy Parker – will be attending the Region G meeting this month.

David Cole – complimented Dirk on his presentation at Moffat WSC's Board Meeting. He did a great job representing CUWCD.

11. *Discuss agenda items for next meeting.*


Jack Hilliard Permit
Rock Solid Stone – possible permit
Auditor's report

12. *Set time and place of next meeting.*

March 11, 2014 @ 1:30

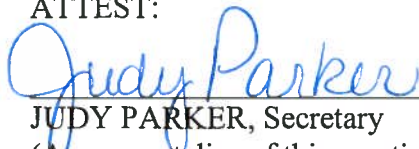
13. *Adjourn.*

Meeting adjourned by President, Leland Gersbach at 4:11 p.m.



Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:



JUDY PARKER, Secretary
(A compact disc of this meeting is available upon request.)