

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, Texas
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

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

Public Advisory Committee:

Bradley Ware

Staff:

Dirk Aaron
Shelly Chapman

(Absent: Wallace Biskup)

Guests:

Cheryl Maxwell – CTCOG
Jon Dyck – Rock Solid Stone
Allan Standen – Hydrologist (via phone)

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Holmes
Alex Wukman – Temple Daily Telegram

Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:32 p.m.

Workshop #1. Receive update from Staff on the Threatened Listing of the Salado Salamander.

General Manager, Dirk Aaron, gave a brief update on the listing of the Salado Salamander. He informed the Board that on February 24, 2014 USFWS listed the Georgetown and Salado Salamander as Threatened rather than endangered. The critical habitat designation has not been determined at this time. Dirk Aaron and Leland Gersbach met with coalition at the District's office on April 25th to discuss the listing. The coalition will need to establish an Adaptive Management Strategy Working Group. This group will need develop strategies of incremental protections to minimize what USFWS perceives as a threat to the species. This biggest issue is site disturbance of the springs. We need to reconfirm the Coalition's memorandum of agreement in June.

Workshop closed and Board Meeting opened with President, Leland Gersbach at 1:54 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

President, Leland Gersbach, gave the invocation.
Director, Bill Bartlett, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comments:

None

3. Approve minutes of the April 8, 2014 Board Meeting and Workshop.

Director, Bill Bartlett, moved to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting as presented. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

4. Discuss, consider and take appropriate 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 4-0 (1 absent).**

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

Director, David Cole, moved to accept the monthly Investment Fund account reports as presented. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

6. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to approve the FY14 line item budget amendments as presented.

Nothing to present at this time.

7. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the Quarterly Deferred Compensation Employee Retirement Program account report as presented.

Director, Bill Bartlett, moved to accept the Quarterly Deferred Compensation Employee Retirement Program account report as presented. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

Public Hearing opened with President, Leland Gersbach at 1:59 p.m.

8. Hold public hearing on the following permit application:

- a. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on the proposed drilling permit, for Rock Solid Stone, authorizing the drilling of a new well (well# N2-14-003P) located at 23680 Firefly Rd, Florence, Texas.
- b. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to amend the current operating permit of an existing well (well #N2-09-005G) for an aggregate system to produce water for industrial use from the Hensell layer of the Trinity aquifer in an annual quantity not to exceed 16.67 acre-feet or 5,431,939 gallons per year total aggregated system.

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 posting requirements had been met. Mr. Gersbach gave a summary of the request and history of the applicant.

Leland Gersbach opened the Hearing up for public comments and administered oath to all participating parties (Dirk Aaron-General Manager CUWCD, Allan Standen – Hydrologist, and Jon Dyck – Rock Solid Stone). No public comments or protests made.

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

Jon Dyck, Rock Solid Stone, informed the Board about the operations of Rock Solid Stone and answered questions from the Board about the project and permit request.

Allan Standen, Hydrologist, presented his research and findings. Based on simulated pump test of proposed well #N2-14-003P will have a minimal drawdown of 1.2 ft at ½ mile distance after one year. Future annual declines will probably be slightly more than a foot per year as the cone of depression expands. In his written report, Mr. Standen recommends this permit be approved.

No other discussion requested.

President, Leland Gersbach, closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Board Meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Mr. Gersbach asked if there were any other questions from the Board. Being none, Mr. Gersbach asked for a motion to be made to grant, deny, or partially approve the RS Materials Group, LLC application for a drilling permit and aggregation of his existing operating permit of 16.67 ac-ft. to include the new well with his existing well for industrial purposes.

Director, Bill Bartlett, moved to approve as stated. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

9. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on preparing the budget development timeline for FY2015.

Dirk informed the Board that the District needs to begin working on the proposed budget for FY15. He presented the preliminary values that he received from the Tax Appraisal District. He recommended the Board approve the following timeline to plan, prepare and review the FY14 expenditures before adopting final FY15 budget in August. The timeline presented is as follows:

June 10 th	Board Meeting - Budget workshop session.
July 8 th	Board Meeting - Budget workshop session.
August 12 th	Finalize budget; set preliminary tax rate; set date for public hearing to accept tax rate.
August 21 st	Board Meeting/Public Hearing to adopt Budget and Tax Rate.
September 1 st	Post Budget.
October 1 st	New Budget period begins.

Leland informed the Board that he would be out of town on June 10th. The Board discussed amending the time line and Board meeting from June 10th to June 17th.

Director, David Cole, moved to accept the budget timeline as amended. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

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

- Will have talking point on studies to be considered during the budget workshop
- Meeting with Baylor and Allan Standen on Thursday.
- Looking at options for a storage building on site so we don't have to pay for offsite storage rental. Will try to have something to present at the next meeting.
- Will have timeline relevant to the Nov 4th election for Precinct 2, 4, and At Large at the next meeting.

Leland brought up the topic of water supply corporations asking for so much water that the District busts the MAG. The District needs to be prepared to handle this and is seeking advice from the legal team. The District will need guidance with this issue.

11. 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 3 grandfathered/unregistered exempt well created and registered, and 3 new exempt wells registered in April.

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.)

12. Public Advisory Committee comments.³

Bradley Ware – What is the Board going to do when they have to say “no, there is no more water”?

Bradley stated that this is his biggest concern. This Board may be faced with that decision at some point in the near future.

13. Director comments³

Judy Parker – Judy gave an update on GMA8 and Region G. The new Trinity GAM should be ready at the end of next month. TCEQ should have initial runs by the end of August. At that time we will know if this is more water available in the Lower Trinity.

Prioritization list was approved by Region G last week. These projects were approved with the belief that permits were in place. Brad Burnett made I known that no one has approached him for a permit. These are the projects high on the list to receive the Swift funds. The majority of the projects were for surface water and not ground water.

Leland Gersbach – Leland needs to appoint an alternate to attend GMA8 and Tag. Currently Leland is the alternate and he would like to appoint General Manager, Dirk Aaron, as alternate. Dirk attends the meetings any way.

David Cole – Thanked the Staff for continuing to do good work. Bill Bartlett agreed.

14. Discuss agenda items for next meeting.


FY15 Budget workshop item
Address General Election for November
Public Water Supply amendment
Possible Drilling Permit

15. Set time and place of next meeting.


June 17, 2014 @ 1:30

16. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned by President, Leland Gersbach at 3:39 p.m.


Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:


JUDY PARKER, Secretary

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

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**
Workshop/Board Meeting
May 13, 2014

Sign-In Sheet (Please print)

Name	Address
1. Shelly Chapman ✓	CWUCD
2. Judy Parker ✓	CWUCD
3. Bradley Ware ✓	
4. David Cole ✓	CWUCD
5. Bill Bartholite ✓	
6. Steve Justin ✓	CWUCD
7. Michael Healy ✓	23934 Firefly Rd, Florence TX 76527
8. Revy Holmes ✓	23936 Firefly Rd, Florence TX 76527
9. Cheryl Maxwell ✓	KEMPO
10. Alex Wickman	TEMPLE DAILY TELEGRAM
11. Jon Dyck ✓	ROCK SOLID STONE
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13. Dirk Aaron	CWUCD
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