

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, Texas
Thursday, July 15, 2015
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. 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
Gary Young, Director

Public Advisory Committee:

Henry Bunke

Staff:

Dirk Aaron

Guests:

Stephanie Wong – Baylor
Marylynn Musgrove – USGS
James Beach – LBG-Guyton

Dr. Yelderman – Baylor
Greg Stanton – USGS

Tim Brown – Bell County Commissioner
Mike Keester – LBG-Guyton

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

Workshop item #1. *Receive reports related to Scientific Studies conducted in FY15 and proposed Studies for FY16.*

Reports and updates on related studies for FY15 and proposed Studies for FY16 were presented by Stephanie Wong – Baylor University, Greg Stanton – USGS, and Mike Keester and James Beach – LBG Guyton. Alan Standen, the District's Hydro-geologist wasn't able to attend the meeting. He sent Dirk his presentation and Dirk went over it with the Board.

Workshop item #2. *Discuss and review the GMA8 DFC/MAG ongoing process and an update on budgetary needs related to the final development of the DFC in FY16.*

James Beach and Dirk Aaron discussed the ongoing process and update on the budget needs for the development of the DFC.

Workshop item #3. *Discuss, review, and receive report SOQ's related to RFQ process for Auditing Services.*

The Auditing Committee (Gary Young, David Cole, and Dirk Aaron) provided the Board with a review and opinion of the attached SOQ's. The committee commented that both firms, Alton D. Thiele and MLT&M, were equally qualified firms. The committee discussed some concerns. The Board will not make a decision until the August 12th meeting.

Workshop item #4. *Discuss and review items of interest concerning the FY2016 budget development process.*

Dirk presented the FY16 Budget worksheet to the Board for discussion and review.

Workshop item #5. *Receive report on Groundwater related legislation per the 84th Legislative Session.*

Dirk presented the Board with a report on Groundwater related legislation per the 84th Legislative Session to review.

Workshop closed and Board Meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 5:35 p.m.

1. *Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:*

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, gave the invocation.
Secretary, Judy Parker, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. *Public Comments:*

None

3. *Approve minutes of the June 10, 2015 Board Meeting and Workshop.*

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to approve the minutes of them June 10, 2015 Board Meeting and Workshop. 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 for June 2015 as presented.***

Director, David Cole, moved to accept the monthly financial report for June 2015 as presented. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

Director, Gary Young, moved to accept the monthly investment fund account as presented. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

6. ***Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to approve the removal of a down tree on the location of the District's High Flow USGS Gage in Salado.***

Dirk informed the Board that a 100 year old burr oak tree fell the weekend of May 26th on the tract of land owned by Will Lowery where the District high flow gage is located. Dirk presented the Board with pictures of the fallen tree. The tree is obstructing scheduled enhancements by USGS and staff of the District's high flow gage. Contract with USGS is to keep the area around the gage clear of brush. Dirk received 3 bids for the tree removal.

1) JR Ash Tree Company	\$3,000
2) Ash Tree Service	\$2,000
3) Casebolt Tree Service	\$1,800

Dirk walked the property with the companies giving bids for the removal. Dirk recommends using Casebolt Tree Service.

Director, David Cole, moved to approve Casebolt Tree Service for the tree removal. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

7. ***Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to approve the FY15 line item budget amendments as requested.***

Dirk explained the need for FY15 line item budget amendments.

The first request is to cover the over expenditure of \$156 for Permit Legal Review (53732). Dirk explained that the McLane Group application required some extensive legal review. Dirk recommends a simple line item transfer moving \$1000 from Permit Geoscience Review (53731) to Permit Legal Review (53732). This should cover any other fees that may be needed under legal review.

The second request is to cover the cost of \$1,800 for tree removal approved on agenda item #6. Spring Flow Gage (line item 53145) currently has a budget of \$1,500. Dirk recommends transferring \$550 from Spring Flow O&M (line item 53205) to Spring Flow Gage (53145) to cover the cost of the tree removal.

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, moved to approve line item transfers as requested. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

8. ***Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to conduct the annual performance review of the General Manager, in accordance with District Rule 3.1, and salary compensation for District Staff in FY 16.***

President, Leland Gersbach, asked the Board to skip to Agenda Item #9 at this time. Agenda Item #8 will be addressed in Executive Session. The Board agreed.

9. ***Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to approve an exception to District Rule: Section 10 (e) related to the location of a replacement/new well at 497 Hi Ridge Dr. at River Ridge Ranch.***

Dirk withdrew this agenda item. He explained the issue and informed the Board that the issue had been resolved. No action is necessary at this time.

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

Dirk mentioned that next month there will be several Public Hearings: City of Troy, Salado Country Estates, and Roy Zinglemann. CTWSC will be coming up in September. He also mentioned that the Board will be finalizing the FY16 budget.

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

- a. Drought Status Report and/or Aquifer Status Report**
- b. Education Outreach Update**
- c. Monitoring wells**
- d. Rainfall Report**
- e. Well registration**
- f. Non-exempt Monthly well production**

(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

Henry Bunke commented that the workshop was very productive and informative.

13. Director comments³

Judy Parker commented that Dirk had given her a letter from High Plains Water District to Beck Bruun of TWDB about some concerns they have about certain rule changes. High Plains wants to change some of the wording in the rules. High Plains is wanting to know if other GCDs are interested in weighing in on the subject.

David Cole wanted to thank the staff for be diligent and doing a good job to connect the dots.

14. Discuss agenda items for next meeting.

Public Hearings for CTWSC, City of Troy
Set preliminary budget and tax rate

15. Set time and place of next meeting.

August 12, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

Convene to Executive Session with President, Leland Gersbach, to discuss Agenda Item #8 at 5:57 p.m.

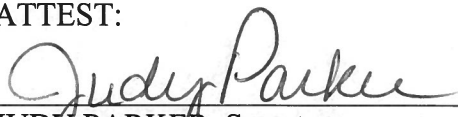
Executive Session closed and Board Meeting reconvened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 6:22 p.m.

16. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned with President, Leland Gersbach at 6:23 p.m.


Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:


JUDY PARKER, Secretary

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