

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Wednesday, December 13, 2017
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 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

Staff:

Dirk Aaron, General Mgr.
Shelly Chapman, Admin. Mgr.

Guest:

Mike Gershon – Lloyd Gosselink
Cliff Coleman
Dr. Joe Yelderman – Baylor Univ.
Stephanie Wong – Baylor Univ.
Greg Neal

Scott Brooks
Lou Fleischhauer – Collier
Mike Montague – USFWS
Bradley Ware

Jacob Sanchez – Temple Daily Telegram
Bill Schumann – Bell County
Pete Diaz – USFWS
Amy Muttoni – Brazos River Auth.

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

Workshop Item #1. Receive information from USGS personnel related to the Edwards BFZ water quality assessment.

Dirk informed the Board that this item will be presented at next month's meeting.

Workshop Item #2. Receive information from Pete Diaz related to the Salado Salamander assessment project at the Salado Spring Complex and proposed work for 2018.

Pete Diaz presented a recap of past projects and accomplishments as well as plans for continued monitoring in 2018.

Workshop Item #3. Receive information from Stephanie Wong and Dr. Joe Yelderman on Edwards BFZ research.

Stephanie Wong presented a review of the research done in Phase 3 of the Edwards BFZ and continued objectives.

Dr. Yelderman highlighted an event in November known as "Dividing the Waters". This event included a group of Federal and State Water Judges. They met to learn more about water issues. USFWS, USGS, CUWCD, and Tim Brown (Bell County Commissioner) all participated in the event.

Dr. Yelderman also presented information on findings of research they are continuing to do in the Edwards BFZ.

Workshop Item #4. Receive updated information related to the proposed DFC's and the draft explanatory report from GMA8.

Dirk informed the Board that there was nothing to report on this workshop item.

Workshop closed and Board meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 2:30 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. **Public Comment.**

None.

3. **Approve minutes of the November 8, 2017 Board meeting.**

Director, Gary Young, moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2017 Board meeting. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4. **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the monthly financial report for November 2017 (FY18) as presented.**

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to accept the monthly financial report for November 2017 as presented. Vice President, Wallace Biskup, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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 report as presented. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

(President, Leland Gersbach, requested the Board move to agenda items #9 & #10 at this time. Board Members agreed.)

9. **Hold public hearing/meeting to discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary, in accordance with Texas Water Code § 36.108(d-4), to adopt the Desired Future Conditions (“DFC’s”) for the ground-water resources located within Bell County for the current 50-year regional planning period in Ground-water Management Area (“GMA”)8.**

Dirk presented a general update of the adoption of the DFC. He discussed the current DFC and the proposed DFC. He recapped the timeline of the process of the last 4 years and played a video put out by TWDB.

President, Leland Gersbach opened the Public Hearing/Meeting at 3:07 pm.

Leland provided a brief explanation of the purpose of the meeting and procedure.

He commented that the District is holding this public meeting and public hearing to describe the DFC’s the board will adopt today. The purpose of the hearing is to complete the final adoption and provide interested members of the public the opportunity to appear and provide comments to our Board of Directors only for the purpose related to the DFCs.

He reminded the board members, staff and all attendees that the public meeting is to announce the adoption of the DFC’s as described in the public notice.

On May 11, 2016, the District held a public hearing and at that time were in “Hearing Mode” to receive comments from the public, thus board members at that time refrained from making comments of disagreement or agreement. They also could not deliberate on nor agree to any recommendations presented at that time. Leland stated, for the record, the District did not receive any comments during the 90-day period following the May 11, 2016 hearing.

Leland explained that at the last GMA 8 joint planning meeting, held on January 31, 2017, the district representative voted to adopt the proposed DFCs by Resolution and on February 17, 2017 the TWDB received the GMA8 resolution and all subsequent information with appropriate materials from the GMA8 Administrative District.

Leland highlighted other areas that were addressed while the DFC process continued.

He informed everyone in attendance today that his public meeting today was properly noticed by posting the notice at the District Courthouse in Belton on November 21, 2017 @ 9:13 a.m. as well as in public notice in both the Temple Daily Telegram and the Killeen Daily Herald on November 21, 2017. In accordance, the district shall provide and will continue to provide the public the opportunity at the district headquarters and

the district website full access of the proposed desired future conditions and any supporting materials, such as documentation of factors considered under subsection (d) and groundwater availability model run results. The above notifications occurred 20 days prior to today's hearing thus meeting the minimum ten-day notice prior to today.

Leland opened the Public Hearing for comments. There were none.

President, Leland Gersbach, closed the Public Hearing/Meeting at 3:14 pm.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to approve the DFC's as recommended. Director, Gary Young, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

(Short Break)

President, Leland Gersbach, convened to Executive Session to address agenda item #10 at 3:25 pm.

10. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to understand the TCEQ Priority Ground-Water Management Areas.

President, Leland Gersbach, closed the Executive Session at 4:23 pm.

(Short Break)

President, Leland Gersbach, reconvened the regular Board meeting 4:30 pm.

6. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to amend the FY18 healthcare benefit needs of Staff.

Dirk explained that the District was notified of changes to the current cost for 2 employee's healthcare coverage for 2018. Deadline for the renewal is December 15th for coverage effective Jan 1, 2018. He noted that the current budget for healthcare is currently \$24,000/year. The increase is 38.2%. Current contribution for employee at \$500/month will be short in covering the employee portion by \$109.38. The employees wish to stay on the current plan. The current plan for employee/family is \$1,322.70. The renewal rate will be \$1,829.58. Dirk explained that the increase will take all, and then some, of the employee's pay increases that were given for this fiscal year. Dirk reached out to several Districts for a comparison of what they offer their employees. Dirk presented his findings.

GM recommends the board review and adjust health care support in one of the following ways:

- 1) that the board increase current contribution of \$500 / employee who chooses to participate in the health plan coverage to a maximum of \$610 for 2018 plan year. Leaving current health care stipend benefit at \$500 per employee who chooses not to participate. *Budget increase of \$2,640.00.*
- 2) that the board increases current contribution for employee to "employee + spouse" at a contribution of \$1,219.72 per month. Leaving current health care stipend benefit at \$500 per employee/month who choose not to participate. *Budget increase of \$17,273.28.*
- 3) that the board increases current contribution for employee to cover "employee + family" at a contribution of \$1,829.78 per month. Leaving current health care stipend benefit at \$500 per employee/month who choose not to participate. *Budget increase of \$31,914.72.*
- 4) that the board increase current contribution for employee to cover "employee + family (50%)" at a contribution of \$ 914.79 per month. Leave current health care stipend benefit at \$500 per employee/month who choose not to participate. *Budget increase of \$9,954.96.*

The Board discussed the options at length and weighed in with their opinions.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to accept scenario #2 and increase current contribution for employee to employee + spouse and amend the budget accordingly. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion.

Following continued discussion, **motion carried 3-1-1** (Leland Gersbach against; Wallace Biskup abstained).

7. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to approve the FY18 line item budget amendments as requested.

Based on the decision of the Board on agenda item 6, the Board discussed where to pull funds from to amend the budget for health insurance line item 52040 by \$17,273.28.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to take \$17,273.28 from reserve funds to amend Health Insurance line item 52040. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-1** (Leland Gersbach against).

8. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to set the calendar dates for 2018.

Staff looked at the 2018 calendar to set meeting dates for 2018. The proposed dates include regular Board meeting dates, tentative dates in August to set tax rate, tentative date in November for Water Symposium, canvas 2018 election, and 2018 holidays.

Director, David Cole, moved to set the 6 standard holidays as presented. Vice-President, Wallace Biskup, Seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 (Judy Parker absent – left at 5:03).

(agenda 9 & 10 were moved up to accommodate guests)

11. General Manager's Report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan.

- Working with Miller Springs to resolve issue with well. Will be using cameras and getting geophysical log soon.
- RS Material agreed to letting the District conduct an Aquifer test on their well. Will schedule a time with Dr. Yelderman and Baylor to perform the test.
- Permit renewals are being processed at this time.
- Submitted eminent domain report to the Comptroller's office. Required to submit every year.
- Staff is working on Annual Report. Draft to be presented in February.
- Database enhancements are almost complete by Half. Encouraged Director to go to website and review.
- Allan Standen completed review of wells and calibration.

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

- a) **Drought Status Reports**
- b) **Education Outreach Update**
- c) **Monitoring Wells**
- d) **Rainfall Reports**
- e) **Well Registration update**
- f) **Aquifer Status Report & Non-exempt Monthly Well Production Reports**

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

13. Public Advisory Committee comments.

None.

14. Director comments and reports.

Judy Parker: none.

Wallace Biskup: none.

Gary Young: commended David Cole for getting a full table of Officials from Killeen to attend Water Symposium.

David Cole: none

Leland Gersbach: None

15. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.

MOA with Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition

Zoe Rascoe – Blackland – presentation on sponsoring a Hazardous chemical collection day.

Review/readopt Investment Plan

Election of Board Officers

16. Set time and date for next meeting.


Wednesday, January 10, 2018 1:30 p.m.

17. Adjourn.

Board meeting adjourned with President, Leland Gersbach, at 5:17 p.m.


Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:


Wallace Biskup, Vice President
or Judy Parker, Secretary