

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

Leland Gersbach, President, Pct. 1
David Cole, Director - At Large
Gary Young, Director – Pct. 2
Jody Williams Director – Pct. 3
Scott Brooks, Director – Pct. 4

Absent:

Staff:

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

Guest

Peter DiLillo - City of Killeen
Amy Muttoni – BRA
Alton Thiele, PC

Bill Schumann – County Commissioner
Lamar Lewis – Rep. Hugh Shines Office
Kevin Cowan – Alton Thiele, PC

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

Workshop Item #1: Receive information concerning legislative issues.

Dirk briefed the Board on current legislative issues. He explained that Lloyd Gosselink is the District's legislative consulting firm. Ty Embrey monitors the daily activities and what is going on with legislation. Mike Gershon is the District's primary council. Ty sends the District a weekly tracking report on important issues pertaining to groundwater district along with notes and remarks.

Dirk discussed issues with HB1594 presented by Hugh Shine. They will continue to monitor this bill and bring everyone into the loop.

Vice-President, David Cole, appreciates the comments on remarks noted by Ty on his tracking reports. This makes it easier to understand and follow.

Workshop Item #2: Receive and review draft of the Annual Report for 2018 per District Management Plan.

Dirk presented the draft copy of the 2018 Annual Report. He noted that Tristin has been working diligently on this report. She has stream lined this report by creating a basic template. He encouraged the Board to review the report closely and let staff know of any changes or corrections by March 7th. This will give Tristin time to make necessary changes in order to present the final draft for approval at the March meeting.

Workshop closed, and Board meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:59 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Director, David Cole, gave the invocation.
Director, Gary Young, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment.

Bill Schumann asked if anyone had any information or feedback on the proposed water bottling plant coming to Temple? Dirk commented that he had an inquiry from Judge Blackburn, but there was no reference to that with Jack Hilliard's well. Bill said he had several inquiries about where the water was going to come from for the proposed plant. He informed them it was City of Temple water. The people inquiring were concerned because they are asked to curtail their water use during drought conditions. Bill told them they would have to take that up with the City of Temple. Bill's concern was the bottling plant will be generating a large amount of waste water. Bill also had inquiries about how Jack Hilliard was going to get his water to the plant.

Dirk stated that permit for the Hilliard well was for an onsite plant contingent on them getting a permit from TCEQ. They must have a discharge permit for a bottling plant.

Bill also informed the Board that Damon Boniface and Nicole are no longer with the City of Temple. Dirk thanked Bill for that information.

3. ***Approve minutes of the January 9, 2019 Board meeting.***
Vice-President, David Cole, moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2019 Board meeting. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 5-0.**
4. ***Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the monthly financial report for January 2019 (FY19) as presented.***
Board members received the financial report in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.
- Vice-President, David Cole, moved to accept the monthly financial report for January 2019 as presented. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 5-0.**
5. ***Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the monthly Investment Fund report for January 2019 (FY19) as presented.***
Board members received the monthly Investment Fund report in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.
- Vice-President, David Cole, moved to accept the monthly Investment Fund report as presented. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 5-0.**
6. ***Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to approve the FY19 line item budget amendments as needed and/or requested.***
No budget amendments needed or requested.
7. ***Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the FY18 financial audit as presented by the District's contracted auditing firm.***
Kevin Cowan, CPA, with Alton Thiele's office presented the FY18 Financial Audit. He discussed the details and finding of the audit and noted that it was a clean audit. He commented that staff was cooperative and easy to work with. When items and documentation was requested, staff complied promptly, and everything was well organized. Bound copies of the audit were distributed to Board members and staff.
- Vice-President, David Cole, moved to accept the FY18 financial audit as presented. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 5-0.**
8. ***Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to approve participation in the continued effort of the Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition FY19.***
Dirk presented information associated with the Memorandum of Agreement related to the Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition for FY19. He recapped the studies and projects in place with Baylor University and USFWS. Dirk noted that the Commissioners Court has received the MOA and it is on the agenda to be discussed in their workshop.
- All Stakeholders, other than CUWCD, have signed the agreement and have been invoiced accordingly.
- Vice-President, David Cole, moved to approve continued participation in the Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition for FY19. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 5-0.**
9. ***General Manager's Report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan.***
- Dirk will be addressing the Commissioners Court workshop on Friday. He asked that 2 Board members also attend.

- Bill Schumann asked Dirk to give a background of the Coalition and what the fate of Salado could have been without the efforts of the Coalition. Scott Brooks commented that the Coalition kept control at a local level. Gary Young and Jody Williams volunteered to attend the meeting with Dirk.
- Dirk gave a brief update on the sewer plant.
- Leland Gersbach suggested we discuss rule changes after legislative session.
- Dirk mentioned a new home in the City of Temple off Kegly Rd. that is wanting to put in a well. The City of Temple will need to give approval.
- Texas Water Day at the Capitol is March 13th and Dirk thinks it is important the District be represented there.
- Leland inquired if Dirk had any updated information on the completion of the new road proposed for the Business Park.

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

- Drought Status Reports***
- Education Outreach Update***
- Monitoring Wells***
- Rainfall Reports***
- Well Registration update***
- 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.)

11. Director comments and reports.

Jody Williams – commended the staff for having a good audit.

Gary Young – Met with Hidden Springs HOA group and knocked on doors asking neighbors to contact representatives about concerns regarding water issues.

David Cole – Commended staff on a successful audit.

Scott Brooks – Commented that he organized 2 neighborhood meeting. Almost 100% of the homes in that area have been affected. He met with 12 families and the majority agreed to write letters regarding HB1594.

Leland Gersbach – None.

12. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.


Final draft of the 2018 Annual report
Possible permit hearing

13. Set time and date for next meeting.

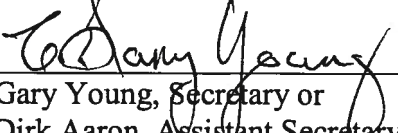
Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the District's office.

14. Adjourn.

Board meeting adjourned with President, Leland Gersbach, at 3:01 p.m.


Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:



Gary Young, Secretary or
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary