

**Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting**  
**700 Kennedy Court**  
**Belton, TX**  
**Wednesday, August 23, 2017**  
**Minutes**

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 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

**Public Advisory Committee:**

**Staff:**

Dirk Aaron  
Shelly Chapman

**Guests:**

Linda Reynolds – Salado Resident	Whitney Granthman – TX A&M AgriLife Ext
Tim Brown – Bell County Commissioner	Don Ferguson – Village of Salado, Administrator
Kolby Dague – Holland-4H20	Kristi Dague – Holland
Mike Montagne – USFWS	Pete Diaz – USFWS

**Board Meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:38 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.***

Village of Salado resident, Linda Reynolds, signed up to make a public comment. She and other residents of Salado are trying to resurrect a water testing club to test the creek. She is looking for information and guidance on how they should proceed. Judy Parker suggested she get in touch with BRA.

***3. Approve minutes of the August 9, 2017 Board meeting.***

Director, David Cole, moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2017 Board meeting. Vice President, Wallace Biskup, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

***4. Hold Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for tax year 2017.***

President, Leland Gersbach, opened the Public Hearing at 1:41 p.m.

There were no public comments. General Manager, Dirk Aaron, covered the protocol for the Public Hearing. The District met all requirements of notification. Dirk recapped the discussions on the proposed tax rate to include a reduction in the tax rate for tax year 2017.

No other discussion or comments were made. Dirk recommend the hearing be closed.

Leland Gersbach closed the public hearing at 1:43

***5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary to adopt the District Budget for FY2018.***

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to adopt the proposed District Budget for FY2018 as presented. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion.

Leland Gersbach asked if any changes had been made to the proposed budget since the last meeting. Dirk replied that there were no changes.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary by Resolution to adopt the District tax rate for tax year 2017.**

Director, Gary Young, moved to adopt by Resolution the proposed District tax rate for 2017. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion.

Leland Gersbach commented that the District does a good job keeping expenses under control. Because of that, the District has been able to lower the tax rate the last few years.

David Cole commented that he is thankful the District has a balanced budget and he is happy that the tax rate could be lowered again this year.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

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

- Water Summit in San Marcos this week. Dirk, Shelly, and 3 Board Members will attend.
- Public Hearing for CTWSC and Lewis will be on the agenda for next month. Dirk will send information to the Board to review.
- Memorandum of agreement with the Village is being put together.

**8. Public Advisory Committee Comments.**

None

**9. Director comments and reports.**

**Judy Parker:** Had region G this month. Region G voted to take Chisolm trail out as a water user group and are now documented as part of the Georgetown WUG.

**Wallace Biskup:** None

**Leland Gersbach:** He will not be attending the Water Summit this year. He always comes away with something from the Summit by talking to other GCD's and hearing about their issues.

**David Cole:** Thanked Dirk for sending out TAGD materials to read. There is a lot of good information in the reading materials.

**Gary Young:** None

**10. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.**

- Public Hearing for CTWSC
- N1 Drilling permit for Lewis Well
- Action item for the PAC

**11. Set time and place for next meeting.**

Sept 20, 2017 1:30 p.m. CUWCD, 700 Kennedy Court.

**12. Adjourn.**

**Board meeting adjourned with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:58 p.m.**

**Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:59 p.m.**

**Workshop Item #1. Receive presentation from Pete Diaz USFWS concerning the Salado Salamander Assessment projects.**

Pete Diaz gave a presentation and update on the projects concerning the Salado Salamander. He included past and present findings and discussed continued efforts regarding the assessment of the Salado Salamander.

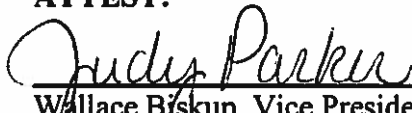
**Workshop Item #2. Receive presentation related to the Texas 4-H2O Ambassador Program by Whitney Grantham and Kolby Dague.**

Dirk introduced Kolby Dague from Holland, Texas. Kolby is a representative for the Texas 4-H2O Ambassador Program. Kolby gave a presentation and recapped the experience he had traveling the State as a 4-H2O Ambassador. Whitney Grantham, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent, traveled with the Group. She presented her thoughts and enthusiasm about this Program. She is excited to be a part of the Program is hope that it will continue to grow.

**Workshop closed with President, Leland Gersbach, at 3:30 p.m.**

  
Leland Gersbach, President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Wallace Biskup, Vice President  
or  
Judy Parker, Secretary