

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a Board meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 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, Vice President, At Large
Gary Young, Secretary, Pct. 2
Jody Williams, Director, Pct. 3
Scott Brooks, Director, Pct. 4

Absent:

Staff:

Dirk Aaron, General Manager
Shelly Chapman, Admin. Manager

Guest:

Bill Schumann – Bell County Commissioner Sandra Blankenship
Doug Rowald – H.O.T Landscaping Dan Eckstrom

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

Workshop Item #1. Receive update related to the 19th Annual Bell County Water Symposium to be held in Killeen at Texas A&M – Central Texas on November 6, 2019.

General Manager, Dirk Aaron, presented the final agenda for the Water Symposium and discussed the timeline for the days event. Dirk will find out if any CEU's will be offered through the Extension Office.

Rudy's BBQ will cater the event.

Workshop Item #2. Receive information related to Groundwater Management Area 8, related to Joint Planning and Development of the Desired Future Conditions.

General Manager, Dirk Aaron, briefed the Board on GMA8 DFC's. The next GMA8 meeting is scheduled for November 22nd in Cleburne. Since the last meeting, several GCDs and WSP met with TWDB asking questions on how they expect the next process to go and how the GAMS are to be done.

Workshop closed and Board meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:45 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.

No public comments.

3. Approve minutes of the September 11, 2019 Board meeting and Workshop.

Board members received the minutes in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2019 Board meeting and Workshop. Vice President, 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 September 2019 (FY19) as presented.

Board members received the monthly financial report for September 2019 in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to accept the monthly financial report for September 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 account report for September 2019 (FY19) as presented.*

Board members received the monthly investment fund account report for September 2019 in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.

Vice President, David Cole, moved to accept the monthly investment fund account report for September 2019 as presented. Director, Jody Williams, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Board members received the monthly Quarterly Deferred Compensation Employee Retirement Program account report in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to accept the quarterly report as presented. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

7. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary, to approve the FY19 line item budget amendments as requested.*

Vendor	Line Item	Invoice Amount	Available Funds	Amount Requested	New Balance	From	Available Funds	New Balance
Dirk Aaron	50800-mileage reimb	\$907.70	\$802.99	\$104.71	\$0.00	50900-hotel/travel	\$585.59	\$480.88

Requested By: Shelly Chapman

Verified By: Dirk Aaron

Shelly presented a request for a line item budget amendment to cover mileage reimbursement for the General Manager for July, August, and September 2019. She suggested moving \$104.71 from line item 50900-Hotel/Travel to cover the additional expense.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to approve line item budget amendment as requested. Director, Jody Williams, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

8. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary, to approve the FY20 line item budget amendment as requested.*

Vendor	Line Item	Invoice Amount	Available Funds	Amount Requested	New Balance	From	Available Funds	New Balance
TML - Insurance	54109-Property	\$1,699.32	\$1,650.00	\$49.32	\$0	54101-Liability	\$184.76	\$135.44
TML - Insurance	54104-Workers Comp	\$931.98	\$800	\$131.98	\$0	54101-Liability	\$135.44	\$3.46

Requested By: Shelly Chapman

Verified By: Dirk Aaron

Shelly presented requests for line item budget amendments to cover adjustments to property insurance and worker’s compensation.

Vice President, David Cole, moved to approve line item budget amendments as requested. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

9. *General Manager’s Report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan³.*

- Working on a proposed rural subdivision with the County that will have approximately 50, 10-15-acre tracts with wells. The Developer is conducting a groundwater availability study (per County rules). The District will participate in the study. The District can not deliberate on this issue. Dirk will present the results at the next Board meeting.
- Judge Blackburn has asked Dirk to be present for the Commissioner’s Court, when plats for these rural subdivisions are presented, not to deliberate, but to answer water related questions that come up.
- Scott Brooks is on the stakeholder advisory committee for the County. They are currently looking at the County’s rule to determine if changes need to be made. Scott commented that the County has a new rule they have to deal with (HB 3167 – the “Shot Clock”). The County has 30 days to act on a plat application. Commissioner Schumann says the clock doesn’t start until the application is considered administratively complete. Scott stressed the point that the District needs to be responsive as possible in order to meet the County’s timeline. Dirk explained the process the District goes through before the District signs off on the plat.
- WellNtel project with Baylor is underway. They will present a status report in January.
- Dirk and Gary met with TPWD in Salado concerning new violations by landowners moving material in the creek. Landowners and the Village must have permits to do any work in creek because it is considered a navigable water way in Texas. The Village will host a public meeting on November 12th at 6:00 at the Salado Middle School. State law has necessitated that a meeting be held. The new law makes violations a Class B misdemeanor which means higher fines and violators can be arrested instead of just a fine. USFWS enforcement division will be reviewing and designating a critical habitat for the area. The Village of Salado will have to establish ordinances that satisfy USFWS.
- The District needs to revisit its rules. Dirk will work on a strategic plan and apply science to several sections of the District rules.

- The District has a couple of educational events coming up: 1) Master Gardeners Plant sale at the Expo, and 2) a 3-day event at North Belton Middle School. The 4H2O Water Ambassadors will be helping at these events.
- Dan Eckstrom will begin his internship with CUWCD on December 1st.
- Dirk will be attending TWCA Conference this week.

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** – Dirk received an inquiry on a farmer that has reported 0 water usage over the summer. He was notified that the farmer's center pivots were running and he was not using surface water. He did not have a permit for surface water intact. Dirk reached out to the farmer. He came in with his records and got his production with the District up to date.

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

11. Director comments and reports³.

- **Jody Williams:** No comments.
- **Gary Young:** Briefed the Board on the meeting with the Village of Salado, TPWD, and property owners along the Creek.
- **David Cole:** Really like the scientific approach the District has taken and agrees it should be on going. Thanked Dirk and Staff for all they do.
- **Scott Brooks:** He is looking forward to the Symposium.
- **Leland Gersbach:** No comment.

12. Discuss agenda items for next meeting.

- City of Troy permit hearing
- Update on Whitetail Trails

13. Set time and place of next meeting.

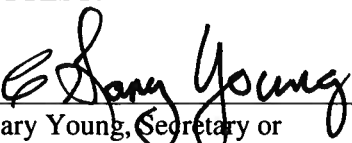
Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the District's office.

14. Adjourn.

Board meeting adjourned with President, Leland Gersbach, at 2:47 p.m.


Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:



Gary Young, Secretary or
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary