

BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

6:00 PM

Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District
Board Room, Suite B & C
303 East Washington Avenue
Navasota, Texas

In attendance:

Directors – Beckendorff, Blezinger, Browne, Eppler, Gage, Hopper, Huebner, Julian, Minze, Muse, Olsta, Patout, Reed, and Vaughn

Staff - General Manager Holland and Office Manager Proffitt

Consultants – Attorney Dugat, Hydrologist Dr. Hutchison

Visitors - Aaron Collier, Brandon Gartrell, James Ingram, Bob Renbarger.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

1. Call to order.

There being a quorum present, the Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by the President at 6:01 PM.

2. Public Comment.

No public comments.

3. Introduction of Director Bob Gage representing rural water supply interests of Waller County and Director Charles Muse representing agricultural interests of Waller County.

4. Approve Bonds for re-appointed Directors and Directors Gage and Muse

Director Minze moved that the Board approve the bonds. Director Vaughn seconded, *motion carried.*

5. Presentation by James Ingram and discussion of FY 2015 Audit performed by Ingram, Wallis & Company.

James Ingram presented and reviewed the audit and adjustments.

6. Discussion and possible action to accept FY 2015 Audit prepared by Ingram, Wallis & Company.

Director Beckendorff moved that the Board approve the FY 2015 Audit and adjustments. Director Olsta seconded, *motion carried.*

7. Presentation by Aaron Collier and Collier Consulting Staff of HYDROS software package.

Mr. Collier presented and reviewed a demo of the HYDROS software package. The Directors engaged Mr. Collier with questions and discussion regarding the software package throughout the presentation.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the HYDROS software package conversion and instruct the Executive Committee and General Manager to negotiate the contract for services.

GM Holland provided additional details and specifics of the software package to the District's overall activities and duties, as well as addressed various questions and concerns from the

Directors regarding the software use and cost. Director Browne moved that the Board approve the use of the HYDROS software package and instruct the Executive Committee and General Manager to negotiate the contract for services. Director Reed seconded, ***motion carried.***

9. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of October 21, 2015 Rulemaking Public Hearing and Board Meeting

Director Olsta moved that the Board approve the meeting minutes. Director Browne seconded, ***motion carried.***

10. Discussion and possible action to approve Quarterly Financial Report

GM Holland presented and reviewed the quarterly financial report. Director Reed moved that the Board approve the Quarterly Financial Report. Director Huebner seconded, ***motion carried.***

11. Discussion and possible action to approve Quarterly Investment Report.

GM Holland presented and reviewed the quarterly investment report. Director Browne moved that the Board approve the Quarterly Investment Report. Director Minze seconded, ***motion carried.***

12. Discussion and possible action to accept Quarterly Drought Status Assessment.

GM Holland presented and reviewed the drought assessment. Director Beckendorff moved that the Board accept the Quarterly Drought Assessment Report. Director Olsta seconded, ***motion carried.***

13. Discussion and possible action to elect Board Officers (President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary; one officer per county).

Director Olsta moved that the Board keep the same officers, President – Patout, Vice Presidents – Beckendorff and Minze, Secretary – Morrison. Director Vaughn seconded, ***motion carried.***

14. Committee appointments by President

Committee appointments were laid out for the Executive, Legislative, Rules, and Management Plan Committees.

15. Discussion and possible action on the Groundwater Management Area 14 draft explanatory report.

GM Holland presented and reviewed suggested changes to the draft explanatory report. Director Brown moved that the Board accept the suggested changes. Director Reed seconded, ***motion carried.***

16. Discussion and possible action to cost share with Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District for the preparation and filing of an amicus brief in support of Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District's defense of a lawsuit filed by the City of Conroe and others.

Pursuant to Section 551.071, consultations with attorney, of the Texas Government Code, the Board went into executive session at 8:20 PM. The Board reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:26 PM.

Director Beckendorff moved that the Board does not participate in the amicus brief. Director Reed seconded, ***motion carried.***

17. General Manager's Report

- a. Well Registration
- b. TAGD & TWCA
- c. Region G & H Regional Water Planning Group
- d. GMA 14 Joint Planning

- e. Legislative Update – Interim Charges
- f. BGCD Update
 - a. Vehicle Summary

GM Holland presented and reviewed the General Manager’s Report updating the Board of recent, currently ongoing, and upcoming meetings and events relevant to the District.

18. Date for next Board Meeting – April 20, 2016

19. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 8:28 PM.

The Board approved the above minutes of the Public Hearing of the District Rules and regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District, held on January 20, 2016, on April 20, 2016.

J Jared Patout, President

ATTEST:

James Morrison, Secretary

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