

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
2180 N. Main Street
Central Texas Council of Governments
Belton, Texas
Tuesday, April 10, 2012
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 in the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) Building, located at 2180 N. Main Street, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

Leland Gersbach, President
Wallace Biskup, Vice Presiden
Judy Parker, Secretary
Bill Bartlett, Director
David Cole, Director At-Large

Public Advisory Committee Members:

Bill Schumann
Henry Bunke
Bradley Ware
Tom Madden

Staff:

Dirk Aaron
Shelly Chapman

Others Present:

Meghan Roussel – USGS	Tim Brown – Bell County Commissioner	Erin Atkinson – Halff
Randy Williams – BarW	Geoff West – Temple Daily Telegram	Milton Lentz
Mike Gershon – Attorney	Robert Gulley – TAMU	Jimmy Schwertner

Workshop Convened at 1:30 pm

Item 1. Review and discuss GIS Support with Halff Associates

Dirk Aaron introduced Erin Atkinson with Halff Associates who is making a 2nd presentation to the Board for GIS Support as Clearwater UWCD is on-boarding to a new facility and currently has no ArGIS agreement with CTCOG as part of the CTCOG contract that ended March 31, 2012.

Erin presented background information on Halff and a demo of the services.

Dirk Aaron informed the Board that CTCOG's GIS Support proposal would maintain CUWCD operating at status quo for \$45,000 for 3 years and Halff's proposal would maintain CUWCD operating at status quo plus additional web-mapping for \$27,000 for 3 years.

Item 2. Review and discuss the USGS proposal to study and develop a comprehensive understanding of the hydrogeology and water quality of the Northern Segment of the Edwards BFZ Aquifer.

Dirk Aaron informed the Board that Megan Roussel with USGS was available to answer or review this item if the Board had any questions. If not, it will be covered as agenda item #5 in the Board Meeting. President, Leland Gersbach, asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked and the Board moved on to workshop item #3.

Item 3. Review and discuss Legislative Updates.

Clearwater UWCD attorney, Mike Gershon, presented information on upcoming legislation on single county districts and will continue to keep the Board informed on the issues.

Clearwater Board meeting was convened with Board President, Leland Gersbach, calling the meeting to order at 2:32p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, gave the invocation.

(No Pledge of Allegiance – Flags for the new facility have not been delivered.)

2. Public Comments:

None

3. Approve Minutes of the March 13, 2012 Workshop and Board Meeting:

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved the minutes be accepted as they stand. Motion seconded by Vice President, Wallace Biskup. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on the selection of provider for GIS Support.

Dirk Aaron, complimented Jeff Stone with CTCOG for all of his help and keeping CUWCD up and running through the transition to the new facility. Dirk stated that CUWCD needs to evolve its processes. If we stay where we are we will get left behind. Halff's proposal offers us more for our money than that of the CTCOG. Dirk mentioned that he met with Aquaveo as well. He recommends Halff to the Board due to cost effectiveness and high recommendations. Secretary, Judy Parker, mentioned that she has seen Aquaveo as well and is very impressed with Halff based on level of support and cost.

Proposal:

Phase I: \$12,000 year 1

\$ 3,000 year 2

\$ 3,000 year 3

Phase II: \$ 9,000 additional support/development for web based mapping

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to accept both Phase I of Halff Associates proposal for \$12,000 (year 1), \$3,000 (year 2), \$300 (year 3) for development and hosting of District ArcGIS and Phase II as presented for \$9,000 to prepare additional support of web based integrated database management and reporting. Motion seconded by Director, David Cole. **Motion carried 5-0.**

5. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on USGS proposal to study and develop a comprehensive understanding of the hydrogeology and water quality of the Northern segment of the Edward's BFZ.

Dirk Aaron introduced Meghan Roussell with USGS. Meghan was available to answer any questions that may arise from the proposal. The objective of the project is to provide CUWCD with an evaluation of the Hydrogeology and water quality of the Northern segment of the Edwards Aquifer in a 2 to 3 phase process. Dirk mentioned that if Clearwater enters

into this, there will be a sharing of knowledge and information obtained from this study. Dirk recommends that the District contract with USGS to complete this study per the contract presented by USGS and complete the work by October 1, 2012.

Cost for phase 1 would be \$55,000 and would be co-funded by CUWCD and USGS. The breakdown would be: CUWCD \$40,000 and USGS matching funds of \$15,000.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to approve the study with USGS as proposed. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

6. *Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on the proposed execution of the interlocal agreement between Bell County, Village of Salado, and Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District to participate collectively for their mutual advantage and to the benefit of their public constituents to coordinate their efforts in evaluating potential effects if the Salado Salamander (*Eurycea chisholmensis*) is listed as a threatened or endangered species under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA).*

Dirk Aaron mentioned that we need to know more about the aquifer and more about the relationship between the aquifer and the Salado Salamander. This is a fact finding mission and Clearwater needs to be a participant in the process. We do not want to be the lead in the process. The interlocal agreement will be presented to other public entities this week. Dirk Aaron has had legal review on the agreement. Dirk Aaron, General Manager, recommends the board participate with \$15,000 with the understanding that other funding partners participate as stated below with minor changes in the submission by AgriLife Specialist in the introduction and explanation of their work.

Phase 1:	
CUWCD	\$15,000
Bell County	\$15,000
Village of Salado	\$10,000
Private Sector	\$15,000

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to accept proposal with changes suggested by Dirk Aaron, General Manager. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0**

7. *Review, discuss and take appropriate action if necessary on the request from the Brazos River & Associated Bay & Estuary – Bay and Basin Stakeholder Committee.*

The Legislature passed laws that required the study of the major river basins in the state. The primary goal of the law was to start a process that would identify the river flows necessary to sustain the ecological environments along the rivers. The BBASC members are asking for help in funding the efforts presented in their letter. Horace Grace is a member of the committee and is reaching out to Clearwater for support to help fund the required efforts. Dirk Aaron recommends the Board participate at the \$1,000 level.

Director, Bill Bartlett, moved to approve support funding of \$1,000 to the BBASC. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-1.** Director, Wallace Biskup, dissenting.

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

a) **District financial status report**

Dirk Aaron presented financial report.

b) Monitoring wells

Dirk Aaron presented the measurements of the monitor wells.

c) Salado Creek stream flow gauges

Dirk Aaron presented information on stream flow and drought status reports

d) Rainfall/drought conditions

Dirk Aaron discussed the Drought Status Report

e) Well Registrations

Shelly Chapman presented report of 6 new exempt wells registered.

f) Non-Exempt Well Production

Dirk Aaron presented report based on Well Production spreadsheet

7. Manager's Report and Staff comments:

Dirk presented information regarding TexPool and Banking issues

8. Public Advisory Committee Comments:

None

9. Director Comments and Reports:

Wallace Biskup stated he was able to get flags donated for the building at no charge from the Woodsman Organization. They will be presented at the Open House on April 24th.

Woodsman of the World Life Ins. Society

10. Discuss agenda items for next meeting

Salado WSC Permit amendment and possibly East Bell WSC amendment

11. Set time and place of next meeting.

Next meeting is set for May 8, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at CUWCD

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:

JUDY PARKER, Secretary

(A compact disc of this meeting is available upon request.)