

**Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting**  
**700 Kennedy Court**  
**Central Texas Council of Governments**  
**Belton, Texas**  
**Tuesday, October 9, 2012**  
**Minutes**

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 in the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Public Advisory Committee Members:**

Bradley Ware  
Henry Bunke

**Staff:**

Dirk Aaron  
Shelly Chapman  
Todd Strait

**Guest:**

Meghan Roussel – USGS  
George Ozuna – USGS  
David Bradsby – TWDB  
Baylor  
Randy Williams – BarW  
Mike Gershon – Lloyd Gosselink

Chris Brown – USGS  
Dan Robertson – YNN  
Dr. Yelderman – Baylor Univ.

Geoff West – TDT

MaryLynn Musgrove USG  
Tom Olsen – CTMN  
Andrew Worsley –

Steve Hoskins – Candidate

**Clearwater UWCD Workshop convened at 1:32**

**1. Presentation by USGS – Water Science Group**

General Manager, Dirk Aaron, introduced MaryLynn Musgrove with USGS. MaryLynn reported on the results of Phase I of their study which was a geochemical assessment of Salado springs. George Ozuna presented some future opportunities that CUWCD might want to participate in with USGS as far as general data collection capabilities.

**2. Presentation by Dr. Joe Yelderman, Baylor University, on current status of Northern Edwards BFZ Studies.**

Dirk Aaron introduced Dr. Yelderman from Baylor University. Dr. Yelderman gave a presentation on the characterization of the Aquifer.

**3. Discuss preliminary plans for the Annual Water Symposium (November 15, 2012).**

Dirk Aaron informed the Board that the Water Symposium will be held at the CTCOG on November 15<sup>th</sup> this year. Cost for renting the room at the CTCOG will be approximately \$950. Dirk is currently seeking sponsorships from HALFF, Lloyd Gosselink, Bell County and BarW. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service cannot contribute money for a sponsorship but will help by advertising through weekly newspaper articles and providing a mailing list of local farmers. They will also offer CEUs. The Extension Agent, Lyle Zoeller has also agreed to be a speaker. Lunch will be catered again by Debby Garrett. Approximate cost for the meal is \$1500. Dirk mentioned that he would like to advertise the event in the local papers like we did last year. He presented a tentative agenda to the Board for discussion and revision. Introductions of the speakers were also discussed.

**4. Review RFQ sent to Accounting Firms for Auditing Services.**

Dirk Aaron informed the Board (per President, Leland Gersbach's directive) he prepared and sent the request for RFQ to local accounting firms for an annual audit. In the past, the District used the in-house auditors at the CTCOG. The RFQs will be reviewed by an evaluation team consisting of the GM, Board VP and Board Secretary. An informational meeting has been scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 for potential firms to discuss relative criteria for the audit. The firm chosen will be announced at the Board meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Discuss the November 6, 2012 General Election of Precinct 1, 3 and At-Large positions.**

Dirk informed the Board and candidates present that everything is in place for the election on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Dirk mentioned that he was contacted by the media for information on the candidates. He sent the Candidates' filing documents to the media. Cost for the election is estimated at \$2700. CUWCD budgeted \$3000.

**6. Discuss the prepared comments for USFWS pertaining to the potential listing of the Salado Salamander.**

Attorney, Mike Gershon previously provided a draft of the prepared comments for USFWS to the Board to review. Mike summarized the proposed rules for USFWS to list the Salado salamander as an endangered species. Mike reminded the Board that he was given direction in the last board meeting to proceed in drafting the comments to be submitted. The Board, along with General Manager, Dirk Aaron, and Attorney, Mike Gershon discussed the comments to be submitted. President, Leland Gersbach, instructed the Board Members to review the comments and to report any changes that need to be made by Tuesday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. If no changes are needed, the comments will be submitted. Deadline for comments is Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Clearwater Board meeting was convened with Board President, Leland Gersbach, calling the meeting to order 4:09p.m.**

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, gave the invocation.  
Director, Bill Bartlett, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Public Comments:**

None

**3. Approve Minutes of the September 11, 2012 Workshop and Board Meeting:**

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to accept the minutes as they stand. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**4. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the monthly financial report as presented.**

Shelly Chapman presented the monthly financial report.

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, moved to accept the financials as presented. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the FY11 Annual Report as presented.**

Prior to the Board meeting, Dirk Aaron e-mailed a draft of the Annual Report to the Board members for review and revision. Corrections were made based on responses from the Board. Dirk informed the Board that once the Annual Report is accepted it will be distributed to the appropriate people.

Director, David Cole, moved to accept the FY11 Annual Report as presented. Vice President, Wallace Biskup, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

Dirk introduced the new Education Coordinator, Todd Strait. Todd began his employment with the District on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

**a) Salado Creek stream flow gauges**

Dirk Aaron reviewed the stream flow gauge information with the Board

**b) Monitoring wells**

Dirk Aaron presented the measurements of the monitor wells.

**c) Rainfall/drought conditions**

Shelly Chapman presented the Rainfall map for September 2012 and YTD

**d) Well Registrations**

Shelly Chapman reported 5 new exempt wells were registered during September 2012.

**e) Non-Exempt Well Production**

Dirk Aaron presented report based on Well Production spreadsheet

**9. Public Advisory Committee Comments:**

No Comments

**10. Director Comments and Reports:**

No Comments

**11. Discuss agenda items for next regular meeting in November.**

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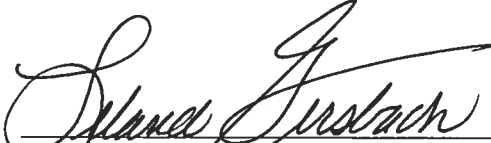
Final Budget Amendments for FY12

**12. Set time and place of next meeting.**

Next meeting is set for November 13, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at CUWCD

**13. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

  
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Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:

  
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JUDY PARKER, Secretary

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