

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, Texas
Thursday, May13, 2015
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 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:

Henry Bunke
Bill Schumann
Marvin Green

Staff:

Dirk Aaron
Shelly Chapman

Guests:

Lou Fleischhauer – Collier Consulting
Mike Keester – LBG Guyton
Peter DiLillo

James Beach – LBG Guyton
Lee Kelley – CTWSC

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

Workshop item #1. *Discuss Ground water related issues and concerns per the 84th Legislative session.*

Prior to the Board meeting, Dirk Aaron e-mailed the Board a copy of the update he received from Ty Embry regarding the bills he his monitoring for the District. Dirk touched on those bills and brought the Board up to speed on the status of the bills being supported by the District and recapped other bills of interest.

Workshop item #2. *Discuss the GMA8 DFC/MAG ongoing process and plans for Clearwater UWCD DFC Stakeholder Advisory group.*

Dirk presented a flow chart he put together of the DFC/MAG process to illustrate how complex the process is.

Workshop closed and Board Meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 2:49 p.m.

1. *Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:*

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, gave the invocation.
Secretary, Judy Parker, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. *Public Comments:*

None

3. *Approve minutes of the April 8, 2015 Board Meeting and Workshop.*

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, moved to approve the minutes of them April 8, 2015 Board Meeting and Workshop. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4. *Discuss, consider and take action if necessary to accept the monthly financial report for April 2015 as presented.*

Director, Gary Young, moved to accept the monthly financial report for April 2015 as presented. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

5. *Discuss, consider and take action if necessary to accept the monthly Investment Fund account report as presented.*

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, moved to accept the monthly investment fund account as presented. Secretary, Judy Parker Young, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

6. *Discuss, consider and take action if necessary to approve the FY15 line item budget amendments as requested.*

Dirk Aaron explained that the District had to upgrade the Intuit Payroll Subscription when the District hired Tristin Smith. This upgrade put the subscription line item (53780) over budget by \$89.08. Staff recommends transferring \$89.08 from Office Supplies (53720) to Subscriptions (53780). Office Supplies (53720) will still have a balance of \$1,391.72 once transfer is approved.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to approve line item transfers as requested. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

7. *Discuss, consider and take action if necessary on groundwater related legislation filed at the 84th legislative session.*

Legislation was discussed and recapped at length in workshop. Because of changes in HB200, Dirk encouraged the Board to support this bill.

Director, David Cole, moved to support HB200. Director, Gary Young, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

8. *Discuss, consider and take action if necessary to on the request from Bell County Appraisal District to execute the deed without warranty on Tax Account No. 130468, commonly known as 238 W. Elm, Nolanville.*

Dirk received a letter from the Bell County Tax Appraisal District requesting CUWCD execute the “Deed Without Warranty” on the property mentioned in the letter. The Tax Appraisal District sold the property to Archie L. Davis for \$1,800. To execute the “Deed Without Warranty” the Board President will have to sign and have the document notarized by the District Notary, Shelly Chapman.

Dirk recommends the Board execute the “Deed Without Warranty” as requested by the Tax Appraisal District.

Secretary, Judy Parker, move to approve the request. Vice President, Wallace Biskup, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

9. *Discuss, consider and take action if necessary on the request for extension of a drilling permit for Dean Mikeska.*

Dirk explained that Dean Mikeska submitted a letter to the Board explaining his need for another extension on his drilling permit until he gets through the cropping season. Dirk recommended the Board approve the extension.

Vice president, Wallace Biskup, moved to grant the 120 day extension. Director, Gary Young, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

10. *Discuss, consider and take action if necessary on the request for extension of a drilling permit for Central Texas Water Supply Corporation.*

CTWSC submitted a letter requesting an extension to the drilling permit for Well #2. The loan from TWDB has been approved and the bids sent out. CTWSC hopes to begin drilling in mid-May.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to grant the 120 day extension. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

11. *Discuss, consider and take action if necessary to direct the General Manager to coordinate the DFC Stakeholder Advisory Group.*

President, Leland Gersbach, mentioned that this topic was covered at length in workshop and needs Board approval to proceed.

Dirk recommends that Judy Parker and David Cole represent the Board in this group. The meetings will be held at the CUWCD office.

Vice President, Wallace Biskup, moved to direct the General Manager to coordinate the Stakeholders Advisory Group. Director, Gary Young, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

12. General Manager's report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan.

- Tristin had her baby and will be out until June 22nd.
- Quarterly runs on the monitor wells will be done this month.

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

- a. Drought Status Report and/or Aquifer Status Report**
- b. Education Outreach Update**
- c. Monitoring wells**
- d. Rainfall Report**
- e. Well registration**
- f. Non-exempt Monthly well production**

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

14. Public Advisory Committee comments.³

Leland asked Bill Schumann for an update on the Wilsonart well. Bill reported that the well is still intact and once the demolition is complete the District will have access to it as a monitor well.

Leland suggested that the Board direct Dirk to go ahead with the process of making the Wilsonart well a monitor well. He stated that this didn't need a motion from the Board. The Board agreed.

15. Director comments³

David Cole commented that the Board needs to be aware of educational outreach and how important it is that the District continues this program in the Elementary Schools.

16. Discuss agenda items for next meeting.

- Legislative updates
- 3 Possible Public Hearings
- Budget Workshop

17. Set time and place of next meeting.

June 10, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

16. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned and Workshop reconvened with President, Leland Gersbach at 3:22 p.m.

Workshop item #3. Discuss and review items of interest concerning the FY2016 budget development process.

Dirk presented the Board with dates, deadlines and necessary board meetings for the review and approval of the future budget for FY16. Dirk asked the Board to look at the dates closely and let him know of any conflicts. It is critical that the Board review the budgets workshop items prior to the meetings. Dirk mentioned suggestions for the June workshop:

- Studies: Trinity Aquifer Water Quality; Salado Creek Spring Shed Phase III with Baylor; Development of Management areas and zones
- Special Projects: 3D Model enhancements; Monitor Well construction
- Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition
- Building management needs and maintenance

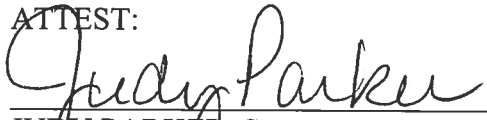
Workshop item #4. Discuss and review well permitting process per Chapter 36 Groundwater Code and District rules.

Dirk discussed the reviewed the well permitting process with the Board. He pointed out questions the Board should be asking of the GM and Permittees. He gave scenarios of what questions are appropriate /not appropriate for the Board to ask. David Cole commented that water is going to be an even greater issue as time goes by and how the District permits wells is going to be looked at much more thoroughly and be consistent across the board.

Workshop closed by President, Leland Gersbach at 4:29 p.m.


Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:



JUDY PARKER, Secretary

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