

**Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting**  
**700 Kennedy Court**  
**Belton, Texas**  
**Monday, August 24, 2015**

**Minutes**

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

**Board Members Present:**

Wallace Biskup, Vice President  
Judy Parker, Secretary  
David Cole, Director  
Gary Young, Director

**Public Advisory Committee:**

Bill Schumann

**Staff:**

Dirk Aaron  
Shelly Chapman

Absent: Leland Gersbach, President

**Guests:**

Linda Reynolds

**Board Meeting convened with Vice-president, Wallace Biskup, at 1:30 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 August 12, 2015 Board Meeting.***

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to approve the minutes of them August 12, 2015 Board Meeting. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

***4. Hold Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for tax year 2015.***

**Vice-president, Wallace Biskup, opened the Public Hearing at 1:32 p.m.**

Dirk introduced Linda Reynolds from Salado, TX. He explained that she is in attendance to comment on the proposed tax rate.

Ms. Reynolds commented that she and her mother are concerned about water and all of the new development in the Village of Salado. She stated that they are against the proposed tax rate because they feel it should be lower. She stated that she pays \$26/month for water in Salado whether she uses it or not. She stated that the residence of Salado will have to start paying higher taxes due to the sewer and other projects in the Village and is against that as well. She understands that the District is lowering the tax rate but feels it should be lowered even more.

No other Public comments were made.

**Vice-president, Wallace Biskup, closed the Public Hearing at 1:36 p.m.**

***5. Discuss, consider, and take action if necessary to adopt the District Budget for FY2016***

Wallace Biskup questioned if Ms. Reynolds to verify that she understands the District is lowering the tax rate. Ms. Reynolds did understand and commented again that she would like to see it lowered even more.

Dirk mentioned that Ms. Reynolds comments lead him to believe she is concerned about how water is priced to her from Salado Water Supply. Dirk explained that the District is not a water purveyor but a regulatory

agency protects the rights of property owners to drill wells. He gave Ms. Reynolds an example of the amount of taxes an individual is responsible for to the District. He used his own home in Salado as an example.

Judy Parker thought it was important to explain to Ms. Reynolds what the District uses the tax money for. She explained that the District uses tax dollars for research on the aquifers, springs, and water quality for the Village of Salado and the rest of Bell County. Research takes science and science takes money. She assured Ms. Reynolds that this Board is a conservative Board and uses the tax dollars wisely. Judy stated that if the District lowers the tax rate any more, the District will not be able to continue with the research that needs to be done.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to adopt the budget for FY16 as presented. Director, Gary Young, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

**6. Discuss, consider and take action if necessary by Resolution to adopt the District Tax Rate for tax year 2015.**

Director, David Cole, moved to approve the resolution to reduce the tax rate to .00395. Director, Gary Young, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

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

- Two people called the District with questions about the tax rate.
- Next month the District will continue the public hearing for Salado County Estates. Once the hearing is closed, the Board can delay their decision for 60 days by state law.
- Public Hearing for CTWSC operating permit for Doc Curb well. Mike Keester is analyzing information and working to get questions resolved.
- The District was notified by the Texas Legislative Council that the Codification process has begun.
- Water Summit is Tues, Wed, Thurs. Dirk and Judy are heading down Monday afternoon.
- Shelly and Tristen are working on a "save the Date" for the upcoming Water Symposium on Nov 19<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Public Advisory Committee comments.<sup>3</sup>**

None

**9. Director comments<sup>3</sup>**

Judy Parker – would like to commend the District's consultants for doing due diligence for the District.

**10. Discuss agenda items for next meeting.**

Continue Public Hearing for Salado Country Estates  
CTWSC Public Hearing for Operating Permit  
Drilling Extension for Dean Mikeska

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


September 9, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

**12. Adjourn.**

**Meeting adjourned with Vice-president, Wallace Biskup at 2:26 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.)