Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting 700 Kennedy Court Belton, Texas Wednesday, October 14, 2015 **Minutes**

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present: Public Advisory Committee:

Leland Gersbach, President Wallace Biskup, Vice President

Henry Bunke Bill Schumann Dirk Aaron Shelly Chapman

Judy Parker, Secretary David Cole, Director

Gary Young, Director (ABSENT)

Guests:

Pete Diaz - USFWS

Chris Braun – USGS

Chris Harper – USFWS Allan Standen - ARS, LLC Tim Brown – Bell County Commissioner

Kim Foutz - Village of Salado

Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:33 p.m.

Workshop item #1: Discuss final agenda for the Water Symposium.

Dirk presented a theme for the Water Symposium. He also discussed possible topics and speakers for the Water Symposium.

Workshop items #2, #3 and #4 were moved to the November 4, 2015 board meeting.

Workshop item #5: USGS update on the FY15 Trinity Aguifer water quality study.

Chris Braun with USGS provided an overview on the current results for the Trinity Aquifer water quality study.

Workshop item #6: USGS update on the FY15 Coalition's Edwards BFZ water quality assessment.

Chris Braun with USGS provided an overview on the Edwards BFZ water quality study.

Workshop item #7: USFWS update on the FY15 Coalition's water quality and Salado Salamander assessment. Pete Diaz with USFWS gave an update on the current findings of the Salado Salamander and its habitat.

Workshop item #8: Allan Standen's update on the FY15 3-D model.

Allan Standen presented the current status of the 3-D model enhancements.

Workshop closed by President, Leland Gersbach at 3:42 p.m.

Board meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 3:48 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

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

2. Public Comments:

None

3. Approve minutes of the September 9, 2015 Board Meeting and Workshop.

Secretary, Judy Parker moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 Board Meeting and Workshop with the noted corrections. Vice President, Wallace Biskup seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).

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

Vice President, Wallace Biskup moved to accept the monthly financial report for September 2015 as presented. Director, David Cole seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

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

Director, David Cole moved to accept the monthly investment fund account as presented. Secretary, Judy Parker seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

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

Secretary, Judy Parker moved to approve the FY15 line item budget amendment as requested. Vice President, Wallace Biskup seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).

7. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on proposed Lower Trinity Monitor Well Site.

Dirk made a proposition to the board to purchase a small tract of land, located at 15903 Crocket Drive in Moffat, that has an inactive lower trinity well to use as a monitor well site. Dirk informed the board that it would be more cost effective by purchasing this tract of land that contains the well, than constructing a new lower trinity well. He stated that the well is in good condition to be a monitor well site.

Director, David Cole moved to approve the purchase of the property containing a lower trinity well for the purpose of a monitor well site, (described as \$3,000 to the seller and the District pay all closing cost) not to exceed \$5,000. Vice President, Wallace Biskup seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).

8. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on a request for a tax abatement agreement with Bush's Chicken United.

Bush's Chicken United is requesting tax abatement on real property improvements for 5 years with a 45% tax abatement. Consistent with past policy, the Board recommends to decline from participating in the tax abatement agreements.

Vice President, Wallace Biskup moved to deny the tax abatement for Bush's Chicken United. Secretary, Judy Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).

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

Dirk informed the board that the newsletter has been published and has been mailed and emailed to all well owners. The newsletter has also been emailed to key leaders of Bell County as well. Dirk also informed the board that registration for the water symposium is under way and that there will be no CEU's earned from water symposium.

- 10. 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. Aquifer Status Report and 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.)

11. Public Advisory Committee comments.3

None

12. Director comments ³

None

13. Discuss agenda items for next meeting.

Workshop Items 2, 3, and 4 Jarrell Schwertner Water Supply Corporation Public Hearing Holiday Schedule

14. Set time and place of next meeting.

November 4, 1:30 p.m.

20. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned with President, Leland Gersbach at 4:30 p.m.

Leland Germach, President

ATTEST:

Wallace Biskup, Vice President

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