

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 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

Staff:

Dirk Aaron
Shelly Chapman

Guests:

Lou Fleischhauer – Collier

Lamar Lewis – Hugh Shine's Office

Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach at 1:31 p.m.

Workshop Item #1. Receive information concerning Texas 4H2O Water Program.

Dirk Aaron presented information on the Texas 4H2O Water Ambassador Program and Sponsorship opportunities for the District to participate in. The program is looking for a 3-5 year sponsorship pledge. After Discussion on the subject, the consensus of the Board was to give Dirk direction to proceed forward as a sponsor for the Texas 4H2O Water Ambassador program. Leland commented that the Board cannot commit to sponsoring for more than 1 year at a time. Dirk will present this as an action item at the next Board meeting. Funds are already set aside for the District to participate in educational programs.

Workshop Item #2. Receive updated information related to the proposed DFC's and the draft explanatory report from GMA8.

Dirk briefed the Board on information related to the proposed DFCs and the explanatory report from GMA8 and the direction given to him by Judy Parker (GMA8 Representative). He explained that draft explanatory report has gone out to all of the Districts and been reviewed by the representatives. Dirk commented that there are some disconcerting things in the report. There is a District that wants to submit their own report as well as an original report. Dirk and Judy have not seen these 2 reports. Judy doesn't agree with a particular paragraph within the report that was distributed. She commented that it would shed a bad light on the Districts of GMA8 in Austin. Judy will not vote for that version. Three versions of the report will be presented at the next GMA8 meeting and she has not seen the other 2 versions. She will not go into the GMA8 meeting without having an opportunity to review the other 2 versions. If they do not provide the other versions prior to the meeting, Judy has instructed Dirk not to post the agenda in our District and that will force the meeting to be cancelled. Dirk informed the Board that the posting deadline is January 18th by 5:00 p.m.

Workshop closed and Board Meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 2:16 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 comment.

None.

3. Approve minutes of the December 14, 2016 Board meeting.

Director, Gary Young, moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016 Board meeting and 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 for December 2016 (FY17) as presented.***

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to accept the Monthly Financial Report for December 2016 as presented. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

Director, David Cole, moved to accept the monthly Investment Fund account report as presented. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

6. ***Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the Quarterly Deferred Compensation Employee Retirement Program account report as presented.***

Director, Gary Young, moved to accept the Quarterly Deferred Compensation Employee Retirement Program account report as presented. Vice-President, Wallace Biskup, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

7. ***Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to approve the FY17 line item budget amendments as requested.***

Dirk Aaron informed the Board that no budget amendments were being requested.

8. ***Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary to elect Officers of the Board for calendar year 2017 per District Bylaws, Article V. Sec. 1.***

Director, Gary Young, moved to keep the current Officers in place. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

9. ***Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary to review and readopt the District Investment Policy.***

Dirk explained that the Investment Policy was adopted 5 years ago and has to be revisited every year. The District puts its money in TexPool and TexPool Prime. Dirk explained the procedures for moving the money to and from the operating account as needed. Dirk and Leland attend a required Investment Training class every 2 years that is offered through Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts.

Director, David Cole, moved to readopt the Districts Investment Policy. Director, Gary Young, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

10. ***Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary to adopt by Resolution a Premium Only Plan program existing under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code.***

Dirk Explained that 2 employees chose to take the health insurance benefit offered by the District. Under the IRS rules we have to have a Premium Only Plan existing under Section 125 of the IRS Code. This mean if the employee chooses to participate in the health insurance plan offered by the District, it will be pre-taxed. If the employee chooses to take the stipend instead, it will be post-tax. The health insurance was effective January 1, 2017. Jeanette Abbey (BKCW) helped the District find the best plan possible for the employees. Dirk will be acting as plan administrator. By approving the Premium Only Plan, the District will be in compliance with IRS rules.

Director, David Cole, moved to approve by resolution the Premium Only Plan program existing under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

- Draft of the Annual Report will be presented at next meeting.
- Trailer update – Trailer delivered and work has begun on inside.
- Update on the completion of the storage building.

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

- a) *Drought Status Report*
- b) *Education Outreach Update*
- c) *Monitoring Wells*
- d) *Rainfall Reports*
- e) *Well Registration Update*
- f) *Aquifer Status Report & Non-Exempt Monthly Well Production Reports*

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

13. Public Advisory Committee Comments.

None

14. Director comments and reports.

Judy Parker: President of the River Ridge Ranch HOA, Mike Parker, would like to extend his appreciation for the 2 monitor wells that are up and running. The monitor wells give the HOA a better feel for where they are at this point in time and where they might be in the future. Mike has formed a "water committee" for the HOA.

Wallace Biskup: None

Leland Gersbach: Introduced Lamar Lewis from Hugh Shine's office and thanked him for being here.

David Cole: Thanked management and staff for all their hard work.

Gary Young: Jonas Miller, Chief of Staff for Congressman Carter's Office, will be the guest speaker for the Central Texas Tea Party meeting at the Harris Community Center in Belton on January 19th.

15. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.


- Audit presentation
- Annual Report – Draft
- Drought Plan for Edwards Aquifer
- Water Quality strategies

16. Set time and place for next meeting.

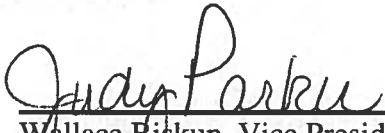
February 8, 2017, 1:30 p.m. CUWCD, 700 Kennedy Court.

17. Adjourn.

Board meeting adjourned with President, Leland Gersbach, at 2:59 p.m.


Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:



Wallace Biskup, Vice President
or
Judy Parker, Secretary