Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting 700 Kennedy Court Belton, TX Tuesday, June 12, 2018 Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

Absent:

Staff:

Leland Gersbach, President Judy Parker, Secretary Wallace Biskup, Vice President (listening in via phone from home)

Dirk Aaron, General Mgr.

David Cole, Director

Gary Young, Director

Shelly Chapman, Admin. Mgr.

Guest:

Joe Portmann

Ann Farris

Chuck Dunning – Wellntel Joe Yelderman – Baylor Univ.

Scott Brooks Greg Neal

Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:40 p.m.

Workshop Item #1. Discuss and review current professional hydrogeological services.

Dirk gave a recap of the status of the District's current professional services. The District currently has services from 3 geoscience teams: 1) Allan Standen is used for the 3-D Model and is also retained for permit review if needed; 2) Dr. Yelderman and the team from Baylor for special projects; and 3) James Beach and his team from WSP (formerly LBG Guyton). Dirk commented that he would like to continue using WSP for work on larger projects and GMA 8 work. Dirk is pursing some competitive cost analysis with LRE (Mike Keester's group). Dirk has spoken with Mike Gershon about the legalities without going through the RFP process. Dirk will have specifics at the next meeting.

Workshop Item #2. Discuss and review items of interest concerning the FY2019 budget development.

Dirk presented items of interest concerning the FY2019 budget development. He explained by maintaining the current tax rate of \$.00385/\$100 value, the anticipated tax revenue would be \$703,696. This number is based on the preliminary property values from the Bell County Tax Appraisal District. The certified values should be in by the end of June. Dirk reminded the Board of the approved calendar dates, deadlines, and necessary Board meetings for the review and approval of the FY19 budget and tax rate.

Dirk presented information regarding possible new projects, additional monitor wells, continued web map enhancements by HALFF Associates, and ASR feasibility studies for the Board to consider.

Dr. Yelderman (Baylor University) and Chuck Dunning (Wellntel) gave a presentation on real-time groundwater information designed to streamline the groundwater monitoring process and build actionable datasets vs. conventional groundwater monitoring.

Workshop Item #3. Discuss and review items of interest concerning the November General Election.

Dirk reviewed the information for the November General Election. He recapped the important dates and procedures that must be adhered to. On June 21st the District will post the "Notice to File" at the County Clerk's office. The District will begin accepting applications on July 21st for anyone interested in running for a position on the Board. Dirk reminded the Board that the At-Large position, Precinct 2, and Precinct 4 are up for re-election in November. Judy Parker, Precinct 4, has already announced that she will not run for re-election.

Workshop Item #4. Discuss the status of the DFC determination by GMA8, per TWC section 36.108.

GMA8 meeting is June 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cleburne Conference Center in Cleburne. Judy will continue in her role with GMA8 through September but will not be running for re-election. Dirk gave a review of upcoming discussion points for the next meeting. He passed out a copy of the minutes from the last GMA8 meeting for the Directors to look at.

Workshop adjourned and Board Meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 3:40 p.m.

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1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Director, David Cole, gave the invocation. Secretary, Judy Parker, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment.

None.

3. Approve minutes of the May 9, 2018 Board meeting.

Director, David Cole, moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2018 Board meeting. Director, Gary Young, seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.

4. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the monthly financial report for May 2018 (FY18) as presented.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to accept the monthly financial report for May 2018 as presented. Director, Gary Young, seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.

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. Director, Gary Young, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.**

6. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to approve the FY18 line item budget amendments as requested.

No budget amendments requested.

7. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to appoint Audit RFQ evaluation team.

Dirk commented that the RFQ's have been sent out. Leland appointed Gary Young and David Cole to review and evaluate RFQ's that will be received from interested auditing firms. They accepted. Leland recused himself. (No voted needed.)

- 8. General Manager's Report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan.
 - Tristin will be updating emails and iPad. Please get those in to Tristin if you haven't already.
 - In the process of updating the file server.
 - GM evaluation will be held at the July meeting.
 - Educational activities for the summer include: Farm Bureau Ag In the Classroom Teacher in-service, Harker Heights STEAM events at the Harker Heights Library, TAMU STEM Camp, and Salado Brewery Water Conservation event.
 - Drought emphasis outreach to the media on Trinity and Edwards Aquifer. Stage 1 drought triggers met. Advertising this in the Salado Village voice.
 - Budget prioritization items developed prior to July Board meeting (USGS, LRE, Wellntel, etc.).
 - Will be meeting with Drew Gholson of TWON about rainwater harvesting.
- 9. Receive monthly report and possible consideration and Board action on the following:
 - a) Drought Status Reports: on the verge of Stage 1.
 - 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.)

10. Director comments and reports.

Judy Parker: - Will be attending the GMA8 meeting on June 27th.

Gary Young: - Will be retiring from the bank on Aug 18th.

<u>David Cole:</u> - Thanked the GM and Staff for all they do. <u>Leland Gersbach:</u> - none <u>Wallace Biskup:</u> - absent

11. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.

No permit hearings Continue FY19 Budget development Security Benefits quarterly report Presentations for scientific projects and proposals

12. Set time and date for next meeting. Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

13. Adjourn.

Board meeting adjourned with President, Leland Gersbach, at 4:11 p.m.

Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:

Wallace Biskup, Vice President

or Judy Parker, Secretary