

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Tuesday, August 22, 2018
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

Leland Gersbach, President
Judy Parker, Secretary
David Cole, Director
Gary Young, Director

Absent:

Wallace Biskup, Vice President
(listened in via phone)

Staff:

Dirk Aaron, General Mgr.
Shelly Chapman, Admin. Mgr.

Guest:

Brant Konetchy – WSP
Stephanie Wong – Baylor
Scott Brooks

Jennifer Wilson – USGS
Dr. Joe Yelderma – Baylor

Bill Schumann – County Commissioner
Lou Fleischhaure – Collier Consulting

Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:32 p.m.

Workshop Item #1. Receive presentation from Pete Diaz USFWS concerning the Salado Salamander Assessment projects.

Dirk explained that Pete Diaz was unable to be here. He will give his presentation at the September Board meeting.

Workshop Item #2. Receive presentation from Baylor University Geology Department related to ongoing research in Bell County.

Received update from Dr. Yelderma (Baylor University) regarding the study on the northern most portion of the Edwards aquifer near Stillhouse Hollow (Chalk Ridge Falls) and Tahuaya. Dr. Yelderma also presented a recap of the acoustic well monitoring system proposed by Wellntel for the Board to consider in the budgeting process for FY19.

Workshop Item #3. Receive presentation from USGS personnel related to ongoing research support and data release for Clearwater UWCD.

Received update from Jennifer Wilson (USGS) on the Salado Creek bacteria source tracking study. She gave an overview of the timeline, study areas, and results.

Jennifer explained that the data release for Clearwater is still in review and would be presented by Chris Braun at a later meeting.

Workshop Item #4. Receive presentation from WSP staff related to modified GAM run and the development of the DFC Trends tool for Clearwater UWCD.

Received update from Brant Konetchy (WSP) regarding the GAM run. Brant explained the model and methods he used to determine the new model. Brant also gave an overview of the development of the DFC Trends tool and a demonstration of how it works.

Workshop closed and Board meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 3:33 p.m.

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 August 8, 2018 Board meeting.

Director, Gary Young, moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2018 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 2018.

The public hearing on the proposed tax rate for tax year 2018 began at 3:36 p.m.

General Manager, Dirk Aaron, informed the Board that no one signed up to speak, therefore, there would be no public comments.

Dirk commented that the Board set the preliminary tax rate of \$0.00385/\$100 valuation at the meeting on August 8, 2018. With certified values \$18,701,608,943.00, this tax rate would generate \$720,011.00 in revenue. The 2018 rollback tax rate is \$0.004024/\$100. This is the highest rate the District can adopt without triggering the rollback provisions in the State Water Code. The effective tax rate is \$0.00372.

Dirk noted for the record that the public hearing had been properly noticed in the Temple and Killeen newspapers as required. There was a mistake in the Killeen paper that was corrected the following day. Dirk reached out to the Tax Appraisal District regarding the error and informed him that the District was still in compliance since the notice was correct in the larger of the 2 publications. They recommended the District move forward with the public hearing unless someone questioned the dates in the Killeen paper.

Dirk noted for the record that the public hearing was to start at 1:30. No members of the public signed up to speak. Instead of beginning the meeting with the public hearing at 1:30, Dirk had suggested the Board begin with Workshop items to allow time for the public to arrive in case someone wanted to make comments. Dirk stated again that no one signed up to speak.

The public hearing ended at 3:42 p.m.

5. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary adopt the District Budget for FY2019.

Dirk recapped the FY2019 proposed budget based on preliminary tax revenue of \$720,011.00 plus \$43,500 in anticipated revenue from delinquent taxes, application fees, transport fees, and interest on investment accounts for a total of \$763,511. Dirk revisited the proposed specific projects and services. He discussed the guiding principles of the budgetary development process. Dirk also broke down the budget line by line. He pointed out that the election line item could be changed since the candidates for precinct 2, 4, and at-large are uncontested. He also suggested the Board could eliminate \$8,500 from Alan Standen's proposed projects.

Dirk recommended the Board make a final review of the proposed budget and make any changes necessary to adopt the District budget for FY19.

The Board discussed and reviewed the proposed budget. They adjusted line item 50550-Election expense from \$5,000 to \$500 due to candidates running unopposed calling for a cancelation of the election.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to adopt the proposed budget for FY19 as presented with changes to the Election line item as discussed. Director, Gary Young, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.**

6. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary by resolution to adopt the District tax rate for tax year 2018.

Leland suggested lowering the tax rate to \$.00382. Judy stated that she wasn't comfortable going that low. She would be agreeable to \$0.00383.

After much discussion and explanation among Board members, Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to adopt, by resolution, a tax rate of \$0.00383/\$100 valuation. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.**

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

- Election cancelation update.
- Revisit Salado Vista WWTP submittals – gave copies to the Board.
- Will be switching brokerage firm for Health Insurance.
- Discussed executive summary from Sunset Advisory Commission.

8. Director comments and reports.

Gary Young: - None

Judy Parker: - Fence being installed around the TexMesonet weather station at River Ridge Ranch.

David Cole: - Questioned the buyout of FSB by Bankcorp. Does the District need to do anything?

Leland Gersbach: -None

Wallace Biskup: - absent

9. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.

Certification of unopposed candidates

Order Cancellation of election

Possible resignation of Judy Parker


Appointment of replacement for Judy Parker

10. Set time and date for next meeting.


Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

11. Adjourn.

Board meeting adjourned with President, Leland Gersbach, at 4:59 p.m.


Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:



Wallace Biskup, Vice President
or Judy Parker, Secretary