

**Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting**  
**700 Kennedy Court**  
**Belton, TX**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 2017**  
**Minutes**

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 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:**

Bradley Ware  
Bill Schumann

**Staff:**

Dirk Aaron  
Shelly Chapman

**Guests:**

Lou Fleischhauer – Collier	Alton Thiele, CPA
Shirley Fleming – Killeen City Council	Tito Gonzalez – Killeen City Council
Jack Ralston – Killeen	Betty Gonzalez – Killeen

**Board Meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:30 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 January 11, 2017 Board meeting.***

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017 Board meeting and Director, Gary Young, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

***6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the FY16 Financial Audit as presented by the District's contracted auditing firm.***

Certified Public Accountant, Alton Thiele, presented the FY16 Financial Audit. Alton Thiele stated it was a very good and clean audit and Clearwater staff was very easy to work with during the audit.

Director, Gary Young, moved to accept the FY16 Financial Audit as presented. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

***4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the Monthly Financial Report for January 2017 (FY17) as presented.***

Director, David Cole, moved to accept the Monthly Financial Report for December 2016 as presented. Director, Gary Young, 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.***

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

***7. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to approve participation in the Texas 4-H<sub>2</sub>O Youth A Ambassador Program.***

Dirk gave an overview of the levels of sponsorships. He informed the Board that it's not just groundwater

districts supporting this program, but river authorities, water purveyors, consultants, engineers and attorneys that are providing sponsorships. 36 students across the state will be selected to participate in the program. Dirk informed the Board that the money for the sponsorship goes to pay for the overhead fees, not for staffing of the program. Leland stated he was concerned with a high sponsorship because the money isn't specifically for the youth of Bell County, but for all participants in the 4-H2O program. The Board feels like a \$1000 sponsorship for the 4-H2O program is realistic for the budget.

Director, David Cole, moved to approve participation in the Texas 4-H2O Youth Ambassador Program with a sponsorship of \$1,000. Vice President, Wallace Biskup, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**8. 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.

**9. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve participation in the continued efforts of the Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition.**

Dirk stated the Adaptive Management Coalition has been in place for 4 years working with Bell County and the Village of Salado. The Edward's aquifer is highly sensitive and it behooves us under our DFC to protect spring flow. Through the coalition, it has allowed us to build the best available science, continue the research efforts of the Salado Salamander with USFWS and continue the spring flow gauge with USGS. Dirk pointed out that the attached renewal of the original Interlocal Agreement is being presented for the purpose of continuing our efforts to document that the regulatory mechanisms to protect spring flow have subsequently protected the Salado Salamander. The agreement this year outlines the continued efforts to assess the specie at the Salado Spring complex as well as Robertson Springs (Exhibit #1) and includes a Salado Creek Basin assessment of groundwater recharge by Baylor University Geology Department (Exhibit #2). General Manager, Dirk Aaron, recommended the Board participate at the budgeted \$15,000 under the condition that other funding partners participate per the levels described in the attached proposed MOA. Bell County Commissioner has signed the agreement for Bell County at \$20,000 and the Village of Salado has also pledged \$5,000.00.

Director, Gary Young, moved to approve participation in the Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition with a contribution of \$15,000. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**10. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on proposed exception to District rule 9.5 Spacing Requirements, to allow a reduction in the east (side) setback on property located at 2576 Overlook Dr. Belton, TX 76513 (owned by James Montano) to allow construction of a new well for domestic use.**

Dirk stated that the property is located in Tomahawk Trails Subdivision where the US Army Corps of Engineers has required all submersible pumps to be pulled out of Belton Lake. The properties in this subdivision are outside the service area of the City of Morgan's Point Resort. The sole source of water supply has been water pumped directly from Lake Belton. One alternative for water supply at this point in time is a water well or a surface jet pump system. If the jet pump system is installed, the landowner must then receive a permit to cross USAC property and pay for an annual permit for raw water from BRA. The property is approximately .41 acres and was subdivided in 1987 when Tomahawk Trails Subdivision was platted. This was prior to District rules that went into effect in 2004 establishing a minimum lot size of 2 acres for a well site. Due to the location of existing buildings and vegetation, slope of the land, and desire to locate the well in a central location for all the well owners, suitable locations for the well are limited and a reduction in setbacks is requested. Because the well needs to be located approximately closer than 20ft from the east (side), the adjacent property owner has provided a signed waiver stating that she has no objection to the location of the well; therefore, a public hearing will not be required. General Manager, Dirk Aaron, recommended the Board's approval of the requested reduction in setback along the east side property line as requested.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to approve the exception to District rule 9.5 spacing requirements to allow the construction of the well for James Montano. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

- 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:** Dirk and Judy attended the recent TAGD meeting and she will cover the recent GMA8 meeting in workshop.

**Wallace Biskup:** None

**Leland Gersbach:** No comments. Did state he will not be able to attend the June meeting.

**David Cole:** Thanked management and staff for all their hard work. Good job for dropping expenditures by 16% in 2016.

**Gary Young:** None.

**15. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.**

- Blackland ASR Study
- Annual Report – Final
- Possible Permits
- Update on Trailer

**16. Set time and place for next meeting.**

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

**17. Adjourn.**

**Board meeting adjourned and Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 2:54 p.m.**

**Workshop Item #1. Receive and review draft of the Annual Report for 2016 per the District Management plan.**

Dirk stated that each Board member and PAC member has a copy of the draft annual report to read and review and Staff is asking all to review and provide any changes or corrections that need to be made by March 1, 2017. Data in the report has been verified for accuracy by staff. Staff will bring the final version to the Board on March 8, 2017 for board approval and direction to staff for distribution to TCEQ, TWDB, BRA, TADG, GCDs, City Officials, WSC, permit holders and media.

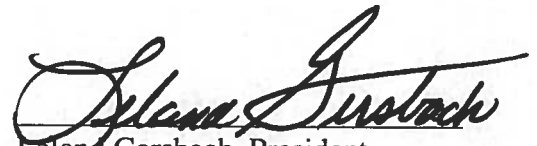
**Workshop Item #2. Receive update on the GMA8 DFC approval process.**

Judy briefed the Board that at the recent GMA8 meeting on January 31, 2017, there was a unanimous vote to accept the DFCs for the coming year and that they will now be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board. Judy explained what and who GMA8 and Region G water planning group are. For the next planning period for Bell County, we have a 93% remainder for the Paluxy and Glen Rose, 81% remainder for the Travis Peak, 89% remainder for the Hensell and 79% remainder for the Hosston. The 50-year average drawdown for the Glen Rose is 155 feet, for the Hensell is 286 feet, and for the Hosston is 319 feet. The total average drawdown between 2010 and 2070 are in the Glen Rose 75 feet and in 50 years 155 feet, in the Hensell 129 feet and in 50 years 286 feet, and in the Hosston 317 feet and in 50 years 319 feet.

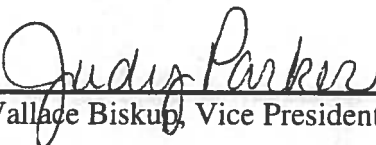
**Workshop Item #3. Receive update related to the Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition.**

Dirk presented Pete Diaz's annual report on the Salado Salamander. Pete's conclusion: we have salamanders and are mapping them like a fingerprint and the water quality is being tested in a panoramic way. No heavy contamination and the nitrate levels are still high in the salamander's habitat. Salamander is still on the threatened list.

**Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 3:21 p.m.**

  
Leland Gersbach, President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Wallace Biskup, Vice President  
or  
Judy Parker, Secretary