

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting

700 Kennedy Court

Belton, TX

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a Board meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

Leland Gersbach, President, Pct. 1
David Cole, Vice President, At Large
Gary Young, Secretary, Pct. 2
Jody Williams, Director, Pct. 3
Scott Brooks, Director, Pct. 4

Absent:

Staff:

Dirk Aaron, General Manager
Shelly Chapman, Admin. Manager

Guest:

Dan Eckstrom	Sandra Blankenship	Bill Schumann – Bell County
Chase Crane – Well Scope	Luke Reed – 4H2O	Jill Reed
Preston Reed	Sarah Wood – 4H2O	Jahonger Karim – 4H2O
Pete DiLillo		
Whitney Grantham – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension	David Smith – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension	

Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:30 p.m.

Workshop Item #1. Receive presentation from David Smith, Texas AgriLife Extension, 4H2O Water Ambassador Program.

David Smith gave a brief recap about the 4H2O Water Ambassador Program, how it came to be, and opportunities moving forward. He recognized Whitney Grantham for her continued support and encouragement for the kids participating in this program. David introduced Luke Reed, a 3rd year participant of the program.

Luke gave a presentation about things he has learned and experienced as a member of this program.

David Smith also introduced 2 first year Ambassadors, Sara Wood and Jahonger Karim. They presented information about the experiences and place they visited as “tier 1” Ambassadors.

Dirk commented that David Smith is organizing a planning meeting with Clearwater and several Water Ambassadors from Bell and Williamson county to collaborate and work with the District to help educate the public about water issues.

Whitney stated that there are 72 kids participating in this program. Four of kids are residents of Bell County.

Workshop Item #2. Receive information related to Groundwater Management Area 8, related to Joint Planning and Development of the Desired Future Conditions.

General Manager, Dirk Aaron, briefed the Board on GMA8 DFC's. He commented that WSP has been contracted to work on Round 3 of the DFC process in accordance with Chapter 36. He explained the planning process and stated that each District must manage to the DFC.

Workshop Item #3. Receive case study of recent application for a minor amendment for a current N2 Operating Permit.

Dirk presented an application for a minor amendment to an N2 permit for well in Salado Country Estates. Dirk explained the history and details of the original permit application submitted by the Scott and Jessica Laws. The permit for each tract in this subdivision is for .6-acre feet and the property owner can come to the District and request a minor amendment per District Rules. The Laws self-imposed that the wells on the tracts of land within this subdivision be metered and have observation tubes for monitoring water levels. These special conditions were approved by the Board.

The owner of the well in question has a house hold of 6. He put in landscaping and has used more than 80% of his permit. He submitted a request for a minor amendment of 1.25-acre feet above the current .6-acre feet. According to the model, the impact of increasing this permit would be negligible.

Dirk has reviewed the request and looked at the science. He presented his information, findings, and concerns to the Board.

Dirk's decision is to approve a limited minor amendment for .65-acre feet for the remainder of the year only. This amendment will not be on going. If the well owner does not agree with this, he can appeal the decision to the Board.

Workshop Item #4. Receive draft agenda and updates related to the November 6, 2019 19th Annual Bell County Water Symposium to be held at Texas A&M University Central Texas Campus in Killeen.

Dirk presented the agenda for the up coming Water Symposium in November and discussed his plans for the day. Leah Martinson (TAGD Executive Director) will be the moderator for the event. Dirk spoke with Judge Blackburn and he will be apart of the morning welcome.

There will be 5 ads running in the TDT and KDH newspapers in October.

Workshop closed and Board meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 3:30 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Director, David Cole, gave the invocation.

Director, Gary Young, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment.

Chase Crane with Well Scope introduced himself. His company does well videos and geophysical logs. Dirk commented that he has spoken with Tommy Lovelace, Mike Keester, and Allan Standen and they suggest the District use him for ~~when for~~ geophysical logs.

3. Approve minutes of the August 28, 2019 Board meeting and Workshop.

Board members received the minutes in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2019 Board meeting and Workshop. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary, to accept the monthly financial report for August 2019 (FY19) as presented.

Board members received the monthly financial report for August 2019 in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.

Vice President, David Cole, moved to accept the monthly financial report for August 2019 as presented. Director, Jody Williams, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary, to accept the monthly investment fund account report for August 2019 (FY19) as presented.

Board members received the monthly investment fund account report for August 2019 in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to accept the monthly investment fund account report for August 2019 as presented. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary, to approve the FY19 line item budget amendments as requested.*

Vendor	Line Item	Invoice Amount	Available Funds	Amount Requested	New Balance	From	Available Funds	New Balance
Progressive Protection	54200-Bldg Rep main	\$4,480.00	\$1,610.94	\$2,869.06	\$4,480.00	53620-Ed. OutReach	\$4,500.00	\$1,630.94
						Equip Supplies		
City of Belton	55500-Water Trash	\$223.49	\$157.26	\$66.23	\$0.00	55200-Electricity	\$657.43	\$591.20
LRE	53731-Permit Review	\$5,556.25	\$4,616.25	\$940.00	\$0.00	53732-Permit Review	\$9,130.24	\$8,190.24
	GeoScience					Legal Eval		

Requested By: Shelly Chapman

Verified By: Dirk Aaron

Dirk presented requests for line item budget amendments for the purpose of upgrading current security system, to cover increased cost for water and trash collection, and additional expenses for geoscience permit review.

Dirk presented the quote for replacement of the security cameras from Progressive Protection. They originally installed the current cameras and the District has a professional service agreement for daily monitoring of the building.

Scott Brooks asked if Dirk had gotten bids for the new cameras and is he sure he is getting the best deal. Dirk explained the District has a professional service agreement with Progressive. Scott asked Dirk to research and verify he is getting a fair deal on the product. Scott suggested the Board direct Dirk to move forward based on due diligence and not to exceed \$4,480.00.

Director, Jody Williams, moved to approve line item budget amendments as requested. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

7. *Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary, to approve the USA CPS internship program and direct the General Manager to execute said agreement as needed.*

Dirk introduced Dan Eckstrom. Dan presented the USA CPS internship program and explained the process and details of the agreement. Clearwater meets the criteria for this program. The internship would begin December 2, 2019 and run for 180 days.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to direct the General Manager to execute the USA CPS internship program agreement. Director, Jody Williams, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

8. *General Manager's Report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan³.*
- He is managing the new electronic newsletter format that Reagan built.
 - Working out details on the City of Troy well. He has a meeting with them next week. Currently, the application is still administratively incomplete. Can possibly bring it to public hearing in November.

- Whitney Grantham has agreed to do the survey again for the Symposium.

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

- Drought Status Reports*
- Education Outreach Update*
- Monitoring Wells*
- Rainfall Reports*
- Well Registration update*
- Aquifer Status Report & Non-exempt Monthly Well Production Reports* – Dirk received an inquiry on a farmer that has reported 0 water usage over the summer. He was notified that the farmer’s center pivots were running and he was not using surface water. He did not have a permit for surface water intact. Dirk reached out to the farmer. He came in with his records and got his production with the District up to date.

(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*³.

- **Jody Williams**: No comments. He encouraged the staff to keep up the good work.
- **Gary Young**: Compliments to Staff.
- **David Cole**: Thanked Dirk and Staff for all they do.
- **Scott Brooks**: No comment.
- **Leland Gersbach**: No comment.

11. *Discuss agenda items for next meeting.*

- Security Benefit Quarterly report

Should be a light meeting

12. *Set time and place of next meeting.*

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the District’s office.


(Reminder: October meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th.... not the 9th.)

13. *Adjourn.*

Board meeting adjourned with President, Leland Gersbach, at 4:12 p.m.


Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:



Gary Young, Secretary of
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary