

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Friday, August 21, 2020
Minutes

In accordance with Governor Abbott's declaration of the COVID-19 public health threat, action to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, and Executive Order, a quorum of CUWCD's Board of Directors held a Special Board meeting by telephonic conference call and, for redundancy, video conference on Friday, August, 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting originated from 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.
Scott Brooks, Director, Pct. 4

Absent:

Staff:

Dirk Aaron, General Manager
Shelly Chapman, Admin. Manager

Guest: (remote)

None

No items to be discussed in Workshop.

Special Board Meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach at 1:32 p.m.

President, Leland Gersbach, noted for the record that he, and Director Scott Brooks, were attending the meeting in the District's conference room. Directors David Cole, Gary Young, and Jody Williams were joining via telephone and/or video conference.

1. *Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.*

President, Leland Gersbach, gave the invocation.
Director, Scott Brooks, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. *Public Comment.*

No public comments.

3. *Approve minutes of the August 12, 2020 Board meeting and Workshop.*

Board members received the minutes of the August 12, 2020 Board meeting and workshop in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2020 Board meeting and Workshop. Vice President, David Cole, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

4. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary, to set the preliminary tax rate for tax year 2020 on proposed budget FY21.*

Dirk noted that the purpose for this special meeting was to revisit the August 12th Board decision to set the preliminary tax rate at the "no new revenue" rate of .00352.

The Bell County Appraisal District miscategorized CUWCD as a Chapter 49 Water District instead of a Special District as of Chapter 36. Dirk reached out to the District attorneys for clarification and guidance. After working through everything with Bell County Appraisal District, the calculations have been redone with support documentation in hand. Based on the new calculations, Dirk suggested a "no new revenue tax rate" of \$.003344/\$100 valuation. This tax rate would generate revenue of \$752,403.00.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved rescind the decision of the August 12, 2020 Board meeting to set the "no new revenue" preliminary tax rate at .00352 and replace it with the corrected "no new revenue" preliminary tax rate of .003344. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

5. ***Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary, to set date for adoption of the FY21 budget.***

Dirk requested the Board move the date to adopt the FY21 Budget and to hold the public hearing for the adoption of the tax rate to Monday, August 31, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. This will allow Dirk to properly post the public hearing as required.

Direct, Jody Williams, moved to set the date for adoption of the FY21 budget for Monday, August 31, 2020. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. ***Discuss, consider and take action if necessary, to set the date for the public hearing and adoption of the tax rate for tax year 2020.***

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to set the public hearing for adoption of the tax rate for tax year 2020 to Monday, August 31, 2020. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

7. ***General Manager's Report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan³.***

- Dirk will send the notice to the paper this afternoon to be posted in the main body of the Temple Daily Telegram and Killeen Daily Herald on Monday, August 24th.

8. ***Director comments and reports³.***

- **Gary Young:** none
- **David Cole:** none
- **Jody:** Commended Dirk for his diligence in catching the information error when setting the preliminary tax rate, and for his continued efforts working through it with Bell County Appraisal District.
- **Scott Brooks:** Agreed with Jody and thanked Dirk for being on top of things.
- **Leland Gersbach:** none

9. ***Discuss agenda items for next meeting.***

- Presentation from LRE
- BCAMC update
- Hold public hearing on tax rate
- Adopt FY21 Budget
- Adopt tax rate
- Update by Will Anderson
- Demo of new website (beta version)

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

Monday, August 31, 2020 via telephonic/video conference


11. ***Adjourn.***

Board meeting adjourned with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:47 p.m.



Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:



Gary Young, Secretary or
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary