

**Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting**  
**700 Kennedy Court**  
**Belton, TX**  
**Monday, August 31, 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 regular Board meeting by telephonic conference call and, for redundancy, video conference on Monday August, 31, 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)**

Will Anderson – CUWCD Intern  
Robert Bradley – TWDB  
Dr. Yelderman – Baylor

Sandra Blankenship  
Stephanie Wong – Baylor  
Micaela Pedrazas - LRE

Mike Keester – LRW  
Will Brewer – Baylor

**Board Meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach at 1:30 p.m.**

**1. *Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.***

Vice President, David Cole, gave the invocation.  
Secretary, Gary Young, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. *Public Comment.***

No public comments.

**3. *Approve minutes of the August 21, 2020 Board meeting and Workshop.***

Board members received the minutes of the August 21, 2020 Board meeting and workshop in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2020 Board meeting and Workshop.  
Vice President, David Cole, seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**4. *Hold Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for tax year 2020.***

Leland Gersbach, as presiding officer, opened the public hearing on the proposed tax rate for tax year 2020 at 1:32 p.m.

Dirk Aaron noted for the record that if a citizen desires to address the Board on the matter, they must sign up to do so prior to the meeting. No one has signed up to comment. Dirk reminded the Board that this is a virtual meeting and anyone wishing to address the Board online should state their name and where they are from. Dirk reminded the Board there could be no discussion or final action taken on any comments. He encouraged the Board to take into account any public comments that might be made prior to making a final decision.

Leland opened up the hearing for public comments. There were none.

Public hearing closed at 1:33 p.m.

5. ***Discuss, consider and take action if necessary, to adopt the District Budget for FY2021.***

Dirk presented the proposed budget to the Board based preliminary no new revenue rate of .003344/\$100 valuation. Dirk broke down the budget by categories and line items.

The Board discussed changes to the budget and options to consider. Scott Brooks suggested lowering the preliminary tax rate. Dirk commented that at the preliminary rate of .003344 the District would be getting an additional \$16,000. Scott commented that, due to Covid-19, he would like the budget reduced by the \$16,000 therefore lowering the tax rate.

The Board continued discussions and Dirk did some calculations based on Scotts suggestion. He determined that the suggested reduction would make the new tax rate .003272/\$100 valuation. This would make the new budget \$736,203.00

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to approve the FY21 budget based on draft #6 with the following changes: Remove \$20,000 from line item 53120.1 (Coalition), \$50,000 from 53120.3 (4d rule), and \$200 from 53705 (Legal-Legislative Services). Vice President, David Cole, seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

6. ***Discuss, consider and take action if necessary, by resolution to adopt the District tax rate for tax year 2020.***

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to set the tax rate for tax year 2020 by resolution at .003272/\$100 valuation. Vice President, David Cole, seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

7. ***General Manager's Report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan<sup>3</sup>.***

- Dirk has had a couple of permit inquiries he is looking into. One is an RV park and the other is Victory Rock.
- Been working with consultants at the VA for the repair of their well.
- WCID #2 notified the District that their well had a hole in their casing and the contractor crushed the screened interval so they had to go back in and work on it.
- The comment period for the critical habitat should come any day.
- Will have an order at the next Board meeting to cancel the election.
- Hoping to get the draft of the Management Plan back any day.

8. ***Director comments and reports<sup>3</sup>.***

- **Gary Young:** Sat through the Coalition meetings and Dirk and the Judge have done a good job keeping up with it all. CUWCD needs to continue to have a seat at the table. Thanked the staff and everyone else for their hard work.
- **David Cole:** none
- **Jody Williams:** Pray for rain!
- **Scott Brooks:** none.
- **Leland Gersbach:** Agreed with Jody – we need rain.

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

- Cancellation of the election
- NRS presentation

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

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11. ***Adjourn.***

**Board meeting adjourned and Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 2:50 p.m.**

**Workshop:**

**Workshop Item #1. Receive presentation from LRE related to the drawdown tool for the Trinity Aquifer.**

Received report and demonstration from Mike Keester, LRE, regarding the drawdown tool for the Trinity Aquifer.

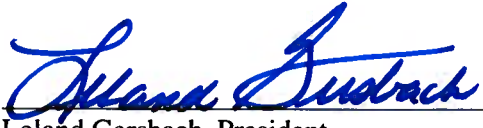
**Workshop Item #2. Receive update from Staff related to the BCAMC efforts.**

Dirk gave an update on items related to the efforts of the BCAMC.

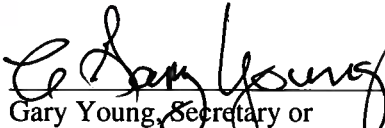
**Workshop Item #3. Receive presentation from Will Anderson, Summer Intern, related to his assigned tasks and duties for July and August related to the Baylor Project, Weather Stations, and Website.**

CUWCD Intern, Will Anderson presented information related to the work he has been doing with Baylor. He also presented information regarding the weather stations, and an overview of the website.

**Workshop closed by President, Leland Gersbach, at 4:52 p.m.**

  
Leland Gersbach, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Gary Young, Secretary or  
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary