Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting 700 Kennedy Court Belton, TX

Wednesday, September 16, 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 Wednesday, September, 16, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting originated from the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

Absent:

Staff:

Leland Gersbach, President, Pct. 1 David Cole, Vice President, At Large Gary Young, Secretary, Pct. 2 Dirk Aaron, General Manager Shelly Chapman, Admin. Manager

Jody Williams, Director, Pct. Scott Brooks, Director, Pct. 4

Guest: (remote)

Ami Muttoni – BRA

Bill Schumann – County Commissioner

Jennifer Bronson – USGS

Katie Fields – NRS

Maddie Todd – NRS

Mike Keester – LRE Water

Sandra Blankenship

Ty Embry – Lloyd Gosselink

Vince Clause

Dr. Yelderman – Baylor

Steve Manning – NRS

David Jones - NRS

Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach at 1:35 p.m.

Workshop Item #1. Receive legislative and interim report update from Ty Embrey, Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at Law.

Received a brief update on legislative and interim report from Ty Embrey.

<u>Workshop Item #2.</u> Receive follow-up presentation from CUWCD Geoscience Consulting Teams related to the proposed Trinity Aquifer research effort in FY21.

Mike Keester presented information on proposed research efforts for the Trinity aquifer in FY21. Vince Clause briefed the Board on his part of the research efforts and how data will be applied and useful.

Workshop Item #3. Receive update related to GMA8 Round III DFC determination, per TWC section 36.108.

Dirk briefed the Board on items related to Round III of the DFC determination. He commented that they are nearing the end of this round. The next meeting will be in October 27th.

<u>Workshop Item #4.</u> Receive update related to the BCAMC efforts in responding to the Critical Habitat Designation for the Salado Salamander.

Dirk Aaron gave an update on items related to the efforts of the BCAMC and the critical habitat designation for the Salado Salamander.

Workshop closed and Board Meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach at 3:14 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 31, 2020 Board meeting and Workshop.

Board members received the minutes of the August 31, 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 31, 2020 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 2020 as presented.

Board members received the monthly financial report for August 2020 in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to accept the monthly financial report for August 2020 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 as presented.

Board members received the monthly investment fund account report for August 2020 in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to accept the monthly investment fund account report for August 2020 as presented. Vice President, David Cole, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. Discuss, consider and take action if necessary, to approve the FY20 line item budget amendments as requested.

Dirk Aaron presented the request for budget amendments and explained the needs for the requests. See budget amendment requests below:

Vendor	Line Item	Invoice Amount	Available Funds	Amount Requested	New Balauce	From	Available Funds	New Balance
Lloyd Gosselink	53732 permit review-legal	\$3,506.00	\$0.05	\$3,505.95	\$3,506.00	53731-permit review-geoscience	\$6,219.20	\$2,713.25
David Cole	50405-Director Fee	\$600.00	\$450.00	\$150.00	\$600.00	50410-Director Fee-pct1	\$2,550.00	\$2,400.00
Gary Young	50415-Director Fee	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	50410-Director Fee-pct1	\$2,400.00	\$1,800.00
Tax Appraisal D	50303-Appraisal Dist	\$2,036.00	\$1,802.25	\$233.75	\$2,036.00	50550-Election Exp	\$500.00	\$266.25
Well Scope	53130.5-GeoLogging	\$2,000.00	\$1,450.00	\$550.00	\$2000.00	53140-Mon. Well Exp	\$13,845.05	\$13,295.05
	BCAMC	\$105,000.00				Reserve Funds	\$919,358.87	\$\$14.358.87

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to approve the line item budget amendments as requested. Director, Jody Williams, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

7. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary, to cancel the November 3rd General Election for Directors representing Precinct 1 and Precinct 3.

Dirk encouraged the Board to formally cancel the election on November 3rd for Precinct 1 and Precinct 3 since the candidates are running unopposed.

Dirk presented copies of the "Certification of Unopposed Candidates" and "Order of Cancellation" required by the Bell County Elections office along with supporting documentation of proper procedures to follow. He noted that the Bell County election office is aware of the cancellation request and confirmed they will provide the required posting of the Board's cancellation order at the polling locations used for the election.

Vice President, David Cole, moved to cancel the November 3, 2020 election of Precincts 1 & 3. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

- 8. General Manager's Report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan³.
 - Permit hearing for Reddy Lee, LLC.
 - Working on a permit review for Victory Rock.
 - ASR meeting on September 29th at CUWCD office. Dirk will post meeting in case a quorum of the Board would like to attend.
 - Work on the new road for the Belton Business Park is beginning.
 - Will presented the informational video has worked on during his internship.
 - Work on the newsletter will begin soon. Dirk will reach out to experts for articles.
 - Oath of office will be administered in December.
- 9. Receive monthly report and possible consideration and Board action on the following:
 - a) Drought Status Reports
 - 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.)

- 10. Director comments and reports³.
 - Gary Young: None
 - David Cole: Thanked Dirk and staff for all the work they do. Dirk as a great asset to the District.
 - **Jody Williams:** Thanked Dirk for all the hard work. Encouraged Dirk and staff to keep it up.
 - Scott Brooks: None
 - Leland Gersbach: None
- 11. Discuss agenda items for next meeting.
 - Permit hearing for Reddy Lee, LLC
 - Budget amendment for FY21
- 12. Set time and place of next meeting.

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13. Adjourn.

Board meeting adjourned and Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 4:05 p.m.

Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:

Gary Young, Secretary or Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary