

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Tuesday, July 11, 2018
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

Leland Gersbach, President
Judy Parker, Secretary
David Cole, Director
Gary Young, Director

Absent:

Wallace Biskup, Vice President
(listening in via phone from home)

Staff:

Dirk Aaron, General Mgr.
Shelly Chapman, Admin. Mgr.

Guest:

Dr. Joe Yelderman – Baylor
Mike Keester – LRE
Jennifer Wilson – USGS
Bill Schumann

Stephanie Wong – Baylor
Greg Neal – Trinity Oasis
Greg Stanton – USGS

Loy Fleischhauer – Collier Consulting
Scott Brooks
Jordan Furnans – LRE

Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:32 p.m.

Workshop Item #1. Receive preliminary report concerning Trinity Oasis, LLC pump test.

No presentation at this time. Report to be presented at the August 22nd Board Meeting.

Workshop Item #2. Discuss and review items of interest concerning the November General Election.

Dirk reviewed the information for the November General Election. He recapped the important dates and procedures that must be adhered to. On June 21st the District will post the “Notice to File” at the County Clerk’s office and will begin accepting applications from anyone interested in running for a position on the Board. Dirk reminded the Board that the At-Large position, Precinct 2, and Precinct 4 are up for re-election in November. Dirk has already submitted the preliminary election report on line with the Secretary of State. Dirk will have the Election contract to be approved at the next meeting.

Workshop Item #3. Discuss the status of the DFC determination by GMA8, per TWC section 36.108.

Dirk informed the Board that a new DFC will be in effect in September 2018. Judy Parker commented that there were no objections to this at the GMA8 meeting last month. GMA8 will be sending a letter to TWCB and Legislators regarding the problems in northern Williamson County asking TWDB to scientific assessment of the conditions in that area.

Leland wanted to publicly thank Judy for the job she has done representing the Board at GMA8. She has done an outstanding job.

Workshop Item #4. Receive scientific updates and proposals for Fy2019 from USGS & Baylor University.

Dirk touched on some the information that would be presented by USGS and Baylor. He introduced Jennifer Wilson from USGS. Received presentation on options for stream gaging and the cost associated. Jennifer informed the Board that the data transmission frequency will change from every hour to every 15 minutes. Jennifer also mentioned information about the Salado Creek bacteria study being done for the BCAMC. She stated that USGS had added \$5000 of USGS funds to this study. They discussed increasing the number of markers they are doing and added a swine marker. This means they will be looking at 5 markers instead of just 4.

Greg Stanton presented information on the surface geological surveying done near Big Boiling and proposed work to be done and cost associated. This is work that would be funded by the BCAMC. Greg also presented his thoughts on surface geophysical survey and dye tracing near the rest stop well. They aren’t sure this is a good well to use because of location to the highway. He also discussed opportunistic borehole geophysical logging as well become available.

Jennifer presented option and costs for increased/continued sampling for water quality with a nitrate monitor in the “cave” well and sampling from Edwards aquifer wells.

Dr. Yelderman gave an update on the current study they are doing at Tahuaya-Chalk Ridge Falls behind Stillhouse dam. He also presented a proposal for the Middle Trinity aquifer management project. This project includes Wellntel acoustic cloud-based data collection. They are looking to use 5 wells in this study.

Workshop Item#5. Discuss and review recommended professional hydrogeological services agreement.

Dirk explained that the District currently has professional agreements with WSP and Allan Standen. Dirk reached out to the legal team for an opinion on adding an additional company for professional hydrogeological services. Dirk introduced Mike Keester with LRE (formerly of LBG-Gyton). Dirk reminded the Board that Mike was very familiar with CUWCD having worked with us while he was employed at LBG-Gyton.

Mike gave an overview of LRE, who they are and what they do. He included a rate sheet for their services and a proposal for permit application review, drawdown analysis of the Middle and Lower Trinity aquifers, other support as needed, and the development of a Permit Application Analysis Tool.

Break 3:45-4:45

Workshop Item #6. Discuss and review items of interest concerning the FY2019 budget development.

Dirk reviewed items of interest concerning the FY2019 budget development. He explained by maintaining the current tax rate of \$.00385/\$100 value, the anticipated tax revenue would be \$703,696. This number is based on the preliminary property values from the Bell County Tax Appraisal District. The certified values should be in by the end of July.

Dirk took the budget and reviewed it with the Board line by line explaining each item and the reason for the proposed amounts, the priorities/objectives, scientific studies, and guiding principles.

Workshop Item #7. Discuss and review the District Drought designation related to water level and spring-flow measurements.

Dirk presented and reviewed the drought status designation. He explained the triggers for moving into drought. Dirk showed the Board where the areas of concern were and the extreme draw down in some areas.

Workshop adjourned, and Board Meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 4:59 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Director, David Cole, gave the invocation.
Secretary, Judy Parker, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment.

None.

3. Approve minutes of the June 12, 2018 Board meeting.

Director, Gary Young, moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 Board meeting. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.**

4. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the monthly financial report for June 2018 (FY18) as presented.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to accept the monthly financial report for June 2018 as presented. Director, Gary Young, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.**

5. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the monthly Investment Fund account report as presented.

Director, David Cole, moved to accept the monthly Investment Fund account report as presented. Secretary, Judy Parker, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.**

6. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to accept the Quarterly Deferred Compensation Employee Retirement Program account report as presented.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to accept the Quarterly Deferred Compensation Employee Retirement Program account report as presented. Director, Gary Young, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.**

7 **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to approve the FY18 line item budget amendments as requested.**

No budget amendments requested.

8 **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to approve additional professional hydrogeologic services as needed.**

This item was discussed in Workshop item #6. No further discussion. Dirk recommended the Board all LRE as an approved consultant for professional services.

Secretary, Judy Parker, moved to approve the addition of LRE for hydrogeological services. Director, David Cole, seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0, 1 absent.**

9 **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to conduct the annual performance review of the General Manager in accordance with District Bylaws Article VI, section 6.**

President, Leland Gersbach, gave Board members a performance review questionnaire of the General Manager. Of the reviews he received back, the GM received all high marks. The Board is in agreement that Dirk is on top of things and they are confident in his abilities.

No action taken on this item.

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

- Dirk recapped his meeting with Chairman Perry June 28-29.
- Dirk gave an update on building repairs: 1) A/C in server room out and is being replaced. 2) Sprinkler system in need of repair. Heart of Texas coming out to look at this. 3) A/C on mobile classroom not working properly when hooked up to generator. Bell Air is working to remedy the situation.
- Weather stations are moving forward. Dirk will be working with Dr. Greene to begin the process of digging holes. CUWCD is working to provide a posthole digger. Scott Brooks offered the equipment and Bill Schumann said he had a trailer the District could use. Dirk will coordinate picking up the equipment.
- Locations for 4 weather stations have been confirmed. 1 location change pending approval from TXDOT.
- Dirk briefed the Board on investigations for Arrowhead Hill WSC and Shiny Top Ranch.

11 **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**

(Copies of the Monthly Staff Reports were given to the Board Members to review. No action required. Information items only.)

12 **Director comments and reports.**

Judy Parker: - none

Gary Young: - attended a fund raiser for Brad Buckley. They were discussing the increase in population and the expected growth.

David Cole: - none

Leland Gersbach: - none

Wallace Biskup: - absent

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

- Approve Election contract
- Approve Election order
- Recommendation from Audit Committee regarding selection of auditing firm
- Set preliminary tax rate

14 **Set time and date for next meeting.**

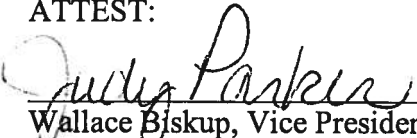
Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

15. *Adjourn.*

Board meeting adjourned with President, Leland Gersbach, at 5:38 p.m.


Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:


Wallace Biskup, Vice President
of Judy Parker, Secretary