

**MINUTES
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 13, 2014
10:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Alan Petrov (Chair), Edgar Barlow, Chris Canonico, Pete Côté, Joe Goins, Alberto Gonzalez, Ken Hufstetler, Don Johnson, Bill Latimer, Paul Maaz, Pam Puckett, Dennis Sander, Kyle Sears, Linn Smyth and Robert Ybañez.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Susan Baird, James Edwards, Jason Hayley and Lindall Murff.

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov

Chairman Petrov called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. in the Boardroom of the District office and announced the presence of a quorum.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Ms.Smyth moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 2014, be approved as presented; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.

HEARING EXAMINER'S REPORT

2. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner's Report for July 2014 (Exhibit #1).
 - 2.1 Ms. Truscott reviewed the testimony and findings for the recommendations for Houston Garden Center No. 5, Houston Garden Center-Tomball, J & K Land Development Limited and Saturnino Vega as well as 18 new wells and 70 wells with violations.
 - 2.2 Ms. Baird now present.
 - 2.3 Ms. Gay Wathen, representing Gill Family Partnership, stated that they were unaware that a well permit was required and regretted the violation. She stated the Partnership wants to take care of the unresolved violation as soon as possible.
 - 2.4 Mr. Maaz moved to accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendations; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. Chairman Petrov put the question and after the vote, announced the motion carried. Ms. Puckett abstained from voting on City of

Friendswood, North Harris County Regional Water Authority and West Harris County Regional Water Authority.

EMERGENCY PERMITS

3. The Board considered the General Manager's actions in granting emergency permits to Greg Abshire, Alamo Ready Mix, Alsay Incorporated, Aqua Texas, Inc.-Atascocita Acres, Blessey Marine Services, Inc., Javier Buenrostro, Great Oaks Estates HOA, Gulf Coast Stabilized, Tim Johnson, Jose Serneno, South Coast Construction Services, Inc. and Texas Steel Conversion. No appeals were filed and no motions were made to reconsider the actions taken by the General Manager.

COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY RESOLUTION

4. Mr. Turco reported that last month the Board requested that the Compliance and Enforcement Policy be modified to delegate to the General Manager the ability to approve Compromise and Settlement Counter Offers under a certain amount.
 - 4.1 Jill Savory, a Fort Bend County resident, addressed the Board stating she believes that the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District rules and policies create mandates for compliance and therefore form the basis for certain bond issues.
 - 4.2 Mr. Canonico moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-937 adopting the Compliance and Enforcement Policy; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY

(This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2014-937).

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

5. Mr. Turco reported that over the years the District has worked with other agencies to monitor subsidence in other counties with subsidence monitoring stations. Brazosport Water Authority would like to contract with the District to install subsidence monitoring stations in Brazoria County, and process information for use by both Districts.
 - 5.1 Mr. Maaz moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-938 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an Inter-local Agreement with the Brazosport Water Authority for the installation, operation, and maintenance of a subsidence monitoring station; it was seconded by Ms. Smyth. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.
 - 5.2 Jill Savory addressed the Board and commented that more PAM sites are a good

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idea and informed the Board of some articles related to proper scientific research methods.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BRAZOSPORT WATER AUTHORITY FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A SUBSIDENCE MONITORING STATION.

(This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2014-938).

TECHNICAL SERVICES CONTRACT

6. Mr. Turco reported that the District would like to contract with Freese and Nichols for Technical Services to review large permit applications in Regulatory Area 1, and model groundwater level declines and expected subsidence resulting from the new pumpage.
 - 6.1 Mr. Latimer moved to authorize the General Manager to contract with Freese and Nichols for Technical Services; it was seconded by Mr. Maaz.
 - 6.2 Jill Savory addressed the Board and recommended that the Board research different groundwater models. Ms. Savory recommended a particular model and some conservation websites for additional information.
 - 6.3 Mr. Maaz moved to call the question; it was seconded by Mr. Canonico. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.
 - 6.4 Chairman Petrov put the question to authorize the General Manager to contract with Freese and Nichols for Technical Services and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. Mr. Canonico abstained from voting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

7. Mr. Turco submitted the General Manager's Report. Mr. Turco announced the Finance Committee Workshop has been set for September 8th.

LEGAL MATTERS

8. Mr. Ellis updated the Board on the legal matters that concern the District.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

BY: 
Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary