

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

Board of Directors Agenda Minutes

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

The Board of Directors convened at 7:00 p.m. in a meeting pursuant to public notice having been given, at Bastrop City Hall, Bastrop, Texas. The following members of the Board were present: President, Michael Talbot; Vice-President, Billy Sherrill; Secretary-Treasurer, Doug Prinz; Directors: Herbert Cook, David Fleming, Clifton Seidel, Michael Simmang, Sheril Smith and Carl Steinbach.

Staff members present: Jim Totten, General Manager; Peggy Campion and Dana Goertz.

Consultants present: Natasha Martin and Matt Kutac, Attorneys, Andy Donnelly, Hydrogeologist and Greg Ellis.

The following members of the public attended the meeting: see attachment one (1).

1. President Talbot called the meeting to order.
2. Welcome and introductions.
3. *Pursuant to Board Rule 2.1 A, the Board will conduct its annual election for president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer.* President Talbot called for nominations for President. Director Fleming moved that the existing President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer remain in place. Director Seidel seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
4. *Public Comments.* There were no public comments.
5. *Review and approval of the minutes of the December 12, 2018 Board meeting.* Secretary-Treasurer Prinz moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 Board meeting. Director Steinbach seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
6. *Presentation on the Texas Water Development Board's Final Report: Identification of the Vulnerability of the Major and Minor Aquifers of Texas to Subsidence with Regard to Groundwater Pumping and Subsidence Prediction Tool.* Michael Keester, LRE Water, gave the presentation on the Texas Water Development Board's Final Report. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Keester answered questions from the Board and the public.
7. *Consideration of the financial report for the period of December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.* General Manager Totten presented the financial report. Director Steinbach moved to accept the financial report as presented. Director Seidel seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. *General Manager's Report.* President Talbot next recognized General Manager Totten for presentation of the General Manager's report.

9. *Discussion of and possible action regarding the process for contracting with a qualified candidate to undertake legislative efforts and to conduct lobbying on behalf of the District.* With the resignation of Robby Cook as the District's lobbyist, President Talbot asked for discussion in retaining another lobbyist. General Manager Totten related that he had spoken to Greg Ellis about serving in that capacity for the District and he is willing to do so. Mr. Ellis then answered questions from the Board. At the conclusion of questioning, Director Fleming moved to retain Greg Ellis as lobbyist for the District under the same parameters as the District used in retaining Robby Cook with the President and General Manager working out the details of the contract. Director Seidel seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. *Discussion of Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District Legislation, related legislation and/or activities occurring that affect or pertain to the District and Groundwater.* Greg Ellis gave a legislative update to the Board.

11. *Consideration of conferences, meetings and educational opportunities Board members desire to attend.* There were none at this time.

12. *Consideration of agenda calendar and events.* The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be February 20, 2019 at Giddings Public Library, Giddings, Texas.

13. *Executive session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071 so that the Board may seek the advice of its Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, including, but not limited to the following:*

- a) *End Op, LP and Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District v. Andrew Meyer, Bette Brown, Darwyn Hanna and Environmental Stewardship, Cause No. 03-18-0049-CV, Third Court of Appeals.*
- b) *Applications of Lower Colorado River Authority for Operating Permits and Transfer Permits for Eight Wells in Bastrop County; SOAH Docket No. 952-19-0705, State Office of Administrative Hearings.*

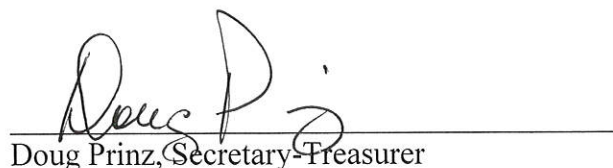
The Board went into executive session at 8:23 p.m. Director Fleming recused himself from executive session. At the conclusion of the closed meeting, the Board went back into open meeting. After returning to open session, President Talbot announced the time to be 8:29 p.m. and that no votes had been taken in the closed session.

President Talbot adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Approved:



Michael Talbot, President



Doug Prinz, Secretary-Treasurer