

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

Board of Directors Agenda Minutes

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

The Board of Directors convened at 7:00 p.m. in a meeting pursuant to public notice having been given, at Giddings Public Library, Giddings, Texas. The following members of the Board were present: Vice-President, Billy Sherrill; Directors: Herbert Cook, Phil Cook, David Fleming, Michael Simmang, Sheril Smith and Carl Steinbach.

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

Consultants present: Matt Kutac, Attorney and Andy Donnelly, Hydrogeologist.

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

1. In the absence of President Talbot, Vice-President Sherrill called the meeting to order.
2. Welcome and introductions.
3. *Public Comments.* The Board heard comments from the public.
4. *Review and approval of the minutes of the January 15, 2020 Board meeting and minutes of the public hearing.* Director Fleming moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2020 Board meeting and minutes of the public hearing. Director H. Cook seconded, which carried unanimously.
5. *Presentation on architectural and engineering services in response to the District's request for qualifications with respect to same. Negrete & Kolar Architects.* Mr. Negrete, Negrete & Kolar Architects, gave a presentation to the Board on the steps of a project from start to completion. Mr. Negrete answered questions from the Board.
6. *Consideration and possible action regarding selection of most qualified candidate responding to request for qualifications statements for professional architectural and engineering services, including Building Committee recommendation with respect to same.* Director Smith moved to direct our attorneys and staff to negotiate a contract for architectural and engineering services with Negrete & Kolar Architects. Director Steinbach seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
7. *Presentation on joint groundwater planning and Desired Future Conditions.* Andy Donnelly, Hydrogeologist, gave a presentation on the current status of joint groundwater planning with GMA 12. Mr. Donnelly and General Manager Totten then answered questions from the Board and public.

8. *Review and discussion of proposed Board member conflict of interest policy.* Attorney Matt Kutac brought before the Board a draft conflict of interest policy for consideration and future discussion. This will be placed on the March agenda.

9. *Consideration of the financial report for the period of January 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020.* General Manager Totten presented the financial report.

10. *General Manager's Report.* Vice-President Sherrill next recognized General Manager Totten for presentation of the General Manager's report.

11. *Discussion of Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District Legislation, related legislation and/or activities occurring that affect or pertain to the District and Groundwater.* In the absence of Greg Ellis, General Manager Totten gave an update to the Board.

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

13. *Consideration of agenda calendar and events.* The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be March 18, 2020 at Bastrop City Hall, Bastrop, Texas.


14. *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) *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.*

There was no action taken on this item.

Vice-President Sherrill adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Approved:



Vice-President Billy Sherrill



Assistant Secretary Peggy Campion