

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

Board of Directors Agenda Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

The Board of Directors convened at 7:10 p.m. in a telephonic meeting pursuant to public notice having been given, pursuant to the Office of the Governor's temporary suspension of certain open meetings act laws due to the novel coronavirus. The following members of the Board were present: President, Michael Talbot; Vice-President, Billy Sherrill; Directors: Herbert Cook, Phil Cook, Larry Schatte, 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 and Andy Donnelly, Hydrogeologist.

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. President Talbot recognized a moment of silence for the passing of former Board Director Doug Prinz.
3. *Public Comments.* The Board heard comments from the public.
4. *Review and approval of the minutes of the February 26, 2020 regular Board meeting.* Director Steinbach moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2020 regular Board meeting. Director P. Cook seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
5. *Consideration and possible action on setting a timeline and schedule for future meetings.* Future Board meetings will continue by telephone until deemed safe to meet in public.
6. *Consideration and possible action on the creation of an online message board for Board member usage.* President Talbot asked Attorney Natasha Martin to give a summary of the laws and policies applicable to the online message board. Natasha Martin briefed the board on the requirements to host an online message board and the applicability of the Texas Open Meetings Act to online message board communications. The Board asked several questions of its attorney and General Manager Jim Totten about the limitations of the online message board and the benefit of the message board. District Staff agreed to prepare a memo in coordination with its attorneys on the feasibility of the online message board, its benefit, and the legal implications. Director Simmang moved to take no action until the Board is presented with the benefits of creating and maintaining an online message board. Director Schatte seconded the motion, which failed with and Directors Simmang, Schatte, H. Cook, and Steinbach voting in favor, and Vice-President Sherrill and Directors Smith, and P. Cook voting against. A second motion was presented.

Director Smith moved to reconsider this item when the Board adopts a budget, has a full board, and has reviewed information provided by Legal Counsel in the memo discussed. Director P. Cook seconded the motion, which failed with Directors H. Cook, Smith, and P. Cook voting in favor, and Vice-President Sherrill and Directors Simmang, Schatte, and Steinbach voting against. President Talbot committed to working with Legal Counsel on the previously discussed memo to bring the matter back to the Board at a later date.

7. *Discussion of possible items for a future workshop meeting.* The Board discussed items that could be placed on an agenda for a workshop to aid Board members.

8. *Discussion of process for filling Board vacancy for Bastrop County.* The Bastrop County directors met to discuss the process for recommending a candidate to fill the vacancy on the Board. The Bastrop County directors will meet again to select candidates to interview.

9. *Consideration and possible action on modifying District signature authority for banking.* With the passing of Doug Prinz, a signatory on the District bank account, Director P. Cook moved to remove said signature from the bank account. Director Smith seconded the motion, which carried with Vice-President Sherrill and Directors P Cook, Simmang, Schatte, H. Cook and Smith voting in favor. Director Steinbach was absent from this point going forward in the meeting.

10. *Consideration of the financial report for the period of May 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020.* General Manager Totten presented the financial report. All Board members acknowledged receipt of the financial report.

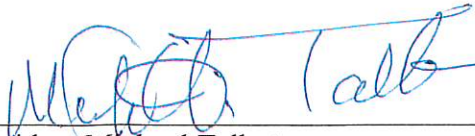
11. *General Manager's Report.* Present Talbot next recognized General Manager Totten for presentation of the General Manager's report.

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 a telephonic meeting in July, 2020.

President Talbot adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Approved:



President Michael Talbot



Assistant Secretary Peggy Champion