

## Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

### Board of Directors Agenda Minutes

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

The Board of Directors convened at 7:00 p.m. in a telephonic/video conference 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; Secretary-Treasurer Michael Simmang; Directors: Herbert Cook, Phil Cook, David Fleming, Kay Rogers, Larry Schatte, Sheril Smith and Carl Steinbach.

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

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.
3. *Public Comments.* The Board heard comments from the public.
4. *Review and approval of the minutes of the July 15, 2020 regular Board meeting.* President Talbot call for any objections to the minutes as presented, hearing none, the minutes were approved.
5. *Consideration and possible action to add Secretary-Treasurer Michael Simmang to the bank signatory.* President Talbot called for any objections to adding Secretary-Treasurer Michael Simmang to the bank signatory, hearing none, it was approved.
6. *Consideration of and possible action regarding the application of Thomas Turf Grass to amend the operating permit for District Well No. 58-55-2-0034 located in the Simsboro aquifer in Bastrop County under District Rule 7.2.E to increase the instantaneous rate of withdrawal from 2,000 gallons per minutes (gpm) to 2,450 gpm with no increase in annual production requested.* General Manager Totten reviewed the request from Thomas Turf Grass for the Board and answered questions. General Manager Totten recommended approval of said application. Director Fleming moved to approve the application of Thomas Turf Grass to amend the operating permit for District Well No. 58-55-2-0034 located in the Simsboro aquifer in Bastrop County under District Rule 7.2.E to increase the instantaneous rate of withdrawal from 2,000 gallons per minutes (gpm) to 2,450 gpm with no increase in annual production requested. Secretary-Treasure Simmang



seconded the motion, which carried. Vice-President Sherrill and Director Steinbach were present but did not vote.

7. *Presentation on joint groundwater planning in Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA12) and Desired Future Conditions.* Hydrogeologist Andrew Donnelly gave a presentation to the Board on joint groundwater planning in GMA 12 and DFC's. Mr. Donnelly then answered questions from the Board.

8. *Consideration and possible action on the creation of a committee to evaluate the creation of an online message board for use by the District's Board of Directors and authorized staff.* President Talbot withdrew this agenda item.

9. *Discussion and possible action to appoint members to an Online Message Board committee, if create.* President Talbot withdrew this agenda item.

10. *Consideration and possible action on the creation of a committee to prepare comments from the District in response to the House Committee on Natural Resources' request for submissions on interim charges and water related planning issues.* President Talbot withdrew this agenda item.

11. *Discussion and possible action to appoint members to the Interim Charges committee, if created.* President Talbot withdrew this agenda item.

12. *Consideration of the financial report for the period of July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020.* General Manager Totten presented the financial report. The financial report was accepted as presented.

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

14. *Discussion of Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District legislation, related legislation and/or activities occurring that affect or pertain to the District and Groundwater.* There was no legislative report given.

15. *Consideration of conferences, meetings and educational opportunities Board members desire to attend.* Directors Kay Rogers and P. Cook will virtually attend the Texas Groundwater Summit.

16. *Consideration of agenda calendar and events.* The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be a telephonic/video conference meeting September 16, 2020.

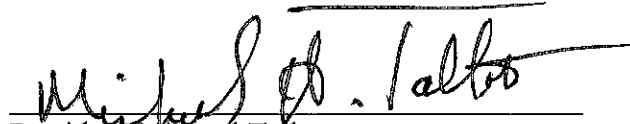
17. *Consideration of and possible action on scheduling the final hearing, which may be continued, for the Applications of Lower Colorado River Authority for Operating Permits and Transfer Permits for Eight Wells in Bastrop County; SOAH Docket No. 952-19-0705, State Office of Administrative Hearings.* There will be no final hearing/presentation from the parties or final action by the Board on these applications at this meeting. After Board discussion on possible dates for the final hearing, Secretary-Treasurer Michael Simmang moved to hold the hearing on September 9, 2020 with a possible second date on October 7, 2020 if the hearing is continued.

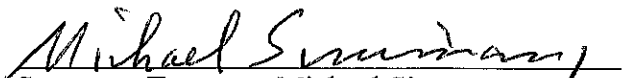


Director Schatte seconded the motion, which carried. Vice-President Sherrill was present, but did not vote. Directors Fleming, Rogers and P. Cook were recused.

President Talbot adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

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President Michael Talbot

  
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Secretary-Treasurer Michael Simmang