

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

Board of Directors Agenda Minutes

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

The Board of Directors convened an in-person/telephonic/video conference meeting at 3:32 p.m. pursuant to public notice having been given at the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District meeting room in Giddings, Texas. The following members of the Board were present in person: President Nick Textor, Vice-President Thomas Arsuffi, Secretary-Treasurer Herbert Cook, Directors Melissa Cole, Patricia Jacobs, Joshua Meuth, Debra Phillips and Nancci Phillips-Burgess.

Staff members present: Elvis Hernandez, General Manager, Peggy Campion and Claire Marks.

Consultants present: Bobby Salehi, Attorney, via Zoom.

1. *Call to Order.* President Textor called the meeting to order.

a. President Textor established a quorum.

b. President Textor welcomed the public.

c. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

d. The Texas Pledge was recited.

2. *Public Comments.* There were no public comments.

4. *Consent Agenda:*

a. *Minutes of the February 25, 2026 regular Board meeting.*

b. *Financial report through February 28, 2026.*

c. *Invoices received and payments greater than \$15,000.00.*

Director Cole moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. *Regular Agenda:*

a. *Announcements.* There were no announcements.

b. *Discussion, consideration, and possible action on District sponsorship of Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts 2026 Texas Groundwater Summit.* General Manager Hernandez presented to the Board whether the District has interest in sponsoring the 2026 Texas Groundwater Summit. The District sponsored the event in 2025. General Manager Hernandez outlined the benefits

associated with sponsorship and responded to questions from the Board. Vice-President Arsuffi moved to approve funding for sponsorship for Lost Pines for the 2026 Texas Groundwater Summit. Director Phillips-Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

c. Mitigation program update. General Manager Hernandez presented the 2026 annual mitigation program update to the Board and answered questions. The presentation included an overview of the program's background as well as a summary of expenditures to date.

d. Demonstration of District well database. General Manager Hernandez provided a demonstration of the District's well database, highlighting its many features and capabilities for the Board and the public. He also answered questions from the Board regarding the database.

e. Education and Outreach Coordinator's report. Claire Marks presented the Education and Outreach report. Please see attached. Ms. Marks answered questions from the Board regarding upcoming education and outreach events.

f. General Manager's Report. President Textor recognized General Manager Hernandez to present the General Manager's report. General Manager Hernandez presented the report to the Board, answered questions and received comments from the Board regarding the report.

g. Consideration of future agenda items. The April agenda will include employment manual update, financial audit and legislative update.

h. Set date and location of next meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on April 15, 2026, Lost Pines GCD District Office, 317 E Hempstead St., Giddings, TX 78942 at 3:30 p.m.

6. Executive Session:

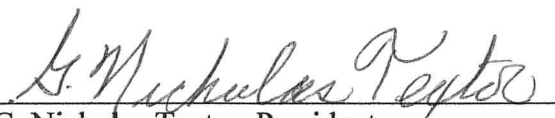
a. Executive session of the Board pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071, or any closed session permitted by law, regarding the District's pending or contemplated litigation.

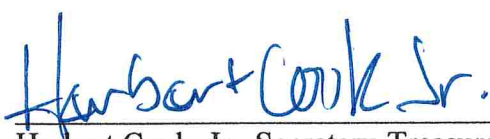
b. Executive Session of the Board pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071, or any closed session permitted by law, regarding the District's mitigation program.

The Board went into executive session at 5:26 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071, or any closed session permitted by law, to consult with its attorneys regarding pending or contemplated litigation and the District's mitigation program. The Board went back into open meeting 5:53 p.m. No action was taken during the closed meeting.

President Textor adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Approved:


G. Nicholas Textor, President


Herbert Cook, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer

Education & Outreach Report, March 18, 2026 - LPGCD Board Meeting

Outreach & Engagement

Upcoming

- Tabling at the Aqua WSC Annual Meeting @ Holtman Hall, 4045 FM 535, Rockne, TX
 - *March 27 | 2:00 PM*
 - We will promote RWH 101 & will be giving away water conservation prizes for all who register for the email newsletter.
 - Last year Director Cole and Director Arsuffi attended. **Would love a few Board Members to attend this year as well.**
- Rainwater Harvesting 101 Workshop @ Lee County AgriLife Extension Office, 310 S Grimes St., Giddings
 - *April 20 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM*
 - In collaboration with Lee County AgriLife Extension Office & Innovative Water Solutions.
 - Innovative Water Solution will be donating a 150 gallon barrel as a door prize

Program Updates

- Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program
 - **Two inspections this month.**
 - **5,050 gallons (Smithville) + 2,200 gallons (Bastrop)**
 - No new applications received Applications submitted: 21
 - Approved: 18
 - Pending: 2
 - Declined: 2
 - Inspected: 10
 - Rebate Released
 - \$10,475 (2026: 3)
 - \$34,900 is reserved for the approved applicants, leaving \$65,100 in funding available for future rainwater harvesting systems in 2026.
- Agricultural Production Meter Program
 - **Mailed out personalized letters to ag producing wells.**
 - **Most of the responses are telling us that the information in our database is inaccurate. This activity is helping us fine tune and update our database with accurate information.**
 - **5 well owners on board.**
- Student Art Contest & Photo Contest
 - Submission Deadline: March 31
- 4H2O Water Ambassador Scholarship
 - This program is for students who want to explore careers in water and gain hands-on experience in water conservation.
 - LPGCD scholarship covers program fees (\$300), reimburses expenses, and offers up to \$5,000 in scholarships for higher education (\$1,250 for each year the student participates in the program).
 - Program application deadline: April 15; Scholarship application deadline: May 1