

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

Board of Directors Agenda Minutes

Monday, April 4, 2022

The Board of Directors convened at 6:08 p.m. for an in person/telephonic/video conference meeting pursuant to public notice having been given in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The following members of the Board were present: President Sheril Smith; Vice-President Kathryn Rogers; Secretary-Treasurer Elvis Hernandez; Directors: Thomas Arsuffi, Melisa Cole, Herbert Cook, Phil Cook, Larry Schatte, Michael Simmang and Billy Sherrill.

Staff members present: Jim Totten, General Manager; Javier Saenz, Assistant General Manager and Peggy Campion.

Consultants present: Natasha Martin, Attorney and Greg Ellis, Special Counsel, Andy Donnelly and Paul Kirby, Hydrogeologists.


1. President Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Welcome and introductions.
3. *Public Comments.* The Board heard comments from the public.
4. *Public hearing regarding the applications of the City of Bastrop for Operating Permits for three proposed wells to be located in Bastrop County under District Well Nos. 58-54-8-0043, 58-54-5-0047 and 58-54-5-0048 in the Simsboro Aquifer and to withdraw 1,333 acre-feet of water per year from each well, with a total production of 3,999 acre-feet of water per year combined from the three wells, to be used for municipal purposes in the City of Bastrop Service Area in Bastrop County. Applicant further requested to aggregate annual and instantaneous withdrawals from the three proposed new wells with existing District Well J, and a variance to the District's well spacing requirements under District Rule 8.2.B.* The Board heard from Trey Job with the City of Bastrop and General Manager Totten concerning the applications for the three (3) wells. Both answered questions from the Board. Mr. Job and Director Hernandez discussed the addition of special conditions such as incorporating Bastrop's existing mitigation fund and conveyance of Bastrop's alluvial wells to the District. Mr. Job responded that he would inquire about requesting to add those conditions to the permit. The Board then heard public comments on the record during the public hearing. At the conclusion of public comments, Director H. Cook moved to close the public hearing. Director Simmang seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
5. *Consideration of and possible action on the City of Bastrop for Operating Permits for three proposed wells to be located in Bastrop County as described in Item 4, the request to aggregate production described under Item 4, and the request for a variance described under Item 4.* The Board went into executive session at 7:22 p.m. At the conclusion of the closed meeting, the Board went back into open meeting. After returning to open session at 7:48 p.m., President Smith announced that no votes were taken. Director Simmang then moved to table this agenda item until

the Board could receive more information. Vice-President Rogers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. *Executive session of the Board pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071, or any closed session permitted by law, to consult with its attorney and seek advice regarding the following Item no. 5 above.* The Board went into executive session at 7:22 p.m.

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Approved:



Sheril Smith, President



Elvis Hernandez, Secretary-Treasurer