

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

Board of Directors Agenda Minutes

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

The Board of Directors convened an in-person/telephonic/video conference meeting at 3:30 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, and Debra Phillips. Director Nancci Phillips-Burgess joined via Zoom.

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

Consultants present: Natasha Martin, Attorney and Dr. Gretchen Miller, Hydrogeologist.

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.* The Board received public comments from Andy Weir.

3. *Consent Agenda:*

a. *Minutes of the March 18, 2026 regular Board meeting.*

b. *Financial report through March 31, 2026.*

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

Director Cole moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Secretary-Treasurer Cook seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. *Regular Agenda:*

a. *Announcements.* General Manager Hernandez announced that the LCRA 2 lawsuit had been dropped. President Textor made an announcement regarding board member email use.

b. *Discussion, consideration, and possible action on mitigation application appeal.* General Manager Hernandez reported to the Board that an individual had applied for a mitigation

reimbursement, which was subsequently denied. The applicant decided to appeal the Decision, however they did not appear at the Board meeting. General Manager Hernandez stated that no evidence was found to substantiate the claimed impacts to the well regarding groundwater production. General Manager Hernandez responded to questions from the Board.

c. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on the District's annual 2025 financial audit. Elias Tristan with Singleton Clark and Company presented the 2025 District annual audit. Director Phillips moved to approve and accept the District's annual audit. Director Cole seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

d. Presentation by Spheros Environmental regarding PS4-2 modified groundwater availability model. Dr. Gretchen Miller, District hydrogeologist, presented the draft final results of the PS4-2 modification to the Board and answered questions. Dr. Miller recommended that the PS4-2_v8.wel file be used as the final well file for PS4-2 model simulations.

e. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Groundwater Management Area 12 joint planning, WestWater Research socioeconomic study and upcoming proposed Desired Future Conditions preliminary vote and public hearing. General Manager Hernandez provided an update on GMA 12 desired future conditions process. General Manager Hernandez outlined the current status and the process moving forward, he also answered questions from the Board.

f. Update regarding new board member search. Secretary-Treasurer Cook of Lee County, reported that he is recommending Hollye Fain. Ms. Fain presented remarks to the Board and answered questions from board members. Ms. Fain serves as the public relations and communication director for Aqua Water Supply Corporation. The Board heard from Natasha Martin, District Counsel, regarding the recusal process in the event of a conflict of interest with an agenda item.

g. 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.

h. 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.

i. Consideration of future agenda items. Items for next month's agenda include a legislative update, potential approval of a new board member and employment manual updates.

j. Set date and location of next meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on May 20, 2026, Lost Pines GCD District Office, 317 E Hempstead St., Giddings, TX 78942 at 3:30 p.m.

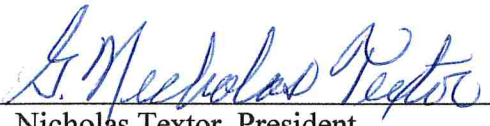
5. Executive Session:

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.

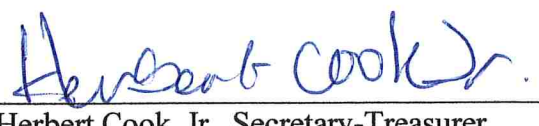
The Board did not go into executive session.

President Textor adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Approved:



G. Nicholas Textor, President



Herbert Cook, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer

Education & Outreach Report, April 15, 2026 - LPGCD Board Meeting

Outreach & Engagement

Previous

- Tabled at Aqua WSC Annual Meeting
 - Promoted the RWH 101
 - Thank you to President Textor for attending with me!
- Conducted a Groundwater 101 presentation for the Texas Master Naturalists, Gideon Linceum Chapter
 - Discussed groundwater law, groundwater management, and basic aquifer science including creating an edible aquifer.

Upcoming

- 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
- Giddings 4th Grade Wildlife Day @ Giddings ISD
 - *April 30 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM*
 - Arriving at 7:00 AM for set up
 - Showcasing a rainwater simulator and porosity model
 - Would love for Directors to come say hi to the kiddos

Program Updates

- Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program
 - **One inspection this month.**
 - 3,850 gallons (Elgin)
 - 6 applications received this year
 - Applications submitted: 21
 - Program Totals:
 - Applications submitted: 28
 - Approved submitted: 24 = 12 (approved, waiting installation) +12 (rebate released)
 - Pending: 2
 - Declined: 2
 - Inspected: 12
 - Rebate Released
 - \$13,525 (2026: 4)
 - \$43,725 available funding for future rainwater harvesting systems in 2026 = 100,000 (2026 funding) - (13,525 (2026 rebate amount) +42,750 (2026 approved systems))

- Agricultural Production Meter Program
 - Quarterly report submitted to TWDB
- Student Art Contest

Category	Place	Check Amount	Student Name	Grade	Teacher	School
K-3rd	1	100	Landon Harper	3	Ariel Kunz	Smithville Elementary
	2	75	Camila Chaverria	3	Jenna Rice	Booker T Washington Elementary
	3	50	Addison Cash	2	Aubrey Marquette	McDade Elementary
	4	25	Kennedy Henry	3	Stephanie McCarty	Booker T Washington Elementary
4th-6th	1	100	Xephenia Lopez	6	Kalya Stanley	Lexington Middle
	2	75	Audrie Perez	6	Kayla Stanley	Lexington Middle
	3	50	Liam Kinney	5	Joshua Workman	Calvary Episcopal School
	4	25	Daisy Gorostieta	5	Aubrey Marquette	McDade Elementary
7th-12th	1	100	Olivia Medina	9	Natalie Frerich	Smithville High School
	2	75	Harli Hernandez	9	Natalie Frerich	Smithville High School
	3	50	Aileen Rodriguez	10	Natalie Frerich	Smithville High School
	4	25	Alexis Robertson	11	Natalie Frerich	Smithville High School