

## Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

### Board of Directors Agenda Minutes

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

The Board of Directors convened at 7:02 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 Sheril Smith; Secretary-Treasurer Michael Simmang; Directors: Herbert Cook, Phil Cook, Kay Rogers, Larry Schatte, Billy Sherrill and Carl Steinbach.

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

Consultant's present: Natasha Martin, Attorney; Greg Ellis, Legislative Representative; Andy Donnelly, Hydrogeologist.

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 April 21, 2021 Board meeting.* Director P. Cook moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021 Board meeting. Director H. Cook seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
5. *Consideration of the financial report for the period of April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021.* General Manager Totten presented the financial report. Secretary-Treasurer Simmang moved to acknowledge acceptance of the financial report as presented. Director P. Cook seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
6. *Discussion of and possible action on the hiring of an Assistant District General Manager.* General Manager Totten gave an overview on the hiring of an Assistant District General Manager. General Manager Totten answered questions from the Board. After Board discussion, Vice-President Smith moved to approve the Assistant District General Manager's job description with minor revisions to be done by General Manager Totten. Director P. Cook seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
7. *Consideration of and possible action on proposed Resolution Establishing Authorizations for District Office Building Project delegating certain authority and responsibilities to the Board, the Board's Building Committee, and the District General Manager.* General Manager Totten reviewed the resolution for the Board. Director Rogers moved to approve the Resolution Establishing Authorizations for District Office Building Project delegating certain authority and

responsibilities to the Board, the Board's Building Committee, and the District General Manager. Director Steinbach seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. *Discussion of and possible action on designating a meeting place and changes to the meeting time for regular District Board meetings.* Natasha Martin, Attorney, was directed by the Board to evaluate the legal framework for having Board members meeting both in person and remotely. After discussion on meeting places and times, Vice-President Smith moved to designate the American Legion in Lexington, Texas and First National Bank in Bastrop, Texas as approved meeting sites. Director P. Cook seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

9. *A presentation by Environmental Stewardship and Simsboro Aquifer Water Defense Fund regarding the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) proposed by Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12) in the current round of joint planning.* Greg Ellis, Special Counsel to the Board, advised the Board of which information presented can or cannot be considered concerning GMA 12's proposed DFCs and the pending and contested Lower Colorado River Authority applications before the District Board. Steve Box, Environment Stewardship; Eric Allmon, Attorney for Environmental Stewardship; and Michele Gangnes and Andy Weir, Simsboro Aquifer Water Defense Fund all gave presentations to the Board regarding GMA 12's proposed DFCs. They answered questions from the Board and the Board heard public comment.

10. *General Manager's Report.* President Talbot next recognized General Manager Totten for presentation of the General Manager's report. The following was covered in the General Manager's report:

- a) New well activity: 12 new wells, 0 registrations
- b) Budget Committee
- c) Monitoring Committee
- d) DFC Hearing
- e) Upcoming Meetings
- i) GMA 12 – June 24<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.


11. *Discussion of Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District Legislation, related legislation and/or activities occurring that affect or pertain to the District and Groundwater.* Greg Ellis gave a legislative update to the Board.

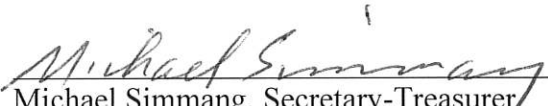
12. *Consideration of a Board retreat or workshop, conferences, meetings and educational opportunities Board members desire to attend.* There are none at this time.

13. *Consideration of agenda calendar and events.* There will be a special meeting to cover District programs on May 26, 2021. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be June 16, 2021.

President Talbot adjourned the meeting at 10:08

Approved:

  
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Michael Talbot, President

  
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Michael Simmang, Secretary-Treasurer