

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

Board of Directors Agenda Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 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, Fred Meijering, Joshua Meuth, Debra Phillips and Nancci Phillips-Burgess.

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

Consultants present: Greg Ellis, Attorney and Dr. Gretchen Miller, Hydrogeologist, 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.* The Board received public comments from Mr. Joe Burgess and Lee County Judge Frank Malinak.

3. *Consent Agenda:*

a. *Minutes of the April 15, 2026 regular Board meeting.*

b. *Financial report through April 30, 2026.*

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

Director Phillips-Burgess requested that mitigation expenditures be included in the Board packet. Vice-President Arsuffi moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Cole seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. *Regular Agenda:*

a. *Announcements.* There were no announcements.

b. *Discussion, consideration, and possible action on mitigation application appeal.* Mr. Guinn presented his mitigation appeal to the Board. General Manager Hernandez next presented the

General Manager's case and answered questions from the Board. The Board received comments from hydrogeologist Dr. Miller. Following additional Board questions and discussion, President Textor called for a motion. There being no motion to grant the appeal, the matter was closed.

c. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on updates to employment manual. Director Phillips-Burgess requested a change to 15 c. ii and iii to define or remove the levels of employees. Director Cole moved to adopt the employment manual with the change removing employee levels and all employees receiving three (3) personal days per year. Director Jacobs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

d. Legislative update. Attorney Greg Ellis provided the Board with a legislative update and answered their questions.

e. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding potential appointment of Lee County board member. Secretary-Treasurer Herbert Cook recommended that the Board appoint Hollye Fain to fill the vacancy of Sheril Smith. Mrs. Fain addressed the Board regarding serving as a Board member. After discussion by Director Phillips-Burgess concerning a conflict of interest of Mrs. Fain working for Aqua WSC and being on the Board, Vice-President Arsuffi moved to approve the appointment of Hollye Fain to the Board. Secretary-Treasurer Cook seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

f. Education and Outreach Coordinator's report. Claire Marks presented the Education and Outreach report. Please see attached.

g. 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, and answered Board questions.

h. Consideration of future agenda items. There were none at this time.

i. Set date and location of next meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on June 17, 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.

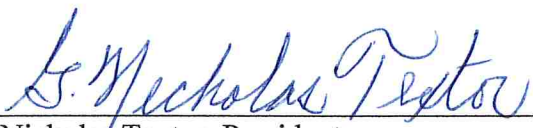
b. Executive Session of the Board pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071, or any closed session permitted by law, regarding Groundwater Management Area 12.

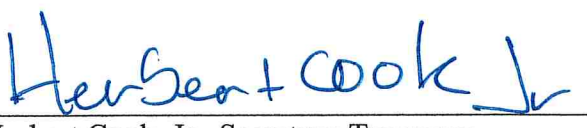
c. Executive Session of the Board pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071, or any closed session permitted by law, regarding potential appointment of Lee County board member.

The Board did not go into executive session.

President Textor adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Approved:


G. Nicholas Textor, President


Herbert Cook, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer

Education & Outreach Report, May 20, 2026 - LPGCD Board Meeting

Outreach & Engagement

Previous

- Giddings 4th Grade Wildlife Day @ Giddings ISD
 - **Reached 140 4th graders**
 - Showcased a rainwater simulator and porosity model
 - Thank you to Vice-President Arsuffi for attending
- Rainwater Harvesting 101 Workshop @ Lee County AgriLife Extension Office, 310 S Grimes St., Giddings
 - **41 in attendance**
 - Thank you to Innovative Water Solution for donating a 250 gallon barrel as a door prize
- TWDB Field Trip
 - We hosted the TWDB and presented on who we are, LPGCD history, our programs, our database, and demonstrated our porosity model, watershed model, and the edible aquifer.
- Elgin High School Senior Scholarship Ceremony
 - I had the honor and privilege to present an award to one of the winners of our essay scholarship contest.

Program Updates

- Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program
 - **No inspections this month.**
 - Met with Aqua WSC to discuss their cross-connection backflow requirements for potable rainwater harvesting systems. Will be adding this to presentations and applications moving forward.

Year	Submission	Inspected	Storage Capacity Proposed	Rebate Released	Rebate Reserved
2025	21	7	75,305	\$21,247	NA
2025	9	6	30,700	\$19,075	NA
TOTAL	30	13	106,005	\$40,322	\$50,350

- Agricultural Production Meter Program
 - **In talks with a local meter distributor to begin purchasing meters.**
 - Still working to recruit more agricultural producers to participate. If you know someone, please send them my way.