

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

Board of Directors Agenda Minutes

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

The Board of Directors convened at 7:05 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 Billy Sherrill; Secretary-Treasurer Michael Simmang; Directors: Herbert Cook, Phil Cook, David Fleming, Kay Rogers, Larry Schatte, Sheril Smith and Carl Steinbach.

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

Consultants present: Natasha Martin, Attorney and Greg Ellis, Governmental Relations and Board Attorney.

The following members of the public attended the meeting: see attachment one (1).

1. President Talbot called the meeting to order.
2. Welcome and introductions.
3. *Public Comments.* There were no comments from the public.
4. *Review and approval of the minutes of the September 16, 2020 regular Board meeting.* Secretary-Treasurer Simmang moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 regular Board meeting. Director Rogers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
5. *Consideration of the financial report for the period of September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.* General Manager Totten presented the financial report. Director H. Cook moved to accept the financial report as presented. Director Fleming seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
6. *General Manager's Report.* Present Talbot next recognized General Manager Totten for presentation of the General Manager's report. General Manager Totten answered questions from the Board.
7. *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. At the conclusion of the legislative update, there was discussion about activities that pertain to the District and groundwater. General Manager Totten answered questions from the Board. President Talbot directed District staff to include an item on the agenda for the next Board meeting related to Vista Ridge well production in Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District.

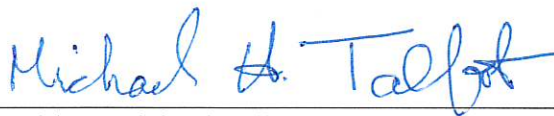
8. *Consideration of conferences, meetings and educational opportunities Board members desire to attend.* There were none at this time.

9. *Consideration of agenda calendar and events.* The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be a telephonic/video conference meeting November 18, 2020.

10. *Consideration of and possible action on scheduling the final hearing, which may be continued, for the Applications of Lower Colorado River Authority for Operating Permits and Transfer Permits for Eight Wells in Bastrop County; SOAH Docket No. 952-19-0705, State Office of Administrative Hearings. There will be no final hearing/presentation from the parties or final action by the Board on these applications at this meeting.* Greg Ellis, attorney for the Board of Directors, presented to the Board the different ways that the hearing could be held. After hearing in-put from Board members, Secretary-Treasurer Simmang moved to postpone a decision until the December Board meeting. Vice-President Sherrill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Directors Fleming, Rogers and P. Cook recused themselves from this agenda item.

President Talbot adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Approved:



President Michael Talbot



Secretary-Treasurer Michael Simmang