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Regular Meeting Minutes May 18, 2017

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on May 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, TX. A quorum to conduct business was declared present.

Directors Present: Tom Kelley, Mary Stavinoha, Russell Trefny, Sam Parks, Larry Solansky, Travis Wegenhoft
Directors Absent: Andy Labay
Staff Present: Jim Brasher
Guests: Jason Hogan

Director Kelley called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Director Kelley led the Pledge and Invocation.

There were no public comments or presentations.

Director Trefny moved to approve the April 20, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

GM Brasher presented applications for two Class A Operating Permits and a Class B Permit for Aggregation from Pallas Energy Services for use in rig supply/fracking. Pallas Energy representatives met with District's Attorney Monique Norman and GM Brasher prior to discuss the need for a permit. Pallas Energy submitted a disclaimer with the permit applications that stated that they were submitting the applications without waiving claim to an exemption under Texas Water Code Sec. 36.117(b)(2). Director Stavinoha moved to approve permits for 725.8 ac-ft for each of two wells for a three year period commencing January 1, 2017. The motion also stipulated that both wells would require a meter. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Director Kelley gave an update on HB 4291 which would change the Enabling Act for Colorado County GCD to increase fees for export of water out of the District. The bill passed the House, made it through Senate committee and is awaiting a vote on the Senate floor. GM Brasher provided an update on other significant legislation under consideration during the 85th Texas Legislature.

GM Brasher reported that there was no new information on the Clean Harbors (Altair Disposal) hazardous waste permit application to TCEQ.

Key monitor well water levels within the District were provided by GM Brasher. GM Brasher also provided a review of the proposed District Desired Future Conditions (DFC) and discussed ways to monitor adherence to the DFC.

The Board agreed that the policy would be that well owners would generally be responsible for repairs to meters that are not functioning. The Board agreed that Engstrom would have to pay for repairs to his meter, but that the District would pay for repairs to the meter for Multisource since it was returned during the warranty period.

GMA 15 meeting was held in Victoria on May 11th. The discussion on the DFC was addressed. The next GMA 15 meeting is scheduled for late summer.

GM Brasher provided LCRA Highland Lake levels as of May 17, 2017.

GM Brasher gave an update on the three TWDB weather stations being installed in Colorado County. They have been completed and are available for use.

GM Brasher gave his Investment Officer's Report which summarized the activity and status of all financial accounts held by the District. He will attend PFIA training at the TAGD meeting in Austin on May 31st.

GM Brasher provided the Disbursement Report and the Budget to Actual Expenditures Report. Director Stavinoha moved to approve both reports. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Sam Parks, Secretary

Meeting minutes approved:

Sam Parks, Secretary

Date