



<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR MEETING MINUTES</p>

**Regular Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2017**

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on January 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, TX. A quorum to conduct business was declared present.

Directors Present: Mary Stavinoha, Andy Labay, Russell Trefny, Sam Parks, Larry Solansky, Travis Wegenhoft
Directors Absent: Tom Kelley
Staff Present: Jim Brasher, Kim Kansteiner
Guests: None

Director Stavinoha called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Director Stavinoha led the Pledge and Invocation.

There were no public comments or presentations.

Director Solansky moved to approve December 7, 2016 meeting minutes. Director Labay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

GM Brasher reported on legislative and judicial issues that may affect the District. He will consult with Monique Norman regarding changes to the District's enabling act to adjust transport fees.

GM Brasher presented his Annual Report. Director Labay moved to approve the Annual Report as presented. Director Trefny seconded the motion. The motion carried.

GB Brasher discussed a permitting violation for a well owned by Raphael Ortega located near Rock Island. The Board agreed that the well owner must by the end of January either submit an administratively complete permit application or provide in writing a statement that the well would be permanently plugged. If no response is received by January 31st, the District will refer the issue to the CCGCD attorney, Monique Norman.

GM Brasher presented an overview of the Clean Harbors (Altair Disposal) hazardous waste permit application to TCEQ. GB Brasher will notify the Board when more information is available.

GM Brasher reviewed key monitor well water levels within the District. He highlighted to the Board the alarming decline of the Schonenberg well over the past several months.

GM Brasher reported on the 35 permit renewals that were due at year end. 33 renewals were issued. One well owner, Raphael Ortega, has ignored renewal reminders. Brasher will refer the issue to CCGCD attorney, Monique Norman. One permit renewal missed the deadline to change ownership and will need to submit a new application.

GM Brasher discussed permits for Pine Cove and Big Easy Ranch that had exceeded their permitted amounts. GM Brasher suggested the installation of additional meters on wells for both permittees in lieu of penalty. Permit amendments will be required for Big Easy and Pine Cove permits.

GM Brasher provided LCRA Highland Lake levels as of December 7, 2016.

GM Brasher gave his Investment Officer's Report which summarized the activity and status of all financial accounts held by the District. The Pioneer Bank CD will mature in February. \$100,000 will be transferred from the CD to the TexPool investment account.

The Board discussed several proposals received for auditing services. Director Labay moved to approve hiring Seidel & Schroeder from Brenham contingent upon verification of references listed in their proposal. Director Parks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OM Kansteiner provided the Disbursement Report and the Budget to Actual Expenditures Report. Director Parks moved to approve the Disbursement Report. Director Trefny seconded the motion. The motion carried. Director Solansky Labay moved to approve the Budget to Actual Expenditures Report. Director Solansky seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 9:06 pm. to discuss annual staff evaluations. The Board reconvened at 9:22 p.m. Director Trefny moved to approve a 3% salary increase for GM Brasher and OM Kansteiner and to approve a \$50.00 per month cell phone allowance for OM Kansteiner to conduct District business. Director Labay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Kim Kansteiner, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved:

Sam Parks, Secretary

Date