



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

**Regular Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2017**

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on February 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, TX. A quorum to conduct business was declared present.

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

Director Kelley called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Director Kelley led the Pledge and Invocation.

There were no public comments or presentations.

Director Parks moved to approve the January 19, 2017 meeting minutes. Director Solansky seconded the motion. The motion carried.

GM Brasher and the District's attorney, Monique Norman, gave an update on the 85th Texas Legislature decisions. Also discussed was the adoption of a resolution in support of amending the District's enabling act to increase export fee authority. Director Parks moved to approve the adoption of Resolution 2017-1: Colorado County Groundwater Conservation Support for Amending Its Enabling Act to Increase Export Fee Authority. Director Wegenhoft seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director Parks moved to approve hiring lobbyist, Robby Cook, for three months for a total fee of \$7,500. Director Solansky seconded the motion. The motion carried.

GM Brasher presented an overview of the Clean Harbors (Altair Disposal) hazardous waste permit application to TCEQ. The ruling was expected to be made in February but may not occur until April or May.

GM Brasher provided an update on a permitting violation for a well located in Rock Island and owned by Raphael Ortega. Mr. Ortega has ignored multiple requests to comply with District Rules. The issue has been referred to the District's attorney, Monique Norman.

GM Brasher provided a list of wells that still require a meter. GM Brasher will notify these well owners once again that measurements are needed so that the District can order the correct size meter. Director Kelley will follow up with Field Tech, Marv Ulbricht, regarding meters that have been awaiting installation for some time.

GM Brasher reviewed key monitor well water levels within the District.

GM Brasher discussed wells for Big Easy Ranch that have exceeded the permitted amount. Brasher suggested the installation of a meter for the well issued permit number OP-A-0122. Big Easy will pay for half of the cost of the meter. GM Brasher also discussed exceeded permits for Pine Cove. He will follow up with Pine Cove to amend their permits and discuss the cost of their meters.

GM Brasher reported on annual water use data still not received. Still outstanding as of today are one Class C, one Class B and five Class A. GM Brasher will follow up with these.

GM Brasher provided LCRA Highland Lake levels as of today.

GM Brasher gave a 2.5 hour presentation to the Texas Masters Naturalist on February 13th in Winedale.

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 was renewed for one year. There was a slight increase in the rate. Excess funds in the Industry Bank account were transferred to TexPool. OM Kansteiner provided a revised signature card from Industry State Bank to update signers on the account.

GM Brasher presented a copy of the engagement letter provided by Seidel & Schroeder of Brenham. The letter was signed by President, Tom Kelley and General Manger, Jim Brasher. The Board discussed the auditor's fee of \$4,500 to \$5,000. The audit will commence in March and will be completed no later than May 15.

OM Kansteiner provided the Disbursement Report and the Budget to Actual Expenditures Report. Director Parks moved to approve both reports. Director Stavinoha seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Upcoming meeting dates were discussed. The Board was asked if they prefer to continue meeting at 7:00 p.m. or if they would like to start earlier. The Board agreed to continue meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Director Stavinoha inquired about the upcoming audit. Direct Solansky gave a review of the TCEQ Water Conference he recently attended. He said the conference was very informative.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Kim Kansteiner, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved:

Sam Parks, Secretary

Date