

**MINUTES
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 8, 2014
10:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Susan Baird, Chris Canonico, Pete Côté, James Edwards, Joe Goins, Alberto Gonzalez, Jason Hayley, Ken Hufstetler, Don Johnson, Bill Latimer, Paul Maaz, Alan Petrov, Dennis Sander, Linn Smyth, and Claudia Williamson.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Lindall Murff, John Saavedra and Robert Ybañez.

PRESIDING: Paul Maaz

Chairman Maaz called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. in the Boardroom of the District office and announced the presence of a quorum.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Ms. Smyth moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2013, be approved as presented; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. Chairman Maaz put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.

HEARING EXAMINER'S REPORT

2. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner's Report for December 2013 (Exhibit #1).
 - 2.1 Ms. Truscott reviewed the testimony and findings for the recommendations of John Evans, Gulbrandsen Technologies, Inc. and George Foremen as well as 10 new wells and 59 wells with violations.
 - 2.2 Ms. Baird now present.
 - 2.3 Ms. Smyth moved to accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendations; it was seconded by Ms. Williamson. Chairman Maaz put the question and after the vote, announced the motion carried.

EMERGENCY PERMITS

3. The Board considered the General Manager's actions in granting emergency permits to Harris Co. M.U.D. 530, Harris Co. M.U.D. 531, Tim Renfrow and James Warren. No appeals were filed and no motions were made to reconsider the actions taken by the General Manager.

CONTRACTS

4. Mr. Canonico moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-929 contracting with Carole D. Baker LLC to provide public affairs consulting services; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. Chairman Maaz put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion passed. (Yea – 14, Nay –1) Mr. Johnson voting against.

RESOLUTION CONTRACTING WITH CAROLE D. BAKER LLC TO PROVIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONSULTING SERVICES.

(This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2014-929).

5. Mr. Latimer moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-930 contracting with Averitt and Associates to represent the District in matters before state agencies and the legislature; it was seconded by Ms. Williamson. Chairman Maaz put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion passed. (Yea – 14, Nay –1) Mr. Johnson voting against.

RESOLUTION CONTRACTING WITH AVERITT AND ASSOCIATES TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN MATTERS BEFORE STATE AGENCIES AND THE LEGISLATURE.

(This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2014-930).

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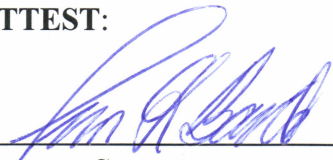
6. Greg Ellis updated the Board regarding filing an Amicus Brief for the District in the case of Edwards Aquifer Authority v. Bragg Pecan Farms and a suit filed in Fort Bend County: Richmond and Rosenberg v the Fort Bend Subsidence District
7. Mr. Latimer moved to deny the well permit appeal for Shell Hogues; it was seconded by Ms. Smyth. Chairman Maaz put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

8. Mr. Turco announced the birth of a daughter to Daniel Newcomb, the Director of Finance for the District.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

BY: 
Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary