

**MINUTES  
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FEBRUARY 11, 2015  
10:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:** Alan Petrov (Chair), Susan Baird, Edgar Barlow, Chris Canonico, Pete Côté, James Edwards, Joe Goins, Alberto Gonzalez, Jason Hayley, Ken Hufstetler, Don Johnson, Bill Latimer, Lindall Murff, Pam Puckett, Kathy Rogers, Dennis Sander, Kyle Sears and Linn Smyth, and Robert Ybañez.

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT:** None

**PRESIDING:** Alan Petrov

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

**OATH OF OFFICE**

1. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott administered the oath of office to Mr. Barlow, Mr. Côté, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Goins, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Sander.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

2. Chairman Petrov opened the floor for nominations for the offices of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary.
  - 2.1 Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Petrov for Chairman; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. There were no other nominations. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.
  - 2.2 Ms. Baird is now present.
  - 2.3 Mr. Johnson nominated Ms. Smyth for Vice Chairman; the motion did not receive a second.
  - 2.4 Mr. Latimer nominated Mr. Sander for Vice Chairman; it was seconded by Ms. Puckett. There were no other nominations. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.
  - 2.5 Mr. Hufstetler nominated Ms. Baird for Secretary; it was seconded by Mr. Gonzalez. There were no other nominations. Chairman Petrov put the question

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and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

3. Mr. Latimer moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2015, be approved as presented; it was seconded by Ms. Smyth. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.

### **HEARING EXAMINER'S REPORT**

4. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner's Report for January 2015 (Exhibit #1).
  - 4.1 Ms. Truscott reviewed the testimony and findings for the recommendations for Discovery Ventures, Ramada Inn, and Gulf South Fence & Access as well as 14 new wells.
  - 4.2 Ms. Rogers is now present.
5. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott administered the oath of office to Ms. Baird and Ms. Rogers.
4. (continued):
  - 4.3 Ms. Smyth moved to accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendations; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. Chairman Petrov put the question and after the vote, announced the motion carried.

### **EMERGENCY PERMITS**

6. The Board considered the General Manager's actions in granting emergency permits to Hans Boone, Ellisor Investments, Ltd, Jaqueline Guzman, Lattimore Materials, Paul Nacol, Star Concrete Pumping and Targa Downstream LLC. No appeals were filed and no motions were made to reconsider the actions taken by the General Manager.

### **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

7. Mr. Turco presented an Interlocal Agreement with the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District for the installation, operation and maintenance of subsidence monitoring sites.
  - 7.1 Mr. Canonico moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-952, authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District for joint installation of Global Positioning System Units; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR JOINT INSTALLATION OF GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS UNITS**

(This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2015-952).

**AUDITOR CONTRACT RESOLUTION**

8 Mr. Turco stated that this resolution authorizes the contracting with WhitneyPenn to conduct the District's Annual Audit for 2014; the audit expense is included in the 2015 budget.

8.1 Mr. Latimer moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-954, authorizing contracting for audit services; it was seconded by Ms. Smyth. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTING FOR AUDIT SERVICES**

(This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2015-954).

**VEHICLE PURCHASE AND DISPOSAL**

9 Mr. Turco reported that all of the District's vehicles would need replacement in the near future, but that he is recommending replacing four vehicles in 2015. The resolution would allow the District to purchase up to four vehicles working with Houston-Galveston Area Council ("HGAC") for fleet pricing, and dispose of surplus District vehicles; the cost of the four vehicles is already included in the 2015 budget.

9.1 Mr. Hufstetler moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-955, authorizing the purchasing of new District vehicles and the disposal of surplus District vehicles; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW DISTRICT VEHICLES AND THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS DISTRICT VEHICLES**

(This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2015-955).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS POLICY**

10 Mr. Johnson stated that most other government entities have a specific agenda item for public comments. Discussion ensued among the Board Members concerning this topic.

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10.1 Mr. Johnson moved to add an Agenda Item on future monthly agendas for receiving public comments; it was seconded by Mr. Goins. Mr. Canonico moved to amend the motion to include a 3-minute time limit for public comment; the amendment was acceptable to the author. Chairman Petrov put the amended question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. [Yeas- 18, Nay- 1 (Mr. Hufstetler)]

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

11 Mr. Turco submitted the General Manager's Report.

### **LEGAL MATTERS**

12 Mr. Ellis updated the Board on the legal matters that concern the District.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION OR SETTLEMENT OFFERS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS**

13 The Board of Directors went into Executive Session at 10:57 a.m. as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, Government Code, to discuss proposed settlement offers and pending or contemplated litigation in consultation with the General Counsel, and Section 551.074, Government Code, to discuss personnel matters.

13.1 Following Executive Session, the Board resumed the open meeting at 11:13 a.m.

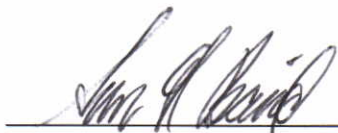
**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**

BY:



**Chairman**

ATTEST:



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**Secretary**