

**MINUTES
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 8, 2014
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, Paul Maaz, Lindall Murff, Pam Puckett, Dennis Sander, Kyle Sears, Linn Smyth and Robert Ybañez.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: None

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Mr. Latimer moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2014, 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

2. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner's Report for September 2014 (Exhibit #1).
 - 2.1 Ms. Truscott reviewed the testimony and findings for the recommendations for E Jim Enterprise, LLC and Lakey-Carr Enterprises as well as 25 new wells and 50 wells with violations.
 - 2.2 Betty Myres gave the Board history on the usage of the well regarding the time period it had served a second house.
 - 2.3 Dean Allcorn, representing Larry Burks (dba Mainland Concrete, Inc.), informed the Board of the progress that Mainland Concrete, Inc. has made in being able to use surface water from a canal. The company requires clean water to make concrete, and they found that utilizing a settling pond allowed the surface water to clear enough for their process. Mr. Allcorn stated that only the office is using groundwater at this time and requested the permit be raised to 200,000 gallons per year to ensure that they will not overpump the permit.

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- 2.4 Mr. Maaz moved to accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendations; it was seconded by Ms. Pucket. Chairman Petrov 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 Raobert J. Abatecola, Ballard Exploration Company, Inc., Cherry Crushed Concrete, Dr. Peter Ghosh, PhD, Mike Linn, Keith W. Nelson, Pulte Homes of Texas, LP & Beazer Homes Texas Holdings, Inc., Bobby Ricks, Adriana Romo and David Rose. No appeals were filed and no motions were made to reconsider the actions taken by the General Manager.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2015 BUDGET

4. Mr. Maaz, Chair of the Finance Committee, stated that the Finance Committee met and reviewed the proposed 2015 budget and recommends it adoption.
 - 4.1 Mr. Maaz moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-940 adopting a budget for the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District for the period beginning January 1, 2015, and ending December 31, 2015; it was seconded by Mr. Hufstetler.
 - 4.2 Mr. Turco presented the budget to the Board and answer questions from the Board Members. Mr. Johnson raised several objections related to salary increases, employee contributions toward health insurance cost, and the Finance Committee procedures. Mr. Canonico called the question; it was seconded by Mr. Hufstetler. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.
 - 4.3 Chairman Petrov put the question approving Resolution 2014-940 adopting the 2015 Budget and, after the vote, announced the motion passed. (Yea – 16, Nay – 1) Mr. Johnson voting against. Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Latimer out of the room.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

(This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2014-940).

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

LEGAL MATTERS

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

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

BY: 
Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary

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