

**MINUTES
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 9, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Susan Baird, Edgar Barlow, Chris Canonico, Pete Côte, James Edwards, Alberto Gonzalez, Ken Hufstetler, Don Johnson, Bill Latimer, Shannon Lucas, Lindy Murff, Katherine Ostroff, Alan Petrov, Pam Puckett, Kathy Rogers, Kyle Sears, Linn Smyth, Shaun Theriot-Smith

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Joe Goins

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov, Chairman

Chairman Petrov called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. in the Boardroom of the District office and announced the presence of a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO BOARD MEMBERS

2. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott administered the oath of office to Ms. Baird, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Ostroff, Ms. Puckett and Mr. Theriot-Smith.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

3. Chairman Petrov introduced a new Director to the Board, for the City of Houston, Ms. Katherine Ostroff.
4. Chairman Petrov opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman, which is now vacant.
 - 4.1. Mr. Gonzales nominated Ms. Baird for Vice Chairman. There being no other nominations, Chairman Petrov asked for a motion to close the nominations and elect Susan Baird as Vice Chairman. Ms. Smyth so moved. It was seconded by Mr. Gonzalez. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote announced the motion carried. None opposed.
5. Chairman Petrov stated that since Ms. Baird was serving as Secretary, the Board would need to now elect another Director to act as Secretary.
 - 5.1. Mr. Canonico nominated Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Hufstetler nominated Ms. Rogers. There being no other nominations, Mr. Latimer motioned to close the nominations and take a vote. Ms. Puckett seconded the motion. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote announced the motion carried. None opposed.

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- 5.2. Chairman Petrov asked if the candidates would like to make a statement. Mr. Gonzalez and Ms. Rogers both made short statements, after which Chairman Petrov asked for those in favor of Mr. Gonzalez to vote by raising their hands. After counting twelve votes for Mr. Gonzalez, out of a possible nineteen, Chairman Petrov declared Mr. Gonzalez elected as the new Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2018

6. Ms. Rogers moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2018, be approved; it was seconded by Ms. Smyth. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.

HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT

7. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner's Report for April 2018, including the testimony and findings for ATCO Valley Plaza, Bull Dog Tool Company, Ramona Campfield, Jose Hernandez, and INEOS Polyethylene.
 - 7.1. Mr. Barlow moved to accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendations; it was seconded by Mr. Canonico. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried. Chairman Petrov asked if there were any abstentions. No abstentions.

EMERGENCY PERMITS

8. The Board considered the General Manager's action in granting emergency permits to Tom Dixon, Julio Cesar Hengg, Javier Lozano, Timbercrest Village, L.L.C., and Woodcreek MUD. No appeals were filed and no motions were made to reconsider the actions taken by the General Manager.

CONSIDER CANCELLATION, RESCINDING, OR VOIDING PERMIT NUMBER 187922, AQUA TEXAS, INC. (ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR HEARING JANUARY 9, 2018).

9. Mr. Turco stated that Aqua Texas, Inc., has been discussed in previous Board meetings, relating to violations on the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 permits. At the same time, the 2017-2018 permit went through the regular hearing process for cancellation, and the matter has been continued since January. Aqua Texas, Inc., has now received a 2018-2019 permit, as part of the regular permit renewal process. Mr. Turco stated that the Staff recommendation is to take no action on the permit cancellation, since that permit has now expired.
 - 9.1. District Counsel recommended meeting in executive session before taking a vote on this matter. Chairman Petrov asked for any objections to postponing this item. There were no objections and further discussion was postponed to the end of the agenda.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

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

(The General Manager's Report is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District as part of the Board's Agenda Packet for this meeting.)

LEGAL MATTERS

10. Mr. Ellis updated the Board on recent litigation on groundwater issues.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. The Board of Directors went into executive session at 10:31 a.m., as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, Government Code, to discuss legal matters.
 - 11.1. Following the Executive Session, the Board resumed the open meeting at 11:25 a.m.
 - 11.2. Chairman Petrov asked if there was a motion on Cancellation, Rescinding, or Voiding Permit Number 187922, Aqua Texas, Inc. No motion was made and no action taken.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:26 A.M.

BY: 
Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary