

**MINUTES
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 12, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Edgar Barlow, Chris Canonico, Pete Côte, James Edwards, Alberto Gonzalez, Don Johnson, Bill Latimer, Lindy Murff, Katherine Ostroff, Alan Petrov, Pam Puckett, Kathy Rogers, Kyle Sears, and Linn Smyth

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Susan Baird, Joe Goins, Shannon Lucas, Shaun Theriot-Smith

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov, Chairman

Chairman Petrov called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. in the Boardroom of the District office and announced the presence of a quorum.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR KENNETH R. (KEN) HUFSTETLER

1. Chairman Petrov read into the record, Memorial Resolution No. 2018-1028, for Director Kenneth R. (Ken) Hufstetler, who passed away.
 - 1.1. Mr. Latimer moved that Resolution 2018-1028 be approved; it was seconded by Ms. Rogers. Mr. Latimer thanked all those who attended Mr. Hufstetler's funeral. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.
 - 1.2. Chairman Petrov called for a moment of silence for Mr. Hufstetler and his family.

(This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2018-1028.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 14, 2018**

3. Mr. Gonzalez moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2018, be approved; it was seconded by Ms. Puckett. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.

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HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT

4. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner's Report for November 2018, including the testimony and findings for Southwestern Trees Garden Center and Finger Companies.
 - 4.1. Mr. Latimer moved to accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendations; it was seconded by Ms. Smyth. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried. Chairman Petrov called for abstentions. There were none.

EMERGENCY PERMITS

5. The Board considered the General Manager's action in granting emergency permits to Kent Freeman, Jorge Hernandez, Intergulf Corporation, and Sachi Trading Co.
 - 5.1. Ms. Baird is present.
 - 5.2. Mr. Theriot-Smith is present.

PRESENTATION FROM AL RENDL

6. Presentation "Securing Water for Today and Tomorrow" by Mr. Al Rendl, Board President of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority.

RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND APPROVING THE DISTRICT INVESTMENT POLICY AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY

7. Mr. Turco stated that the Board is required to review the District investment policy and investment strategy annually. The only change to the policy is the addition of a clause required by recent legislation prohibiting contractors from boycotting the State of Israel.
 - 7.1. Mr. Latimer moved to approve Resolution 2018-1025; it was seconded by Ms. Rogers. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried.

(This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2018-1025.)

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A 2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

8. Mr. Turco stated that over the past few months the General Manager, the District Legislative Affairs Consultant, and the District General Counsel, worked together to develop and recommend a Legislative Agenda for the 86th Session of the Texas Legislature to the District Legislative Committee. The Agenda is the result of multiple meetings and was unanimously recommended to the Board for consideration at the November 27, 2018, Legislative Committee Meeting.
 - 8.1. Ms. Puckett moved to approve Resolution 2018-1026; it was seconded by Ms. Smyth.

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After discussion, Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried.

(This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2018-1026.)

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN MATTERS BEFORE THE 86TH LEGSLATURE

9. Mr. Petrov stated that this Resolution gives the General Manager formal approval to speak for the District in matters of the 86th Legislative Session.

9.1. Ms. Rogers moved to approve Resolution 2018-1027; it was seconded by Ms. Smyth. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried.

(This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2018-1027.)

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

10. 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

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

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE AND COMPENSATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

12. The Board of Directors went into executive session at 11:20 a.m., as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, Government Code, to discuss legal and/or personnel matters.

12.1. Following the Executive Session, the Board resumed the open meeting at 11:45 a.m. Chairman Petrov asked if there was a motion from the closed session. Mr. Johnson moved to increase the General Managers salary by 5%. Ms. Smyth seconded the motion. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:47 A.M.

BY: 
Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary