MINUTES
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH 13, 2019
10:00 A.M.


MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Pete Côte, Joe Goins, and Lindy Murff,

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov, Chairman

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2019

2. Ms. Smyth moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2019, be approved; it was seconded by Mr. Edwards. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.

HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT


3.1. Ms. Ostroff moved to accept the Hearing Examiner’s recommendations; it was seconded by Ms. Puckett. Chairman Petrov called for abstentions. There were none. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried.

EMERGENCY PERMITS

4. The Board considered the General Manager’s action in granting emergency permits to Harris County Precinct 1, and Skipper Smith.
RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING TESTIMONY REGARDING THE DETERMINATION OF EFFECTS OF GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL ON LAND SUBLINCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

6. Ms. Rogers moved to approve Resolution 2019-1030 calling for a public hearing for the purpose of hearing testimony regarding the determination of effects of groundwater withdrawal on land subsidence during the year ending December 31, 2018. It was seconded by Ms. Baird.

6.1. Mr. Turco stated that one of the District’s statutory requirements is to produce an annual groundwater report, and then present that information during a public hearing, after which the report is held open for comments for seven days. The groundwater report is then brought to the Board for approval.

6.2. 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. 2019-1030.)

RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE DISTRICT BYLAWS

7. Mr. Turco stated that the Administrative Committee has discussed seating arrangements at the Board table, at least twice since the fall of 2018. On February 13, 2019, the committee agreed unanimously to recommend the addition of language to clarify the seating arrangement.

7.1. Ms. Smyth moved to approve the Resolution 2019-1031 adopting a revision to the District bylaws. It was seconded by Ms. Ostroff.. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. Mr. Sears voted no. Mr. Canonicco abstained.

(This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2019-1030.)

PRESENTATION FROM DISTRICT STAFF REGARDING THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

8. Mr. Turco stated that beginning in March of last year, staff began presenting the Board with a summary of the previous year’s budget compared to the actual expenditures and revenues realized.

8.1. Daniel Newcomb, the District’s Director of Finance & Administrative Services, presented a review of the District’s 2018 fiscal budget plan, as compared to 2018 actuals.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

5. 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.)

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LEGAL MATTERS

6. Mr. Ellis updated the Board on recent legislation and litigation on groundwater issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. None

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:10 A.M.

BY: [Signature]
Chairman

ATTEST: [Signature]
Secretary

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