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


MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Joe Goins, Ken Keller, Lindy Murff, and Pam Puckett

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov, Chairman

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Chairman Petrov called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. in the Boardroom of the District office and announced the presence of a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. Since their comments all pertain to the Hearing Examiner’s Report, Reverend Raul R. Navarro, Mr. James E. Smith, and Mr. Garry L. Smith, all elected to speak to the Board at the time that the Hearing Examiner’s Report is presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2019

3. Ms. Mears moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2019, be approved; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried.

HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT

4. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner’s Report for June 2019, including the testimony and findings for Hydrl USA Distribution, L.L.C., and RCCG New Life Center.

4.1. Mr. James Smith addressed the Board regarding his well located in Hitchcock (14587), Galveston County, stating that he is looking for an alternative to installing a meter. The well is used for irrigating a small garden.

4.2. After discussion, Ms. Smyth moved to accept the Hearing Examiner’s recommendations; it was seconded by Ms. Rogers. Chairman Petrov called for abstentions. There were none.

4.3. Mr. Garry Smith addressed the Board regarding the same well as Mr. James Smith, stating that he co-owns the property where the well is located.

4.4. After discussion, Mr. Sears moved to amend the motion to exclude the subject well (14587) from the Hearing Examiners report and table that item to the next Board meeting; Ms. Smyth and Ms.

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Rogers accepted the amendment. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the amended motion carried.

EMERGENCY PERMITS

5. The Board considered the General Manager’s action in granting emergency permits to Church of the Nazarene, James David, Douglas Utility Company, Mima Granado, Hilcorp Energy Company, Iglesia De Cristo, Pronto Crane, Southern Crushed Concrete, L.L.C.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING TESTIMONY REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT RULES.

6. Mr. Turco stated that the District Rules will need to be amended to address specific legislation changes passed during the 86th legislative session. This item is to call a public hearing to be held on September 11, 2019, during the regular Board meeting.

   6.1. Ms. Rogers moved to approve the Resolution No. 2019-1033, calling a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing testimony regarding proposed amendments to the District Rules. It was seconded by Mr. Côté. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

   (This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2019-1033.)

CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF WORK ORDER NO. 3 WITH BOCI ENGINEERING, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES.

7. Mr. Turco stated that the District began the process of evaluating the HVAC system in 2018 and that this item is approving Work Order No. 3, with Boci Engineering, Inc., which is the next step in that process. After an analysis of the options earlier in the year, the District posed an RFQ/P for the design build project to replace the air handler and the chiller. State law requires the District to have a mechanical engineer as an owner’s representative during this process. Boci Engineering, Inc., will serve in that capacity throughout the contract negotiations, design, build, testing and start-up of the new system. This item is budgeted in the 2019 approved budget and does not require an amendment.

   7.1. After discussion, Ms. Smyth moved to approve Work Order No. 3 with Boci Engineering, Inc. It was seconded by Ms. Lucas. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

8. Mr. Turco introduced and welcomed new Staff member, Ronda Trow, who will be the Senior Public Relations Specialist. Mr. Turco then 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

9. Mr. Ellis updated the Board on recent legislation and litigation on groundwater issues.
EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS

9.1. None.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:13 A.M.

BY: Chairman

ATTEST: Secretary