
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Susan Baird, Joe Goins, Ken Keller, and Jason Long

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov, Chairman

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT RULES

1. Chairman Petrov opened a Public Hearing at 10:08 a.m. on the proposed amendments to the District Rules.

   1.1. Greg Ellis, District General Council, stated that adjustments are needed to the District Rules based on changes in the law passed during the 2019 Legislative Session. He added that a few other minor adjustments will be proposed as well.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT RULES

2. None.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DISTRICT RULES

3. Chairman Petrov closed the public hearing at 10:18 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3. Chairman Petrov called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. in the Boardroom of the District office and announced the presence of a quorum.


PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. None.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2019

6. Ms. Mears moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 2019, 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 August 2019, including the testimony and findings for The Gulf Coast Center, Mainland Coastal Transportation, and Walden Pond Owners Association.

7.1. After discussion, Mr. Latimer moved to accept the Hearing Examiner’s recommendations; it was seconded by Ms. Rogers. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried. No abstentions.

EMERGENCY PERMITS

8. The Board considered the General Manager’s action in granting emergency permits to Paul Balli, FER Properties (5 wells), Harris County MUD No. 565, Herbert R. Marquez, Drue Michel, and Rahlek, Ltd.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT RULES

9. Mr. Petrov stated that this item relates back to the proposed changes to the District Rules, which was the subject of the public hearing just completed. He asked if there was a motion on this item.

9.1. Mr. Latimer moved that the resolution amending the District Rules be approved; it was seconded by Mr. Côté. 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. 2019-1034.)

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A WATER CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

10. Mr. Turco told the Board that the District has been evaluating the footprint of the water conservation program for the last several months and believes that a grant program would broaden the scope of the overall program, by encouraging the public at the local level to get involved.

10.1. Ms. Smyth, Chair of the Water Conservation Program Committee, stated that the committee’s goal was to make the parameters of the project as broad as possible in order to encourage a good response from the public. The committee felt strongly that program funding should be put to work in the community, to achieve more water conservation opportunities at the local level.

10.2. Mr. Turco gave a timeline for launching the request for applications later this month and that any contract would return to the full Board for approval.

10.3. Mr. Murff is present.

10.4. After discussion, Ms. Smyth moved that the resolution establishing a Water Conservation Program be approved; it was seconded by Ms. Rogers. Chairman Petrov put the question and,
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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. 2019-1035.)

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

11. 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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS

13. None.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:00 A.M.

BY: [Signature]
Chairman

ATTEST: [Signature]
Secretary

Approved October 9, 2019 Board Meeting