MINUTES
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JUNE 12, 2020, 10:00 A.M.
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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Ken Keller

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov, Chairman

Chairman Petrov called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Due to restrictions of COVID-19, the meeting also had a remote attendance option via GoToMeeting. The role was called and Chairman Petrov 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 Mr. Chris Canonico, Ms. Pam Puckett, and Mr. Shaun Theriot-Smith.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 13, 2020
3. Mr. Long moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2020, be approved; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. Chairman Petrov called for objections, and hearing none, Chairman Petrov announced the motion carried unanimously.

HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT

4.1. Mr. Goins is present remotely.

4.2. Mr. Latimer moved to accept the Hearing Examiner’s recommendations; it was seconded by Ms. Rogers. Chairman Petrov called for abstentions. No abstentions were heard. Chairman Petrov called for objections to the hearing examiners report, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously.
EMERGENCY PERMITS

5. The Board considered the General Manager’s action in granting emergency permits to D’Antonio L.P., Go Car Guys, Harris County, M. J. Sheridan of Texas, Inc., Barbara Seber, Thomas Trejo, and Weisinger Incorporated.

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR KEVIN E. EBROM RECOGNIZING HIS 39 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT

6. Chairman Petrov read the resolution into the record, recognizing Kevin E. Ebrom for his service to the District.

   6.1. Mr. Latimer moved to approve the resolution; it was seconded by Ms. Rogers. Chairman Petrov called for objections, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR WILLIAM (MIKE) CHRISMER RECOGNIZING HIS 35 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT

7. Chairman Petrov read the resolution into the record, recognizing William (Mike) Chrismer, for his service to the District.

   7.1. Mr. Latimer moved to approve the resolution; it was seconded by Ms. Baird. Chairman Petrov called for objections, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DISTRICT ANNUAL GROUNDWATER REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019.

8. Mr. Turco stated that the public hearing to discuss the Annual Groundwater Report was held on May 28, 2020, as scheduled. The report is the result of all the data gathered in 2019 and prior, and the results from the public hearing. He stated that this report is the result of a team effort that encompasses most of the staff.

   8.1. Dr. Tina Petersen presented the highlights from the public hearing, in which Jason Ramage of the U.S. Geological Survey, and Ashley Greuter of Harris-Galveston Subsidence District, presented data. Dr. Petersen presented an abbreviated presentation of the data from the Annual Groundwater Report. The report fulfills the requirement of the District enabling act that mandates the District to report on groundwater data annually. The Report shows precipitation data, groundwater usage data, aquifer water-level data, and subsidence data, as well as, the USGS data detailing water-level altitude maps. The Report is produced as part of a cooperative agreement amongst the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District, the Fort Bend Subsidence District, the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District, and the City of Houston.

   8.2. Mr. Côté moved to approve the resolution; it was seconded by Ms. Rogers. Chairman Petrov called for objections, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously.

BRIEFING FROM STAFF ON THE STATUS OF THE JOINT REGULATORY PLAN REVIEW

9. Dr. Petersen briefed the Board on the status of the Joint Regulatory Plan Review. The first joint stakeholder meeting was held on May 20, 2020, which fulfills the desire of the District to have a stakeholder process for our joint regulatory plan review, and also fulfills the requirement from the
Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to have a stakeholder process for the groundwater model being constructed as a part of the groundwater availability model at TWDB.

CONSIDER AN UPDATE TO THE STANDARD WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

10. Mr. Turco provided the Board with revised language for the standard Water Conservation Program Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Côté moved to approve the revised language; it was seconded by Mr. Canonico. After discussion, Mr. Côté amended his motion to include the changes discussed, and Mr. Canonico seconded the amended motion. Chairman Petrov called for objections, and hearing none, announced the motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

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

13. None necessary.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:30 A.M.

E-SIGNED by Alan Petrov
on 2020-07-15 13:38:58 GMT

BY: Chairman

ATTEST:

E-SIGNED by Alberto (Al) Gonzalez
on 2020-07-08 19:36:21 GMT

Approved July 8, 2020 Board Meeting