
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Bill Latimer, Ken Keller, and Shaun Theriot-Smith

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov, Chairman

Chairman Petrov called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Due to restrictions of COVID-19, the meeting was held remotely via GoToWebinar. The role was called and Chairman Petrov announced the presence of a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 8, 2020

2. Ms. Rogers moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2020, be approved; it was seconded by Ms. Baird. Chairman Petrov called for objections, and hearing none, Chairman Petrov announced the motion carried unanimously.

HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT

3. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner’s Report for July 2020, including the testimony and findings for Morgan Performance.

3.1. Ms. Rogers moved to accept the Hearing Examiner’s recommendations; it was seconded by Mr. Long. 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

4. The Board considered the General Manager’s action in granting emergency permits to Manuel Alvarez, Manuel De Jesus Rosa, David Do, Joe Doung, Marisol, Luis Pineda, Williams Brothers Constructions, Inc., and Gilberto Zermeno.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HYLAND SOFTWARE, INC., FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ONBASE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

5. Ms. Benavides is present.

6. Mr. Turco addressed the Board regarding the need for a document management system to work with the new permitting software that is currently being implemented by NewEdge Services. The document management software, by Hyland Software, Inc., will automate the handling of the many documents received in the processing of permits. This document processing is currently being done manually and includes many steps. Including an automated document processing step to the permitting workflow will improve efficiency and quality assurance, while decreasing the opportunity for errors.

   6.1. After discussion, Mr. Long moved to approve the professional service agreement with Hyland Software, Inc.; it was seconded by Ms. Puckett. Chairman Petrov called for objections, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously

   (This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2020-1060.)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF WORK ORDER #5 OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NEWEDGE SERVICES, L.L.C., FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

7. Mr. Turco addressed the Board regarding work order #5 of the professional services agreement with NewEdge Services, L.L.C. The work order will provide technical support services, provided by NewEdge Services, for the integration of CityWorks permitting software with the document management software, from Hyland Software, Inc., as approved in the previous item.

   7.1 Ms. Mears moved to approve work order #5 with NewEdge Servies, L.L.C.: it was seconded by Mr. Edwards. Chairman Petrov called for objections, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously

   (This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2020-1059.)
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CONTINUOUSLY OPERATED RECORDING STATION TO MONITOR SUBSIDENCE

8. Mr. Turco stated the purpose of this interlocal agreement is to allow the construction of a Continuously Operated Reference Station (CORS) at the San Jacinto Lift Station, on San Jacinto River Authority property, and provide for HGSD access for operation and maintenance.

8.1 After discussion, Mr. Long moved to approve the interlocal agreement with the San Jacinto River Authority: it was seconded by Ms. Puckett. Chairman Petrov called for objections, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously

(This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2020-1061.)

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. There was a meeting with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in July, in which population projections were discussed. There is a stakeholder’s meeting tentatively planned for September 30, 2020. The project is moving forward on schedule and on budget.

GENERAL MANAGER’S 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.)

BRIEFING FROM DISTRICT STAFF REGARDING THE PROCESSING OF DISTRICT LEGAL JUDGEMENTS

11. Greg Ellis, legal counsel for the District, addressed the Board regarding the processing and status of District legal judgements and collections.

LEGAL MATTERS

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

SETTLEMENT COUNTER-OFFER

13. Mr. Jesus Medina, after being sworn in by Greg Ellis, Legal Counsel for the District, addressed the Board regarding a counter-offer to settle the violation on his well.
ITEM 3

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. The Board of Directors went into executive session at 11:15 a.m., as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, 551.074, Government Code.

14.1. The Board resumed the open meeting at 11:35 a.m. Chairman Petrov asked if there was a motion from the closed session. Mr. Sears made a motion consistent with District policy, to authorize the General Manager and District General Counsel, to fully settle the matter with Mr. Medina and his father, and are authorized to make a settlement offer of $9000. It was seconded by Mr. Côté. Chairman Petrov called for objections, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:37 A.M.

E-SIGNED by Alan Petrov on 2020-10-20 15:54:51 GMT
BY: ________________
Chairman

ATTEST:

E-SIGNED by Alberto (Al) Gonzalez on 2020-10-16 15:58:14 GMT
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Secretary

Approved September 9, 2020 Board Meeting