MINUTES - AMENDED
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOVEMBER 12, 2020, 10:00 A.M.
Audio/Video Conference Information can be found here
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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Joe Goins and Katherine Mears

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov, Chairman

Chairman Petrov called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Due to restrictions of COVID-19, the meeting was held in person and with a remote option via GoToWebinar. Chairman Petrov announced the presence of a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2020

2. Mr. Latimer moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2020, be approved; it was seconded by Ms. Puckett. Chairman Petrov called for objections, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 14, 2020

3. Mr. Latimer moved that the minutes of the Board Workshop held on October 14, 2020, be approved; it was seconded by Mr. Murff. Chairman Petrov called for objections, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously.

HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT

4. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner’s Report for October 2020, including the testimony and findings for Harris County WCID #50, William Derrington, John N. Miller, Premix Concrete Real Estate, L.L.C., Southwold, L.L.C., and West Harris County Regional Water Authority.
4.1. Ms. Baird moved to accept the Hearing Examiner’s recommendations as amended; it was seconded by Ms. Rogers. 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 Gass Automotive, Inc., Gulf Coast Stabilized Materials, L.L.C., Harris County MUD 422, Platinum Worldwide Investments, L.L.C., Sunbelt Fresh Water Supply District, and Texcon Ready Mix.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021**

6. Mr. Latimer moved to approve the 2021 budget; it was seconded by Mr. Côté.

6.1. Mr. Turco thanked the Board for participating in the Board Workshop held on October 14. He stated that the only modifications made to the proposed budget, since the workshop, were with regard to health insurance. Other than those changes, there were no other changes made to the budget that is in front of the Board today for approval.

6.2. Mr. Petrov asked if there were any questions from the Board. There were no questions heard. Chairman Petrov called for objections, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT-FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TO PROVIDE FOR A COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR THE COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION OF WATER RESOURCE AND SUBSIDENCE DATA FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS**

7. Mr. Turco stated that this Joint Funding Agreement (JFA) is the same agreement that we have every year with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for annual data collection, and for the publication and archival of water level data, and extensometer subsidence data. This year is unique in that we are working with the USGS to upgrade the telemetry inside all of the extensometers with absolute encoders. There is an increase in the cost of the JFA for this year for these upgrades.

7.1. Mr. Latimer moved to authorize the joint funding agreement with the USGS; it was seconded by Ms. Baird; 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

8. Dr. Petersen briefed the Board on the status of the Joint Regulatory Plan Review. The third stakeholder meeting is expected to be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The focus of the meeting will be on providing an update on the alternate water supply study being developed by KIT, and the groundwater availability model that is being developed by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). Both KIT and the USGS will be providing an update on their respective projects.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

9. 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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. None.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:40 A.M.

E-SIGNED by Alan Petrov
BY: ____________________________
Chairman

on 2021-01-19 19:58:43 GMT

ATTEST:

E-SIGNED by Alberto (Al) Gonzalez
Secretary

on 2021-01-14 20:38:31 GMT