
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT:

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov, Chairman

Chairman Petrov called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and the roll was called. 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 NOVEMBER 12, 2020

2. Ms. Rogers moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2020, be approved; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. Chairman Petrov called for objections, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously.

HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT

3. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner’s Report for November 2020, including the testimony and findings for Jeff Lokey.

   3.1. Mr. Latimer 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

4. The Board considered the General Manager’s action in granting emergency permits to Course Construction Group (15101), Course Construction Group (15102), Houston Garden...
Centers, Lake Forest of Kelliwood, Lake Houston Monuments, L.L.C., John D. Mittelsted, Peter Ralowicz, and William Brothers Construction Co., Inc.

RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND APPROVING THE DISTRICT INVESTMENT POLICY AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY

5. Mr. Turco stated that the review of this policy is required annually by our enabling act. The policy defines the process by which the District invests funds. There are no changes to the policy from the previous year.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED REVISED GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION PLAN WITH MUD NO. 50

6. Mr. Turco stated that the District has been working with Harris County MUD No. 50 (MUD50) on a request made to make a revision to their groundwater conservation plan (GCP), to allow for the addition of an adjacent municipal utility district, into their plan. Their current plan prohibits any additional systems inside their GCP. There are no alternative source waters in the area that MUD50 is asking to be added to their plan. The Rules Committee moved to bring the request before the full Board of Directors. Staff recommendation is to approve this request.

6.1. Ms. Susan Baird, Chair of Rules Committee, commented that the Rules Committee has considered the circumstances from several different perspectives, and asked if the Board had any questions. Mr. Canonico moved to approve the resolution; it was seconded by Ms. Mears. Ms. Baird requested that representatives from MUD50 speak at this time.

6.2. Amber Hurd with CobbFendley, District Engineer for MUD No. 50, addressed the Board and took questions.

6.3. After discussion, Mr. Latimer moved to table the motion on the floor; it was seconded by Ms. Rogers. After more discussion, Mr. Latimer withdrew his motion to table and moved to return the item to committee. Ms. Rogers seconded the motion to return to committee. Chairman Petrov called for those to vote who oppose the motion. Ms. Baird, Mr. Canonico, Mr. Sears, Ms. Benavides, and Ms. Mears opposed. Mr. Murff abstained.

Chairman Petrov announced that the motion to return the item to committee passed.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES RELATED TO EVALUATION OF SUBSIDENCE IMPACTS ON SPRING CREEK WATERSHED

7. Dr. Petersen stated that the memo in the agenda packet covers the details and briefed the Board on the details. Michael Baker Int’l was the recommended consultant following a
Science and Research Committee review. Mr. Turco stated that the funding is included in the approved 2021 District Budget.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH INTERA, INC., FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES RELATED TO EVALUATION OF SUBSIDENCE IMPACTS ON SPRING CREEK WATERSHED

8. Mr. Turco state that this work is a smaller part of the larger study. Intera, Inc. will developing the subsidence grid for the model. The funding is included in the approved 2021 District Budget.

8.1. Mr. Latimer moved to approve the professional services agreement; it was seconded by Mr. Canonico; 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. Mr. Turco briefed the Board on the status of the Joint Regulatory Plan Review. A more detailed update is in the agenda packet. The third stakeholder meeting is being held virtually, Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The focus of that meeting will be on the groundwater availability modeling standards, for which the U. S. Geological Survey will provide an update. There will be an update on alternative water supply evaluation task of the Joint Regulatory Plan Review.

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.)

LEGAL MATTERS

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

CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE AND COMPENSATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

12. The Board moved to Executive Session.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. The Board of Directors went into executive session at 11:50 a.m., as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, 551.071, Government Code.

13.1. The Board resumed the open meeting at 12:13 p.m. Chairman Petrov asked if there was a motion from the closed session, regarding. Ms. Mears moved to approve a 5% raise for the General Manager; 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 12:14 P.M.

E-SIGNED by Alan Petrov on 2021-01-19 19:58:30 GMT

BY: ___________________________
Chairman

E-SIGNED by Alberto (Al) Gonzalez on 2021-01-14 20:35:48 GMT

ATTEST:

Secretary