

**MINUTES**  
**HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**JANUARY 13, 2021, 10:00 A.M.**

*Audio/Video Conference Information can be found [here](#)*  
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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Susan Baird, Sarah Benavides, Chris Canonico, Pete Côte, Alberto Gonzalez, Bill Latimer, Shannon Lucas, Katherine Mears, Alan Petrov, Kathy Rogers, Kyle Sears, and Shaun Theriot-Smith

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Joe Goins, Ken Keller, Jason Long and Lindy Murff

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov, Chairman

1. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Petrov called the meeting to order at 10:10 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.
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS. Mr. Marco Hernandez, a permittee, addressed the Board.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2020. Mr. Latimer moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2020, be approved; it was seconded by Ms. Rogers. Chairman Petrov called for objections to the motion, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously.
4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2020, AS AMENDED. Mr. Latimer moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2020, as amended, be approved; it was seconded by Ms. Rogers. Chairman Petrov called for objections to the motion, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously.
5. HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner's Report for December 2020, including the testimony and findings for Tom Dixon. Mr. Latimer moved to accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendations as amended; it was seconded by Ms. Rogers. Chairman Petrov called for objections to accepting the hearing examiners report, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously.
6. EMERGENCY PERMITS. The Board considered the General Manager's action in granting emergency permits to Equine Partners, Houston Specialty Products, Allison E. Little, Praxair, and Paramit Singh.
7. RESOLUTION ADOPTING A 2021 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. Mr. Turco stated that the Legislative Affairs Committee met in the fall of 2020 to discuss the upcoming issues in

the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session. The proposed agenda is similar to the agenda for the 86<sup>th</sup> Session. The agenda that was developed by the Legislative Affairs Committee, the General Manager, and General Counsel of the District recommends priority items that are matters of a critical nature that could impact the District's ability to effectively stop current and prevent future subsidence within the District. The District does not plan to seek any changes to the District's enabling act, or propose any new bills at this time. Mr. Latimer moved to approve the resolution; it was seconded by Ms. Rogers. Chairman Petrov called for objections to the motion, 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. 2021-1069.)

8. RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN MATTERS BEFORE THE 87<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE. Mr. Petrov stated that this item is a follow up to the previous item that will give the General Manager the authority of the Board of Directors to talk to legislators and appear at legislative committee meetings as needed, during the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. Mr. Côté moved to approve the motion; it was seconded by Mr. Gonzalez. Chairman Petrov called for objections to the motion, 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. 2021-1070.).
9. BRIEFING FROM STAFF ON THE STATUS OF THE JOINT REGULATORY PLAN REVIEW. 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 was held virtually, on Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. There were approximately 55 stakeholders in attendance. The focus of that meeting was the groundwater availability modeling standards, for which the U. S. Geological Survey provided an update. There is an Executive Summary of the meeting on our website. The project is moving along as expected and is on budget.
10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT. 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.)
11. LEGAL MATTERS. Mr. Ellis updated the Board on recent legislation and litigation on groundwater issues.
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Board did not meet in executive session on any item.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING  
WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:56 A.M.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Secretary