

MINUTES
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 10, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Rosa Alvarez, Susan Baird, Sarah Benavides, Chris Canonico, Pete Côte, Don Johnson, Ken Keller, William Latimer, Shannon Lucas, Katherine Mears, Lindy Murff, Alan Petrov, Kathy Rogers, Melinda Salazar, Kyle Sears, and Shaun Theriot-Smith

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: None.

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov, Chairman

1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT REGULATORY PLAN. Chairman Petrov called the hearing to order at 10:08 a.m. and the roll was called. Due to restrictions of COVID-19, the hearing was held in person and with a remote option via GoToWebinar. Mr. Turco provided information on the hearing held on March 1st, 2021. Mr. Ellis described the proposed changes to the regulatory plan. Mr. Turco provided an overview on the general process for submittal, review, and certification of groundwater reduction plans.
2. ACCEPT PUBLIC TESTIMONY REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT REGULATORY PLAN. (18:02) Public Comments were made by Representatives from Harris County MUD 50. *Transcript is attached to this document as Attachment A.*
3. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING. (22:39) Mr. Petrov closed the public hearing at 10:31.
4. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING. (22:59) Mr. Petrov called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to Order and noted the presence of a quorum. Due to restrictions of COVID-19, the Board meeting was held in person and with a remote option via GoToWebinar.
5. ACCEPT COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. (23:21) None.
6. ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO BOARD MEMBERS. (23:35) Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott administered the oath of office to Ms. Rosa Alvarez, Ms. Susan Baird, Ms. Katherine Mears, Mr. Lindy Murff, and Ms. Melinda Salazar.
7. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS. (25:44) Ms. Mears made a motion to nominate Mr. Côte to serve as the Secretary, the motion was seconded by Mr. Sears. Chairman Petrov asked for any additional nominations or discussion, and hearing none, Mr. Petrov called for objections to the motion. No objections were made and Mr. Petrov announced the motion carried unanimously.

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2021. (27:17) Ms. Rogers moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2021, be approved; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. Chairman Petrov called for objections to the motion, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously.
9. HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT. (28:15) Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner's Report for February 2021. Ms. Mears moved to accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendations as amended; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. Chairman Petrov called for objections to accepting the hearing examiners report as amended, and hearing none, announced the motion carried unanimously.
10. EMERGENCY PERMITS. (30:50) The Board considered the General Manager's action in granting emergency permits to: Dog-It, LLC dba Tomball Pet Resort; Hernandez, Rogello; McNeice, Russell; Prologis L.P.; Storage 290 LLC. There were no motions to review the actions of the General Manager.
11. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM DISTRICT STAFF REGARDING THE 2020 END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT. (31:28) Mr. Daniel Newcomb, Director of Administrative and Financial Services, gave an overview of the 2020 fiscal year Annual Financial Report.
12. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM DISTRICT STAFF ON THE 87TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION. (44:56) Mr. Turco and Mr. Ellis provided a briefing regarding the current activities of the 87th Legislature and updates on meetings with Legislative Representatives and Staff.
13. BRIEFING FROM STAFF ON THE STATUS OF THE JOINT REGULATORY PLAN REVIEW. (55:27) Dr. Petersen briefed the Board on the status of the Joint Regulatory Plan Review. Dr. Petersen stated that over the last two months staff have been meeting with consultants, wrapping up the Alternative Water Supply, and the USGS regarding the GULF2023 model. The project is moving along as expected and is on budget.
14. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL LITIGATION RELATED TO GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14. This item was moved to executive session.
15. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT. (1:02:00) 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.)
16. LEGAL MATTERS. (1:18:01) Mr. Ellis updated the Board on recent litigation on groundwater issues.
17. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Board met in Executive Session to discuss agenda Item 14.

Approved 04/14/2021

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING
WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:18 P.M.

BY: _____
Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

Jaleesa Auzenne (Strategic Consultant to Harris County MUD 50): *"I wanted to speak on our behalf, we are in favor of the proposed amendments with current exemptions remaining in place and unaffected. Our hope is that these amendments will be understanding to the challenges that many of the Districts that are mainly in Area Two are facing including our own, and as they are implemented, these challenges are still understood. But we are in favor of the proposed amendment."* Public Comments were made by Representative from Lago Bello MUD 1; Megan Crutcher: *"We are located in Regulatory Area 2... regulatory plan as a Districtthere is a desire from both private property owners and other MUDs in the area for responsible development into the Area. We believe that by adopting these amendments a path forward will be provided while still adhering to the goals of water conservation and education within the community. We appreciate y'all's recognition that we need a 'bridge' as you commented to get from that to full conservation of 80% conversion which you eluded to. I would just like to thank you all for the ability to speak on behalf and in support of the amendment."*