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HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS May 12, 2021, 10:00 A.M. Audio/Video of Meeting can be found here

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Rosa Alvarez, Emily Anderson, Susan Baird, Sarah Benavides (Remote), Auggie Campbell, Chris Canonico, Pete Côté, Don Johnson, William Latimer, Shannon Lucas, Katherine Mears, Lindy Murff, Alan Petrov, Kathy Rogers (Remote), Melinda Salazar, Kyle Sears, and Shaun Theriot-Smith

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Ken Keller

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov, Chairman

- 1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING. (00:00) Mr. Petrov called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to Order at 10:03 a.m. and noted the presence of a quorum. The Board meeting was held in person and with a remote option via GoToWebinar.
- 2. ACCEPT COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. (00:35) Comments were received by members of the public: Aubrey Fleming.
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF April 14, 2021. (07:40) Ms. Mears moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2021, be approved; it was seconded by Mr. Latimer. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
- 4. HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT. (08:22) Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner's Report for April 2021, including BVMF1 Villas, L.L.C., Crisler Trucking, Financial Services, Johnson & Johnson Holdings, L.L.C., and Schwan's Home Service. Mr. Latimer moved to accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendations as amended; it was seconded by Ms. Lucas. Chairman Petrov asked if there were any abstentions. Hearing none, Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
- 5. EMERGENCY PERMITS. (13:44) The Board considered the General Manager's action in granting emergency permits to: Ali Asquib, Kevin Allen, Dean French, IHG Real Estate 2, L.L.C., KLN Irrevocable Trust, and Vishnu Ramnarine. There were no motions to review the actions of the General Manager.
- 6. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DISTRICT ANNUAL GROUNDWATER REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020. (14:18) Mr. Mike Turco, General Manager, stated that this report is the primary product of the District, is produced annually, and includes data on groundwater use to determine the effects of groundwater withdrawal on subsidence within the District during the preceding calendar year. This 45th annual report and the Executive Summary are both available on the HGSD website. Dr. Tina Petersen presented the executive summary. Ms. Ashley Greuter, Project Chief, presented the subsidence data. Ms. Baird moved to accept the 2020 Annual Groundwater Report as presented; it was seconded by Ms. Anderson. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

- 7. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM STAFF ON RECENT COMMUNICATION AND WATER CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES OF THE DISTRICT. (48:37) Ms. Kristi Pierce, Water Conservation Education Coordinator, gave a brief update on the Water Conservation School Program, the Water Conservation Grant Program, and the Water My Yard Program. Ms. Kelsey Seeker, the District Communications Specialist, gave a brief update on the new messaging, new brand look, and the new "Smarter About Water" website program.
- 8. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM DISTRICT STAFF ON THE 87TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION. (1:07:35) Mr. Turco and Mr. Greg Ellis, General Counsel, provided a briefing regarding the current activities of the 87th Legislature and updates on meetings with Legislative Representatives and Staff.
- 9. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM STAFF ON THE STATUS OF THE JOINT REGULATORY PLAN REVIEW. (1:28:46) Dr. Petersen briefed the Board on the status of the Joint Regulatory Plan Review. She stated that the District is continuing to move toward a resolution on the availability of the 2020 census data. There is a Science & Research Committee meeting scheduled for May 24, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., to talk in more detail and identify a path forward. There will be a Joint Regulatory Plan Review stakeholder meeting on June 8, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Petersen stated that the project is moving forward on time and within budget.
- 10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT. (1:30:25) 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. (1:37:09) Mr. Ellis updated the Board on recent litigation on groundwater issues.
- 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION. None.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:42 A.M.

BY:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary