## Approved 10/11/2023

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

## SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Rosa Alvarez, Emily Anderson, Susan Baird, Sarah Benavides, Augustus Campbell, Chris Canonico, Pete Côté, Steve Gillett, Don Johnson, Ken Keller, Jason Long, Craig Lovell, Katherine Mears, Lindy Murff, Alan Petrov, Melinda Salazar, Shaun Theriot-Smith

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Shannon Lucas, Kyle Sears

PRESIDING: Alan Petrov, Chairman

- 1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Chairman Petrov called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:02 a.m. and noted the presence of a quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 2. ACCEPT COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. None.
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2023. Mr. Côté moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 9, 2023, be approved; it was seconded by Ms. Mears. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
- 4. HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner's Report for August 2023 and prior. Mr. Côté moved to accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendations; it was seconded by Ms. Mears. Chairman Petrov called for abstentions. No abstentions. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
- 5. EMERGENCY PERMITS. The Board considered the General Manager's action in granting emergency permits to Leo Anaya, Aztec Glass & Mirror, Trang Eham, The Fierro Group, Andres Gayton (1), Andres Gayton (2), Steve Gregg, Houston Garden Center #36, James Richerson, Stonetown Capital, LLC, and Zoomy's Car Wash. There were no motions and no deliberation on this item. Mr. Murff abstained from deliberation on this item.
- 6. RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECEIVING TESTIMONY ON AMENDING RULE 8 RELATED TO METER REQUIREMENTS AND ORDERING THE POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING. Ms. Mears moved to approve the resolution calling for a public hearing on the Rules; it was seconded by Mr. Côté. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed. (This resolution is in full in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District being Resolution No. 2023-

1102.)

- 7. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM STAFF ON THE STATUS OF THE JOINT REGULATORY PLAN. Ashley Greuter, Director of Research and Water Conservation, briefed the Board on the status of the Joint Regulatory Plan Review. Mr. Theriot-Smith is now present.
- 8. 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.)
- LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. Mr. Ellis updated the Board on recent litigation on groundwater issues and legislative matters.
  - 9.1 Consider contracting with legal counsel to draft and file an Amicus brief on behalf of HGSD in the case of San Jacinto River Authority v. City of Conroe and City of Magnolia, Case No. 22-0649 (Texas Supreme Court).
- 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION. On Item 9.1. The Board went into executive session at 10:35 a.m. The Board of Directors returned from executive session at 10:54 a.m. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:54 A.M.

BY:

Chairman

ATTEST: