

**MINUTES
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 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, Jason Long, Craig Lovell, Katherine Mears, Lindy Murff, Alan Petrov, Shaun Theriot-Smith

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Shannon Lucas, Ken Keller, Melinda Salazar, 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 10:03 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. ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO BOARD MEMBERS. Ms. Truscott administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Emily Anderson, Mr. Chris Canonico, Mr. Alan Petrov, and Mr. Shaun Theriot-Smith.
4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2023. Mr. Côté moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 8, 2023, be approved; it was seconded by Ms. Mears. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
5. HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner's Report for November 2023 and prior, including those for Louetta Leasing, L.P. Mr. moved to accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendations as amended; it was seconded by Ms. Baird. Chairman Petrov called for abstentions. Ms. Anderson abstained from West Harris County Regional Water Authority and City of Houston. Mr. Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
6. EMERGENCY PERMITS. The Board considered the General Manager's action in granting emergency permits to Manuel Cuevas, East Houston Utilities, Galveston Bay Foundation, Catherine Griffin, ICI Construction, Inc., Site One Landscape Supply, and Harrison Williams.
7. CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR ROBERT E. THOMPSON RECOGNIZING 43 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT. Ms. Benavides is now present. Chairman read the commendation into the record. Ms. Anderson moved to approve the resolution of commendation; it was seconded by Mr. Long. 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. 2023-1106.)
8. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DESIGNATED SIGNATORIES ON THE DISTRICT'S DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS. Mr. Turco stated that due to staffing changes, the signatories need to be updated to include the Deputy General Manager, Ms. Veronica Osequeda. Mr. Canonico moved to approve the resolution amending the signatories on the depository accounts; 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. 2023-1107.)


9. RESOLUTION REVIEWING THE INVESTMENT POLICY AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY OF THE DISTRICT. Mr. Turco stated that this is an item that the Board is required to review annually, and that the policy has not changed since the last time that the Board reviewed it. Mr. Côté moved to approve the District Investment Policy and Investment Strategy; it was seconded by Mr. Murff. 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. 2023-1108.)
10. RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH KIP AVERITT OF AVERITT & ASSOCIATES TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT WITH LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025. Mr. Campbell moved to approve the execution of the contract with Averitt & Associates, Inc.; it was seconded by Mr. Theriot-Smith. 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. 2023-1109.)
11. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM STAFF ON THE STATUS OF THE GNSS SURVEY. Ashley Greuter, Director of Research and Water Conservation, briefed the Board on the status of the GNSS Survey.
12. 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.
13. 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.)
14. LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. Ms. Shauna Sledge updated the Board on recent litigation on groundwater issues and legislative matters.
15. CONSIDER THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND COMPENSATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER. Item was discussed in executive session.
16. EXECUTIVE SESSION. On Item 15. The Board went into executive session at 11:20 a.m. The Board of Directors returned from executive session at 11:56. Ms. Benavides, Mr. Lovell, Mr. Gillett, and Mr. Murff are not present. Chairman Petrov stated that no action was taken in closed session. Chairman Petrov asked for any motions from the executive session. Ms. Mears made a motion to approve a 4% increase for the compensation package of the General Manager for 2024. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried. Mr. Johnson opposed. **For: 10, Against: 1.**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:57 A.M.

BY:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary