

**MINUTES
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2/14/2024, 10:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Susan Baird, Augustus Campbell, Chris Canonico, Pete Côté, Steve Gillett, Don Johnson, Craig Lovell, Shannon Lucas, Katherine Mears, Lindy Murff, Alan Petrov, Melinda Salazar, Kyle Sears, Shaun Theriot-Smith

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Rosa Alvarez, Emily Anderson, Sarah Benavides, Ken Keller, Jason Long


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 10:04 a.m. and noted the presence of a quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. ACCEPT COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. Melissa Rowell, President of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority, Board of Directors, addressed the Board.
3. ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO BOARD MEMBERS. None.
4. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS. Ms. Anderson and Ms. Alvarez are now present. Ms. Mears moved to nominate the current slate of officers: Alan Petrov as Chairman, Susan Baird as Vice-Chair, and Pete Côté as Secretary. It was seconded by Mr. Murff. Mr. Johnson made a motion to divide the question. The motion failed for lack of a second. Chairman Petrov called for the vote on the original motion to nominate the sitting slate of officers, and after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2024. Mr. Côté moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2024, be approved; it was seconded by Ms. Mears. Mr. Murff and Ms. Salazar abstained. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
6. HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT. Ms. Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner's Report for January 2024 and prior, including Glover & Sons Farms. Mr. Côté moved to accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendations as amended; it was seconded by Mr. Campbell. Chairman Petrov called for abstentions. Ms. Lucas abstained from North Channel Water Authority. Ms. Salazar abstained from Bridgeland Development, LP. Mr. Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
7. EMERGENCY PERMITS. The Board considered the General Manager's action in granting emergency permits to Aucensio Botello, Victor Boutant, Maricela Castro, and Peter Woods.

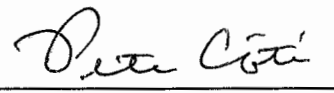
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- 8. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING TESTIMONY REGARDING THE DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECTS OF GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL ON LAND SUBSIDENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023. Ms. Benavides is now present. Mr. Turco stated that holding this hearing is an annual requirement by statute, and provided an overview of the Annual Report scope, stating that the hearing is planned for 9:00 AM on Thursday, April 25, 2024. Ms. Baird moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-1110; it was seconded by Ms. Anderson. 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. 2024-1110)
- 9. 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.
- 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 & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. There was no presentation or consultation on recent litigation on groundwater issues and legislative matters.
- 12. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A COUNTEROFFER FROM RONEL HERNANDEZ (WELL 15565).
- 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION. On Item 12. The Board went into executive session at 10:34 a.m. The Board of Directors returned from executive session at 10:41 a.m. Ms. Mears moved to accept the counteroffer by Ronel Hernandez (Well 15565), subject to the terms set forth in the staff recommendation. It was seconded by Mr. Campbell. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed..

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:44 A.M.

BY: 
Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary