

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Bill Alcorn, Emily Anderson, Susan Baird, Chris Canonico, Pete Côté, Brian Freedman, Don Johnson, Craig Lovell, Shannon Lucas, Katherine Mears, Lindy Murff, Alan Petrov, Kyle Sears, Shaun Theriot-Smith

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Rosa Alvarez, Sarah Benavides, Augustus Campbell, Steve Gillett, 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 10:02 a.m. and noted the presence of a quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ACCEPT COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. None.

Ms. Alvarez is now present. Ms. Benavides is now present.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 10, 2024. Mr. Côté moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2024, be approved; it was seconded by Ms. Mears. Chairman Petrov called for abstentions and, hearing none, 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 July 2024 and prior, including recommendations for Sanjeet Chauhan, TGU, L.L.C., and Isabel Villatoro. Mr. Côté moved to accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendations as amended; it was seconded by Ms. Baird. Chairman Petrov called for abstentions and, hearing none, 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 Nicholas Alexander, Anniston, B's Transit, L.L.C., and Manuel Cuevas. Mr. Alcorn commented regarding detention ponds. A transcript of Mr. Alcorn's remarks is attached.

6. 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.

7. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH ERIC WOOMER, POLICY SOLUTIONS, TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT WITH THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025. Mr. Turco gave an overview of the purpose of the contract. Mr. Eric Woomer of Policy Solutions addressed the Board briefly

- responding to questions regarding reporting during the contract term and offered an overview of the services that will be provided to the District. Mr. Canonico moved that the contract with Eric Woomer, Policy Solutions, be approved as amended as to term dates, August 14, 2024 through December 31, 2025; it was seconded by Mr. Freedman. 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. 2024-1116.)
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.)
  9. LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. Mr. Ellis updated the Board on recent litigation on groundwater issues and legislative matters.
  10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT COUNTEROFFER FOR CASE No. 2024-22094 (Well 15730, Ismenia Cabrera). Ms. Ismenia Cabrera addressed the Board regarding the Compromise and Settlement offer amount that she received for legal Case No. 2024-22094 (Well 15730).
  11. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Board went into executive session at 10:42 a.m. The Board of Directors returned from executive session at 10:59 a.m. Mr. Petrov stated that no action was taken in executive session. Mr. Sears moved to authorize the General Manager to resolve the matter pursuant to the terms set forth in the staff recommendation of payment of \$1,196 over the next 6 months, and also placing a voluntary lien in the amount of \$5,004 that will be paid off over a negotiated period as determined by the General Manager, with the provision that interest will not accumulate, if paid within the specified period. It was seconded by Mr. Cote. 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 11:01 A.M.

BY:



Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

ATTACHMENT

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Comments by Mr. Bill Alcorn, Agenda Item 5 - Emergency Permits

Item 5: Consider emergency permits reviewed by the General Manager.

The request for 30 million gallons for detention ponds is troubling. The purpose of a detention pond is to detain water. Now, we're planning to add 30 million gallons to it, which will prevent it from holding excess water. There was a recent incident where a child drowned in a detention pond in Fulshear in a detention pond. I propose that detention ponds should be pumped dry after an event and used for additional landscaping. Plant grass, mow it; otherwise, we negate the purpose of a detention pond by filling it with water. I understand the intent to protect a clay bottom. However, laying sod and mowing it would also protect the clay bottom. I firmly believe that detention ponds do not fulfill their purpose when filled with 30 million gallons of water.

This is my personal viewpoint, and I wish to have it recorded. These are my thoughts on detention ponds. Thank you.

