

MINUTES
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 9, 2025
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Bill Alcorn, Susan Baird, Sarah Benavides, Chris Canonico, Pete Côté, Brian Freedman, Steve Gillett, Don Johnson, Jason Long, Alan Petrov, Kyle Sears, Shaun Smith

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Rosa Alvarez, Emily Anderson, Shannon Lucas, Katherine Mears, Lindy Murff

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 10:05 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. There were no newly appointed directors present to whom the oath needed to be administered, due to prior commitments.
 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2025. Mr. Cote moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2025, be approved; It was seconded by Mr. Long. Ms. Benavides abstained. 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 March 2025 and prior. Mr. Cote moved to accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendations; it was seconded by Mr. Freedman. Chairman Petrov called for abstentions. There were no abstentions. Chairman 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 Environmental Design, Deano Merrigan, Esequiel Villarreal, Jose Zavala.
- Mr. Murff is now present.
7. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH *W PUBLIC AFFAIRS*, GERTIE WILSON, TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT WITH LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025. Mr. Turco stated that in order to maintain the consistency and continuity of the District's current legislative affairs team, a vendor change is necessary for the contracting of legislative affairs services. The change in vendor will not result in an overlap of the contracts or an increase in the cost of legislative affairs costs. Nor will an amendment to the 2025 budget be necessary. After discussion by the Board, Mr. Smith moved that the contract with *W Public Affairs*, Gertie Wilson, be approved; It was seconded by Mr. Alcorn. 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. 2025-1128.)
 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.)

Ms. Alvarez is now present

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9. LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. Ms. Natasha Martin of Graves Daugherty updated the Board on recent litigation on groundwater issues and legislative matters.
10. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT COUNTEROFFER, WELL NO. 3606 – WOODLOCH MHP, LLC, BRAD DAVIS. No permittee or permittee representative is present. Chairman Petrov received a message from Staff that the attorney for Mr. Brad Davis, Kawa Foad, had called the District office requesting a continuance for his client. The Board decided to take up the matter in executive session.
11. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT COUNTEROFFER, WELL No. 4710 – SURATI, NEIL. Chairman Petrov invited Mr. Neil Surati to address the Board regarding a counteroffer.
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Board went into executive session at 10:50 a.m. The Board of Directors returned from executive session at 11:19 a.m.

Mr. Petrov asked if there were any motions regarding Item 10, Woodloch MHP, LLC, Well No. 3606. Mr. Sears made a motion that the request for continuance be denied, that the counteroffer be rejected, and that the District proceed according to Rule No. 9.3 of the District Rules. It was seconded by Mr. Long. Chairman Petrov put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.

Mr. Petrov asked if there were any motions on Item 11, Neil Surati, Well No. 4710. Mr. Sears made a motion to take no action and for the District to proceed according to the District Rules. It was seconded by Ms. Baird. 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 11:21 A.M.

BY:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Secretary