

**MINUTES
HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 14, 2026
10:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Bill Alcorn, Patricia Alvarez, Rosa Alvarez, Emily Anderson, Susan Baird, Sarah Benavides, John Bowen, Chris Canonico, Pete Côté, Brian Freedman, Steve Gillett, Don Johnson, Jason Long, Katherine Mears, Alan Petrov, Kyle Sears

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Shannon Lucas, Gricelda Medrano, Shaun Smith

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 10:07 a.m. and noted the presence of a quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. ACCEPT COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. Ms. Melissa Rowell addressed the Board of Directors.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2025. Mr. Côté moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2025, 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. Judge Helen Stewart Truscott presented the Hearing Examiner's Report for December 2025 and prior, including for Battleground Concrete and Metton America, Inc. Ms. Baird moved to accept the recommendations as amended in the Hearing Examiner's report; it was seconded by Mr. Côté. Chairman Petrov called for abstentions. Hearing 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 an emergency permit to XCMG North America.
6. PRESENTATION BY CITY OF HOUSTON REGARDING GROUNDWATER REDUCTION PLAN. Mr. Turco introduced Mr. Randy Macchi, Director, Houston Public Works and Mr. Drew Molly, P.E., of the City of Houston Public Works, who updated the Board on the groundwater reduction plan and ongoing infrastructure improvements in the region by Houston Public Works.
7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH GULF COAST WATER AUTHORITY FOR A WATER CONSERVATION GRANT. Ms. Ashley Greuter, Director of Science & Research and Water Conservation, presented the highlights of an application request by the Gulf Coast Water Authority for a grant from the District's Water Conservation Program for a satellite-based leak detection platform to identify and repair areas of suspected water line leaks in Regulatory Area 1, specifically in the cities of Hitchcock and La Marque, and in the area of Dickinson's WCID#1, in order to realize water savings of up to 100 million gallons per year depending on findings. The HGSD Water Conservation Committee met in November of 2025 to consider this request and recommended that this grant request be forwarded to the full Board of Directors for consideration. Mr. Gillett moved to approve the request for the grant to the Gulf Coast Water Authority; it was seconded by Mr. Bowen. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed. (Resolution 2026-1144 in full is in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District as part of the Board's Agenda Packet for this meeting.)

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO AWARD A WATER CONSERVATION GRANT TO TEXAS A&M AGRI-LIFE. Ms. Ashley Greuter, Director of Science & Research and Water Conservation, presented the highlights of an application request by the Texas A&M Agri-Life Extension for a grant from the District's Water Conservation Program for a water conservation education program in local high schools. Ms. Mears made a motion to approve the grant to Texas A&M Agri-Life Extension; it was seconded by Mr. Côté. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed. (Resolution 2025-1145 in full is in the official records of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District as part of the Board's Agenda Packet for this meeting.)
9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING DISTRICT STAFF TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT AT THE 2026 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON LAND SUBSIDENCE HOSTED BY NATIONAL CENTRAL UNIVERSITY – TAIWAN, IN COLLABORATION WITH LAND SUBSIDENCE INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE (LaSII), AT THE TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER, TAIWAN. Mr. Turco and Ms. Greuter presented to the Board the purpose and benefits of attending the International Symposium on Land Subsidence, including that District staff submitted two papers for consideration that were both accepted, and Ms. Greuter was invited to present at the symposium on subsidence risks and impacts. After discussion, Mr. Canonico moved to approve the authorization of District staff to represent the District at the 2026 International Symposium on Land Subsidence in Taiwan; it was seconded by Ms. Mears. Chairman Petrov put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. Mr. Long, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Sears opposed.
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.)

Mr. Long is no longer present.

11. LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. Mr. Greg Ellis, General Counsel, updated the Board on recent litigation on groundwater issues and legislative matters.

12. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A MUTUAL RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT ON WELL No. 3606 – Woodloch MHP, L.L.C., Brad Davis. The Board went into executive session at 11:34 a.m. for consultation with District counsel.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Board returned from executive session at 12:03 p.m. Mr. Petrov stated that no action was taken in closed session. Mr. Petrov returned to the agenda item related to the mutual release and settlement on Well No. 3606 and asked if there were any motions. There were no motions made and no action taken.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:05 P.M.

BY:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Secretary