

MINUTES
FORT BEND SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 22, 2016
3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Karl Baumgartner, Bob DeForest, Mark Gehringer, Marvin Marcell, Morris Mitchell, Jon Strange, Lawrence Vaccaro, William Wallace, B. T. Williams, and Greg Wine.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Clifton Aldrich, James Clark, Bobby Kunz, Lisa Stasney and Benny Wleczyk.

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Turco, Greg Ellis, Robert Thompson, Kevin Ebrom, Daniel Newcomb, Wanda Sebesta and David Agatha.

PRESIDING: Chairman, Marvin Marcell.

Chairman Marcell called the meeting to order in the sixth floor meeting room of the Wm. B. Travis Building, in Richmond, Texas, and announced the presence of a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Kevin Ebrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. Mr. Wallace moved that the minutes of the regular meeting, May 25, 2016, be approved; it was seconded by Mr. Strange. Chairman Marcell put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

- 3.1 Mr. Gehringer now present.

RECEIVE HEARING EXAMINER'S REPORT AND CONSIDER GRANTING, DENYING OR AMENDING APPLICATIONS FOR WATER WELL PERMITS HEARD AT THE JUNE 9, 2016, HEARING

4. Robert Thompson presented the Hearing Examiner's Report from the June 9, 2016, Hearing. (Exhibit #1).
 - 4.1 Mr. Strange moved to approve the Hearing Examiner's Report from the June 9, 2016, Hearing, continuing the renewal application for Shadow Creek Ranch Maint., Well Nos. 1196 & 1197; it was seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Chairman Marcell put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A DISTRICT SCIENCE AND RESEARCH PLAN

5. Mr. Turco introduced the resolution adopting a District Science and Research Plan, and Mr. Gehringer, the Science and Research Committee chairman, also commented.

CAPTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A DISTRICT SCIENCE AND RESEARCH PLAN

(This Resolution is of record in Resolution Book V of the Fort Bend Subsidence District being Resolution 16-372.)

- 5.1 Mr. Wallace moved to approve Resolution 16-372 adopting a District Science and Research Plan; it was seconded by Mr. Wine. Chairman Marcell put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH INTERA, INCORPORATED IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT'S GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATIONS

6. Mr. Turco introduced the resolution approving a professional services contract with Intera, Incorporated in support of the District's groundwater investigations. Representatives from Intera, Incorporated were present to answer questions from the Board.

CAPTION

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH INTERA, INCORPORATED IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT'S GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATIONS

(This resolution is of record in Resolution Book V of the Fort Bend Subsidence District being Resolution 16-373.)

- 6.1 Mr. Wine moved to approve Resolution 16-373 approving a professional services contract with Intera, Incorporated in support of the District's groundwater

investigations; it was seconded by Mr. Strange. Chairman Marcell put the questions and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL WATER CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES IN FORT BEND COUNTY FOCUSED ON OUTDOOR IRRIGATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS A&M "WATER MY YARD" PROGRAM

7. Mr. Turco introduced the resolution amending the Interlocal Agreement with Harris Galveston Subsidence District to include additional water conservation activities in Fort Bend County focused on outdoor irrigation and participation in the Texas A&M "Water My Yard" program. Discussion followed.

CAPTION

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL WATER CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES IN FORT BEND COUNTY FOCUSED ON OUTDOOR IRRIGATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS A&M "WATER MY YARD" PROGRAM

(This resolution is of record in Resolution Book V of the Fort Bend Subsidence District being Resolution 16-374.)

- 7.1 Mr. Gehringer moved to approve Resolution 16-374 to amend the Interlocal Agreement with Harris Galveston Subsidence District to include additional water conservation activities in Fort Bend County focused on outdoor irrigation and participation in the Texas A&M "Water My Yard" program; it was seconded by Mr. DeForest. Chairman Marcell put the questions and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

8. Van Kelley and Wade Oliver gave comments and answered questions from the Board regarding the contract with Intera, Inc.
 - 8.1 Members of the public present were Janice Hayes and Christina Miller, with the North Fort Bend Water Authority, Colleen Spencer, with the City of Sugar Land, and Matt Breazeale, with the City of Richmond.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9. Mr. Turco updated the Board on pertinent operational and management issues that the District, its employees, or consultants have encountered since the last regular Board meeting.

CONSULTATION WITH THE GENERAL COUNSEL ON RECENT LITIGATION ON GROUNDWATER ISSUES

10. Greg Ellis updated the Board on recent litigation on groundwater issues.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

BY: 

VICE Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary