

# LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

February 10, 2015

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District ("District") held a "Special Meeting," open to the public, in the Lone Star GCD – James B. "Jim" Wesley Board Room located at 655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, Texas, within the boundaries of the District on February 10, 2015.

President Tramm called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., announcing that it was now open to the public.

The roll was called of the members of the Board of Directors, to wit:

Sam Baker  
John D. Bleyl, PE  
Jace Houston  
Roy McCoy, Jr.  
Rick J. Moffatt  
Jim Stinson, PE  
Richard J. Tramm  
M. Scott Weisinger, PG  
W. B. Wood

All members of the Board were present, with the exception of Directors Baker, Houston and Stinson, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Also, in attendance at said meeting were Kathy Turner Jones, District General Manager; Paul Nelson, Assistant General Manager, Brian L. Sledge, General Counsel; District staff; and members of the public. *Copies of the public sign-in sheets are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".*

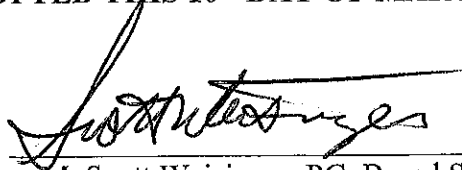
After a proper and legally sufficient announcement to the public by President Tramm, the Board of Directors went into a Closed Executive Session at 9:05 a.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, to consult with the District's attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.

Director Stinson arrived at 9:06 a.m.

Following Executive Session, the Board reconvened in Open Session and President Tramm declared it open to the public at 10:07 a.m.

No action was taken on matters discussed in Executive Session and President Tramm adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2015.**



M. Scott Weisinger, PG, Board Secretary



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Do you wish to speak on an agenda item?	NAME	CITY, STATE, ZIP	E-Mail
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NO	DON GRAY	WILLIS, TX 77318	capt.dons7@yahoo.com
	Byron Bowers	Shenandoah	bbowers@shenandoah.texas
NO	ANGELA SPURSKA	Canoe, TX 77304	angela@willmetcalf.com
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NO	RICHARD RAMIREZ	RPMUD	
No	Joe Sherman	Oak Edge North	jshe@oakedge.com
Y/N	SHEILA SILVA	Porter TX 77365	Sheila.Silva@hunjye.k12.tx.us
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# LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

## **MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

The Board of Directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District ("District") met in regular session, open to the public, in the Lone Star GCD – Board Room located at 655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, Texas, within the boundaries of the District on February 10, 2015.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

President Tramm called to order the Public Hearing on Permit Applications at 10:08 a.m., announcing the meeting open to the public.

### **ROLL CALL:**

The roll was called of the members of the Board of Directors, to wit:

Sam W. Baker  
John D. Bleyl, PE  
Jace Houston  
Roy McCoy, Jr.  
Rick J. Moffatt  
Jim Stinson, PE  
Richard J. Tramm  
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Item #1, **T&W Water Services (Sun Rise Ranch)** - Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit for an increase in production authorization in the amount of 3,100,000 gallons for 2014 and annually thereafter. The San Jacinto River Authority GRP Administrator has been notified by email and has not submitted any comments on the request.

Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is being requested.

Item #2, **Chemtec Energy Services, LLC** - Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit for an increase in production authorization in the amount of 200,000 gallons for 2014 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is being requested.

Item #3, **Jack McClanahan (1212 Old 105)** - Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit for an increase in production authorization in the amount of 125,000 gallons for 2014 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is being requested.

Item #4, **Tom Lipar** - Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit for an increase in production authorization in the amount of 1,539,923 gallons for 2014 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is being requested.

Item #5, **Cube HHF Limited Partnership** - Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit for an increase in production authorization in the amount of 4,377,500 gallons for 2014 **only**. Production authorization for 2015 will revert back to 3,000,000 gallons. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is being requested.

Item #6, **Binder Science, LLC** - Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 1,800,000 gallons for 2015 and 2,100,000 gallons for 2016 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is being requested.

Item #7, **TRS Construction** - Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 50,000 gallons for 2015 and 55,000 gallons for 2016 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is being requested.

Item #8, **Les O'Farrell** - Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 100,000 gallons for 2015 and 120,000 gallons for 2016 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve the registration and construction of the well and authorize a **reduced** amount of 40,000 gallons for 2015 and annually thereafter.

Item #9, **Jim Ross** - Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 200,000 gallons for 2015 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is being requested.

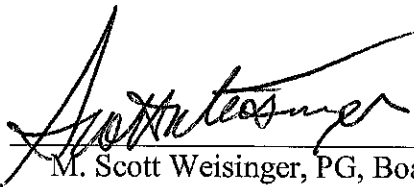
The first motion was made by Director Stinson, and seconded by Director Bleyl to approve

items #1-7 and item #9 as requested, in accordance with the General Manager's recommendations. The motion passed unanimously. General Manager Jones noted that all items have been thoroughly reviewed by District consultants and been determined to be technically complete.

The second motion was made by Director Stinson, and seconded by Director Bleyl to approve item #8, in accordance with the General Manager's recommendation to approve the registration and construction of a new well, as well as authorization of a reduced allocation. The motion passed unanimously.

President Tramm adjourned the public hearing on permit applications at 10:09 a.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2015.**

  
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**LONE STAR  
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

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**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE(S) – THE HONORABLE CRAIG DOYAL,  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUDGE**

Montgomery County Judge Craig Doyal administered the oath of office for the following District board members who have been re-elected to their current board position:

- a) James M. (Jim) Stinson – The Woodlands Joint Powers Agency
- b) Roy McCoy – MUDs west I-45
- c) Rick Moffatt – MUDs east I-45
- d) W.B. (Billy) Wood – Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

President Tramm stated the Board would consider all meeting minutes listed as one item. Upon review of the following, a motion was made by Director Weisinger, seconded by Director Moffatt, and unanimously carried, to approve the meeting minutes:

- a) January 13, 2015, Special Board Meeting
- b) January 13, 2015, Public Hearing on Permit Applications
- c) January 13, 2015, Regular Board of Directors Meeting
- d) January 28, 2015, Findings and Review Committee – Stakeholder Workshop (Strategic Water Resources Planning)
- e) January 28, 2015, Rules and ByLaws Committee – Public Workshop on Proposed Amendments to the District Rules and District Regulatory Plan

**DISCUSS, REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2014 “DRAFT” ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – PAUL R. NELSON**

Mr. Nelson noted that the draft of the 2014 Annual Report is in the board packets. The District Management Plan was amended in November 2013 as required by statute, and all eight goals and accomplishments are contained in the draft annual report. He asked the board to provide edits by Friday, February 13. This gives time for photos and additional graphics to be added. A final draft will be presented at the March board meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Water Awareness and Conservation Committee - Billy Wood, Chair**

Briefing on Committee Activities - Director Wood reported that the committee had met in January to discuss future action with regard to the movie advertising campaign, and the group is currently considering a new ad.

Update on Water Efficiency and Conservation Efforts – Paul R. Nelson, Assistant General Manager – Mr. Nelson briefed the Board on additional conservation activities, including

- Mr. Nelson noted that Judge Mark Evans spoke at the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Gulf Coast/Montgomery County Water Efficiency Network. Judge Evans, North Harris County Regional Water Authority and Chair of Region H Water Planning group, spoke regarding the 2016 Region H Water Plan, and how that

relates to SWIFT funding. The next meeting of the group will be on February 26.

- Continuing Education Seminar for Irrigators – This is something the District has been looking to host for some time, and it is currently in the planning stages. It will be a joint effort between the Woodlands Joint Powers Agency and Texas AgriLife.
- Regional Water Symposium – District staff helping to plan this third-annual event, which will take place March 4 at the United Way building in Houston. A number of experts will speak, including Texas Water Development Board Member Kathleen Jackson and LSGCD Board Member Rick Moffatt. Director Stinson noted that Bob Dailey with WJPA will be speaking on a case study regarding commercial water-efficient landscaping. Cost for the symposium is \$45, which also includes continental breakfast and lunch. Event fliers are available at the sign in table for those interested in attending.

Briefing on Public Outreach Efforts - Marlisa Briggs, Education/Public Awareness Coordinator – Mrs. Briggs' presentation highlighted the following public outreach efforts:

- United Way Campaign – the District's first United Way campaign is currently underway, and there are donuts available in the lobby for all those in attendance who would like to donate to this worthy cause.
- Website Enhancement – District staff is currently seeking vendor quotes to provide an enhancement to the website's "Watering Recommendations" page. The addition of a map that graphically shows the watering recommendations on a map will make it even more user-friendly.
- "Conserve Our Water Supply" Yard Sign Campaign – the Woodlands has successfully received approval for such signage, and Oak Ridge is considering the same approval. District staff will continue to pursue opportunities in subdivisions throughout the county.
- Texas AgriLife's Woodland & Wildlife Expo – March 28 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Lone Star College – Montgomery. The District's educational trailer will be at the event, which is free to the public and all are encouraged to attend.
- Hosted meeting of the Water Conservation Outreach Professionals, and the group is considering a joint project.

### **Rules Development and Bylaws Committee – Richard Tramm, President**

Briefing on Committee Activities – Mr. Tramm noted that the committee met last month following the public hearing. The committee elected to move any action to next month. The committee hopes to meet within the next two weeks.

Notice of Postponement and Continuance of Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to District Rules and District Regulatory Plan - President Tramm

noted the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District public hearing on proposed amendments to the District Rules and District Regulatory Plan previously scheduled for 10:00 A.M., February 10, 2015, is continued until 10:00 A.M., March 10, 2015, and that the postponement was properly posted in accordance with legal requirements.

### **Policy and Personnel Development Committee – Sam W. Baker, Chair**

Briefing on Committee Activities – In Director Baker’s absence, Ms. Jones reported that she had no report.

### **Findings and Review Committee – Richard J. Tramm, Chair**

Status Update: Development of a strategic plan evaluating opportunities for additional development of water resources in the District while ensuring long-term viability of the aquifers within the District, possibly including review of the adequacy of the District’s groundwater monitoring program to monitor impacts to aquifers in the District of the initial conversion obligation under the District Regulatory Plan, review of the Total Estimated Recoverable Storage numbers released by the Texas Water Development Board and possible implications to groundwater management in the District, and review of related groundwater management issues, and opportunities for public input related to the development of the strategic plan. – Mark V. Lowry

President Tramm noted that a public meeting was held on January 28, and he expects this to be a regular agenda item going forward while the study is ongoing.

Mark Lowry distributed a brief report, and noted that Mr. John Siefert, LBG-Guyton Associates, had completed “Task 0,” which is to “Prepare for and attend Rules Committee Meeting on January 28.” He’s also involved heavily in “Task 1”, collection of the data and review of the aquifer level changes, as well we continuing to collect additional data.

President Tramm reminded those present that part of the process is to have quarterly meetings so that the public can learn of the plan’s progress, as well as have the opportunity to provide input into the plan.

Director Bleyl noted that at the workshop, the duration of each task was provided, but he would like to see specific dates/milestones. This would also be helpful for the public.

Update: Groundwater data acquisition and analysis study of potential groundwater contamination – Paul R. Nelson

Mr. Nelson reported that the committee is currently setting a meeting date with Mr. Lowry and Mr. Bennett to review progress and determine next steps.

**Budget and Finance Development Committee - Jim Stinson, Chair**

Briefing on Committee Activities – Director Stinson reported that the committee had not met since the last board meeting.

Review of Monthly Financial Reports – Director Stinson reported that income is budgeted at \$1,193,000 and actual is \$1,185,000. Expenses for the month of January were budgeted at \$211,000 actual expenses came in at \$181,000.

**Building and Facilities Committee - Kathy Turner Jones, Coordinator**

Briefing on Committee Activities – Ms. Jones reported that the committee had not met since the last board meeting, and there was no report.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:**

Mark Lowry, District Consultant, reported that he spent time working on analysis of the District's data to try to develop some tools to show the percentages of different segments of the District's permittees to provide backup for Ms. Reiter.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Jones noted that her report is included in the board packet, and highlighted reference to legislative changes with regard to committee appointments related to water and natural resources.

- 1) Update and status report on GMA-14  
Notices were sent out last week notifying the public that the GMA-14 meeting scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> has been postponed. As soon as the new date is known, the public will be notified.
- 2) Discussion of proposed GMA Planning Workshop  
President Tramm noted that he has asked Ms. Jones to schedule a GMA Planning Workshop in the next 30 days, with the purpose of a better understanding of the GMA process as well as the other entities that interact with it. He would like all board members to attend this meeting, which will be open to the public.

**GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:**

Mr. Sledge provided a legislative update to the board, including new committee assignments. Highlights of this information are included within the General Manager's report.

**DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE ACTION AS NECESSARY CONCERNING  
SELECTION OF OFFICER(S) FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS EACH**

- 1) President
- 2) Vice-President
- 3) Secretary
- 4) Treasurer

Director Moffatt made a motion to maintain the current officers for the next term.  
Director McCoy nominated Director Weisinger to serve as President for the next term.

President Tramm noted that the nomination was slightly out of order, and that a vote needed to be taken on Director Moffatt's motion first.

Director Stinson seconded Director Moffatt's original motion to have the officers on the District board remain the same. By a show of hands, Directors Moffatt, Stinson and President Tramm were in favor of the officers remaining as they are today. Because a majority of the board was not in favor, the motion did not pass.

Director McCoy then made a motion to nominate Director Weisinger as President of the District board. Director Bleyl seconded the motion. By a show of hands, Directors Bleyl, McCoy and Weisinger voted in favor of the motion. Because a majority of the board was not in favor, the motion did not pass.

Therefore, the item needed to be tabled until the March board meeting. Director Moffatt made a motion to table the item until next month. Director Bleyl seconded the motion and all those present were in favor.

President Tramm then explained to those in attendance that in accordance with District by-laws, in order for a motion to pass, there must be a majority of the entire board in favor, not just those in attendance. Because LSGCD's board is a nine-member board, a vote of five board members is needed.

**2015 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Because the board did not elect a President, this item will be moved to the March board meeting.

President Tramm also noted that there had been some discussion of the creation of an Advisory Committee. He would like to look into that option with staff in the next month as well.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

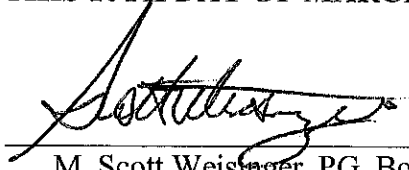


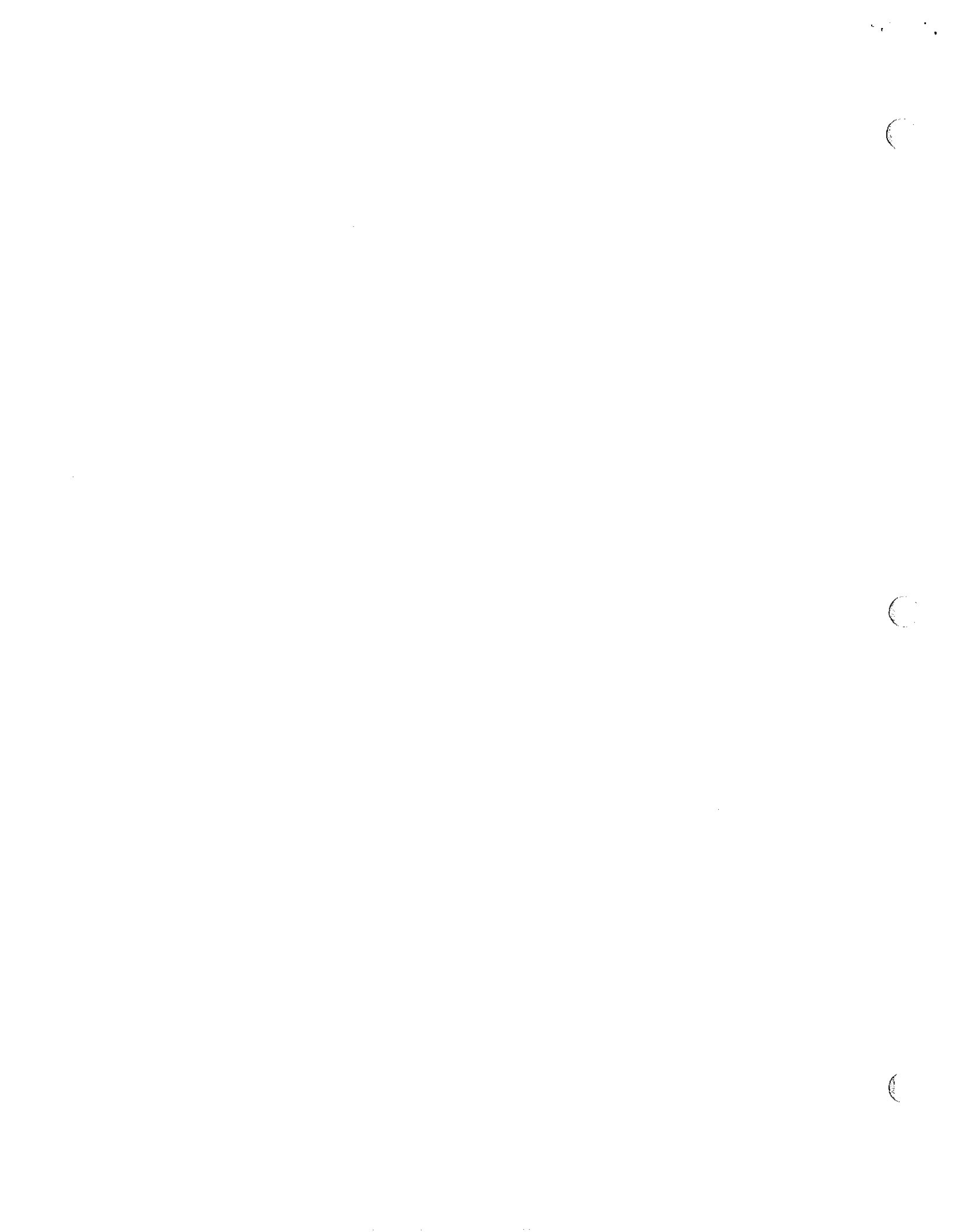
There was no public comment. Those who had signed up decided to rescind their request to speak.

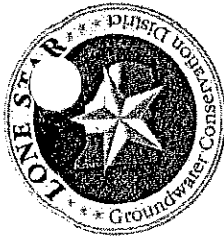
**NEW BUSINESS:**

There being no further business, Director Stinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Director Wood seconded the motion, therefore the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015.**

  
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M. Scott Weisinger, PG, Board Secretary





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