

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

February 14, 2017

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 14, 2017.

President Tramm called the meeting to order at 9:00 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:

John D. Bleyl, PE
Gregg Hope
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 Director Stinson, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Also, in attendance at said meeting were Kathy Turner Jones, District General Manager; Paul R. 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”.*

Director Stinson arrived at 9:02 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE(S) – The Honorable Wayne Mack, Justice of the Peace, Justice Court 1 – Montgomery County Judge:


- a) John D. Bleyl – City of Conroe
- b) Jace A. Houston – San Jacinto River Authority
- c) M. Scott Weisinger – other cities except Conroe

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 AM pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 and 551.074, to consult with the District's attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, personnel matters, 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.

Following Executive Session, the Board reconvened in Open Session and President Tramm declared it open to the public at 10:06 AM.

No additional action was taken on matters discussed in Executive Session and President Tramm adjourned the meeting at 10:06 AM.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH, 2017.



Gregg Hope, Board Secretary

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

February 14, 2017

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 – James B. “Jim” Wesley Board Room located at 655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, Texas, within the boundaries of the District on February 14, 2017.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Tramm called to order the Public Hearing on Permit Applications at 10:18 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:

John D. Bleyl, PE
Gregg Hope
Jace Houston
Roy McCoy, Jr.
Rick J. Moffatt
Jim Stinson, PE
Richard J. Tramm
M. Scott Weisinger, PG
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Permitting Director Samantha Reiter informed the board that there were 14 permit applications received in January. Ms. Reiter noted that Item #12 was struck due to a change in location discovered by the applicant after it was posted. She also corrected that item #14, Crystal Springs Water (Chasewood), was requesting a decrease of 200,000 gallons for 2016 rather than the

4.7 million decrease posted on the notice. Additionally, she noted that item #14 would be considered separately because it is a Large Volume User decreasing to a Small Volume User. And lastly, she stated that items #4 and #5 were requesting increases for 2016 only.

Item #1, **Crystal Springs Water (Lillie Put Farms)** - Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 9,500,000 gallons beginning in 2017 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 #2, **Rafael Chavez Monzon** - Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit in the amount of 2,900,000 gallons for 2017 and 1,500,000 gallons for 2018 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, **Shapla Enterprises** - Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 345,000 gallons for 2017 and 300,000 gallons for 2018 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, **East Fork Water Company (Exxon Rd)** - Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit in the amount of 127,000 gallons for **2016 only**. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is being requested.

Item #5, **Shameem Aslam (Express Grocery Store)** - Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit in the amount of 5,000 gallons for **2016 only**. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is being requested.

Item #6, **Oral Burleigh** - Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 1,000,000 gallons for 2017 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, **Harris County ID #17 (Colony at Pinehurst Water System)** - Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 4,500,000 gallons for 2017 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, **Riley Epps** - Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 300,000 gallons for 2017 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 #9, **W3 (Mansion Woodlands V)** - Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 3,300,000 gallons for 2017 and 2018, then

requesting an authorization of 1,790,000 gallons for 2019 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 #10, **W3 (Grand Estates in the Forest)** - Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 2,000,000 gallons for 2017 and 2018, then requesting an authorization of 1,120,000 gallons for 2019 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 #11, **Cajun Ready Mix, Ltd (FM 3083)** - Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 6,525,000 gallons for 2017 and 8,700,000 gallons 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 #12, **Quadvest, LP. 1 (Mostyn Manor)** – No action taken.

Item #13, **Alice Flores** - Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit in the amount of 1,000,000 gallons for 2016 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to authorize a **reduced** recommendation of 211,130 gallons for **2016 only**.

Item #14, **Crystal Springs Water (Chasewood)** - Applicant is requesting an amendment to decrease an Operating Permit in the amount of 200,000 gallons for 2017 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 contingent upon receipt of an amended Joint GRP.

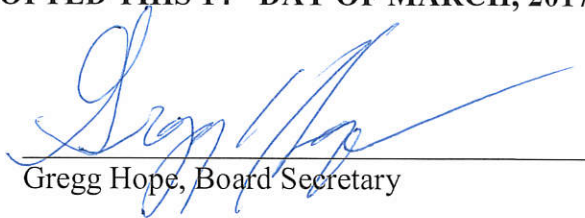
Following Mrs. Reiter's report, a motion was made by Director Stinson, seconded by Director Hope to approve items #1-11 in accordance with the General Manager's recommendations. Director Weisinger abstained from items #9 & #10. Director Bleyl abstained from item #1. The motion passed.

Next, a motion was made by Director Stinson, seconded by Director Bleyl to approve item #13 in accordance with the General Manager's recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Lastly, a motion was made by Director Stinson, seconded by Director Bleyl to approve item #14, pending receipt of an amended Joint GRP from the GRP Sponsor. President Tramm abstained from voting and the motion passed.

President Tramm adjourned the public hearing on permit applications at 10:24 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH, 2017.



Gregg Hope, Board Secretary

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

February 14, 2017

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

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 - James B. "Jim" Wesley Board Room located at 655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, Texas, within the boundaries of the District on February 14, 2017.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Tramm presided and called to order the regular Board of Directors meeting at 10:24 AM, announcing that it was open to the public.

ROLL CALL:

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

John D. Bleyl, PE
Gregg Hope
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, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Also in attendance at said meeting were Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager; Paul R. Nelson, Assistant General Manager; Brian L. Sledge, General Counsel; Mark Lowry, P.E., District Engineer; District staff; and members of the public. *Copies of the public sign-in sheets are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".*

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

President Tramm stated the Board would consider all meeting minutes as listed for approval on the day's agenda as one item. Upon review of the following, a motion was made to approve the meeting minutes by Director Houston, seconded by Director Moffatt, and unanimously carried, to approve the meeting minutes:

- a) January 10, 2017, Special Board Meeting
- b) January 10, 2017, Public Hearing on Permit Applications
- c) January 10, 2017, Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Update regarding 2016 Annual Report – Paul Nelson

Mr. Nelson briefed the board on the status of the 2016 Annual Report. He stated that the majority of the verbiage had been completed and that staff would be sending the directors a review draft prior to the March Regular Board Meeting. Upon review of feedback from the directors, Mr. Nelson said staff would prepare a final copy for approval for the March Regular Board Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Executive Committee – Richard J. Tramm, President

- 1) Brief the Board on the Committee's activities since the last regular Board meeting – President Tramm reported that the committee had met since the last regular board meeting.
- 2) Defense of the following lawsuit: City of Conroe et al. v. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (and the District's directors and general manager in their official capacities) – Mr. Sledge reported that on April 2, 2017, the Court of Appeals issued a ruling that was very favorable to the District. All the directors are now out of the lawsuit and that portion had been dismissed with prejudice, meaning that they could not be brought back in at a later point, he explained. Furthermore, Mr. Sledge advised that the District will, according to the law, recover all its attorney fees from the plaintiffs related to the defense of the directors. He noted that the Court of Appeals ruling, while acknowledging the plaintiffs' right to challenge whether the District's rules are valid, agreed with the District that the plaintiffs could not use the Declaratory Judgments Act to recover their attorney fees. However, Mr. Sledge explained that the Court of Appeal's ruling disagreed with the District's argument that the plaintiffs could not use the Declaratory Judgments Act at all; rather, in conjunction with the Waiver of Immunity, the plaintiffs can use it to sue the District on the validity of the District's rules. Recapping, he clarified that the District's legal aim on this matter was to be able to recover attorney fees should the District prevail in its defense—and that this ruling achieved that end. He expected, assuming neither side appeals, the trial would likely continue around April or May.

Director Stinson asked, regarding the ruling's allowance for the recovery of legal expenses specific to the defense of the directors, what the timeline for the recovery of those monies might be. Mr. Sledge said he believed the recovery of those monies could likely be achieved this calendar year.

- 3) Defense of Appeal of Desired Future Conditions Adopted by the District: Cities of Conroe/Magnolia and Quadvest – Mr. Sledge reported that the District has contracted

with the State Office on Administrative Hearings, as required by statute. Their cost, he said, were estimated at \$80,000, which are to be paid by the petitioners. Mr. Sledge said he has notified the attorneys of the petitioners and requested the \$80,000 deposit and is awaiting a response.

- 4) Discuss, consider, and take action as necessary regarding adoption of a formal position by the District's board of directors on proposed legislation in the 85th Texas Legislature to alter the structure or method of appointing or electing the District's board of directors – After board consideration, the directors adopted the following formal position: The District is neutral on any bill potentially coming out of the legislature and will not take a position on such bills other than to support the final result of such legislative actions. President Tramm said the District was created by the legislature, confirmed by the voters of Montgomery County, and if the legislature thinks it is time to make changes, that is their prerogative. Director Stinson further noted that the District is not using its attorney or its resources to influence the outcome of such legislation. Director Wood motioned to adopt the formal position. Director Hoped seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Water Awareness and Conservation Committee- Billy Wood, Chair

- 1) Brief the Board on the Committee's activities since the last regular Board meeting – Director Wood stated that the committee had not met since the last board meeting.
- 2) Update on water efficiency, conservation efforts – Paul R. Nelson – Mr. Nelson reported that the District's Water Efficiency Network February meeting hosted Dr. Ken Kramer, who spoke on water-related legislative happenings. He approximated about 35 people were in attendance. He encouraged the directors to attend the 6th annual Gulf Coast Water Conservation Symposium. Lastly, he discussed the District's investment in its evapotranspiration systems. He calculated, based off all the stations across the county, that Montgomery County averaged about 61 inches of precipitation during 2016, much of that coming during two major storms. However, using the precipitation and ET data, the District only recommended a total of 9.5 inches of irrigation to lawns during that same period. Mr. Nelson said staff will continue working toward expanding its dissemination of this information as a public resource for the citizens of Montgomery County.
- 3) Briefing on public outreach activities – James Ridgway – Mr. Ridgway reported that the District has been working with a Rice University engineering class about potentially creating a new educational exhibit—where the progress of such a project becomes a component in the students' academic grade. On Jan. 27, 2017, Mr. Ridgway stated that he visited the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District to observe and learn from some of the educational activities that have been successful in their area. He also noted that the District's Mobile Lab is back with its two new upgrades. Staff had taken the Mobile Lab out to Vogel Intermediate, near Oak Ridge North, on Feb. 9-10, 2017, where about 525 students, broken into several groups over the two-day visit, got to experience it during Mr. Ridgway's educational

presentations. He said another Mobile Lab visit has been scheduled with a local scout group on the evening of Feb. 23, 2017. He further pointed out other notable happenings and events on the District's horizon. Regarding the upcoming National Groundwater Awareness Week, March 5-11, 2017, Mr. Ridgway said he will: (1), be reaching out to area education contacts he has acquired to encourage the sharing of groundwater related educational materials with their students; (2), potentially visiting area libraries with related education materials; (3), generating PSA-type posts for the District's social media outlets; and (4), sending out a press release and/or editorial

- 4) Presentation to receive and take action to proclaim March 5 – 11, 2017, as “National Groundwater Awareness Week” in Montgomery County, State of Texas. (Resolution #17-004) – Mr. Ridgway read the resolution. Director Stinson motioned to approve. Director Moffatt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. *A copy of resolution #17-004 is attached hereto as Exhibit “B.”*

C. Rules and Regulatory Planning Committee – Jim Stinson, Chair

- 1) Brief the Board on the Committee's activities since the last regular board meeting – Director Stinson stated there had not been a meeting since the last regular board meeting and had no updates to report.

D. Policy and Personnel Development Committee – Richard J. Tramm, Chair

- 1) Brief the Board on the Committee's activities since the last regular Board meeting – President Tramm said the committee had one action item for board approval, resolution #17-003 on adopting amendments to the District's Employee Handbook and Personnel Policy.
- 5) Discuss, consider, and take action regarding approval of Resolution #17-003 adopting amendments to the District's Employee Handbook and Personnel Policy – Mr. Sledge stated that this update ensures that the District's policies are consistent with state and federal law. He said it is a much more concise, accessible document built around an open-door policy. Director Houston commented that a great deal of time and collaborative effort went into this undertaking. Director Houston motioned to approve. Director Stinson seconded the motion. Director Weisinger commented that he was not in support of changes to section 11.04.0. The motion passed in an 8-1 with Director Weisinger voting nay. *A copy of resolution #17-003 is attached hereto as Exhibit “C.”*

E. Budget and Finance Development Committee – Billy Wood, Chair

- 1) Brief the Board on the Committee's Activities – Director Wood stated that there had been no meeting since the last regular meeting. He stated a new variance report has been created by staff. This report, he explained, compares what has been budgeted versus actual monies spent and gives a percentage of the dollar variance. He said he believe this report will help the Board better identify potential budget anomalies.

- 2) Review of monthly financial reports –Financials for the District for the month of January reported a net income of \$37,081; over budget \$65,804. Since this is the first month of the year, year-to-date is the same.

F. Findings and Review Committee – Rick Moffatt, Chair

- 1) Brief the Board on the Committee’s activities since the last regular Board meeting – Director Moffatt stated that there had been a meeting of the committee for the purpose scoping Task 3 of the Strategic Plan Study.
- 2) Status Update: update regarding 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 – Director Moffatt stated that the committee feels Task 3 is the most critical component of the entire study and that it examines whether additional groundwater resources can be developed and to what extent. He said the committee recognizes there is a great deal of interest throughout the county in the results and, thusly, want to make sure the job is done thoroughly.
- 3) Discussion and possible action to accept committee’s recommendation to authorize Addendum #3 to the LBG Guyton professional services contract to increase technical services to include tasks specific to the preparation and analysis of additional model runs. – Director Moffatt stated the Findings and Review Committee is recommending board approval authorizing Addendum #3 to the Strategic Water Resources Planning Study. Moffatt noted the addendum scopes additional groundwater availability modelling—coupled with soliciting feedback from the public. He said Task 3 will first update the groundwater availability model with improved data obtained from Task 2 of the study. Once the model is updated, LBG-Guyton will do a series of model runs, including a new baseline run and additional runs that increase pumping to historic high levels and beyond those levels. He noted that some models will focus on growth corridor areas and others in more remote areas yet to have experienced high levels of pumping. Another key component will be to survey permit holders, Mr. Moffatt explained, to get a sense for the level of water-level declines they can endure in their respective wells. He added that the level of work the committee is proposing is above and beyond the initial scope of Task 3, hence, the reason the matter has been brought before the board. Mr. Moffatt said this work will help the District achieve a baseline which is as close to realistic as possible and will help the Board make better policy decisions going forward.

Directors Stinson asked what the estimated additional costs to the Task 3 study would be. John Seifert said \$55,000-\$65,000. Director Wood asked how long will additional work take to complete. Director Moffatt said the goal is to have draft MAG runs available by early summer.

Director Weisinger inquired whether there might be anything the District could restructure or re-evaluate with LBG-Guyton within the original scope of Task 3 to attempt to stay within the previously budgeted monies. Mr. Seifert said, upon discussion with District staff, the other items in Task 3 still needed to be performed, including Catahoula water quality and potential water management areas.

Director Weisinger asked whether the Catahoula components might be pushed back a fiscal year. Director McCoy said the study should fairly examine Catahoula sources, especially since there are local entities that have made sizable investments in Catahoula wells.

Director Wood asked the committee where they thought the additional monies ought to come from to pay for the additional work. Mr. Sledge interjected, considering the ultimate end would be to take data from the study to potentially change DFCs to allow for additional pumping, and considering pending legal circumstances on the horizon which may cost the District between \$200,000-\$300,000 on defending the petition challenging the DFCs, the District and the DFC petitioners might all experience a net benefit should the petitioners either hold off or completely abandon their petition pending the results of the study. Essentially, Mr. Sledge explained, should the District and the petitioners reach some kind of agreement, it would allow the District to fund the additional scope of Task 3 while also bolstering the scientific framework the District would need to substantiate DFCs with increased pumpage.

Director Stinson asked Director Bleyl, who represents the City of Conroe, whether Mr. Sledge's suggestion is a worthwhile effort. Director Bleyl said it is. Director Bleyl said he supports the additional scope of Task 3 and believes the City of Conroe also supports it.

Director Stinson asked whether, from a logistics standpoint, whether it might be possible to get all the interested parties in one room to discuss the matter. Mr. Sledge said mediation might be a means of accomplishing such.

Director Weisinger made a motion to approve the additional scope (Addendum #3) and asked that staff work with the Budget and Finance Committee in an effort to reallocate monies to offset costs associated. Director Hope seconded the motion.

President Tramm recognized the Mayor of Conroe, Toby Powell, who was in the audience—should he wish to add any commentary. Mayor Powell said he is encouraged by the spirit of the current discussion. He said the Strategic Water Resource Planning Study means a lot and that there is common ground to be found. He said the whole matter boils down to a question of what is best for the citizens. He said he could not speak for the entire council, but that he would “love to see us sit down at the table” to discuss these issues.

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Following additional discussion, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the General Manager to step necessary to execute Addendum #3 to the LBG Guyton professional services contract to increase technical services to include tasks specific to the preparation and analysis of additional model runs not to exceed \$65,000. **A copy of Addendum #3 is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".**

- 4) Groundwater Management Area 14 – Update the board on the status of the current desired future conditions development process in GMA 14 – Ms. Jones stated there had not been a meeting of GMA 14 since the last Regular Board Meeting. She said there may be a meeting set within the next three months.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mark Lowry, District Consultant, reported that a copy of his report was included in the Board's packet.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Jones said her items had been discussed at length previously in the meeting.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:

Mr. Sledge said the House of Representatives appointed committees. Most of the committee members stayed the same as last session, with the exception of two new members. He said there has not been much activity in the House since the start of the session. He expects legislative activities to get much busier in the next two to three months. He said he still has not seen a lot of the groundwater bills that he expects will be filed. He expects those will start being seen in the next few weeks.

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

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

President Tramm stated that it had been his distinct pleasure to serve as president of the District's board. Director Stinson expressed his gratitude to President Tramm.

Director Stinson nominated the following slate: Rick Moffatt for President; Jim Stinson for Vice-President; Gregg Hope for Secretary; and Billy Wood for Treasurer.

Director Weisinger nominated John Bleyl for president, keeping the remaining positions the same.

Upon closing of nominations, in a 7-2 vote, the board approved Director Stinson's slate: Rick Moffatt as President; Jim Stinson for Vice-President; Gregg Hope for Secretary; and Billy Wood for Treasurer. Director Weisinger and McCoy cast the opposing votes. Director Weisinger withdrew his nomination.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:


There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Stinson asked counsel, from a protocol standpoint, whether there was any way to officially pursue the setting up of a meeting between the District and the DFC petitioners. Mr. Sledge said, based off the verbiage of the February posted agenda, the board could make and vote on such a motion. Director Stinson then made the motion. Director Tramm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, upon a motion made by Director Hope and seconded by Director Stinson, the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 AM.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF March 2017.



Gregg Hope, Board Secretary

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Resolution No. 17-003

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REVIEWING AND ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT'S PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") was created by the Legislature of the State of Texas by the Act of May 17, 2001, 77th Leg., R.S., ch. 1321, 2001 Tex. Gen. Laws 3246, as amended (the "Enabling Act"), as a groundwater conservation district operating under Chapter 36, Texas Water Code, and the Enabling Act; and

WHEREAS, §36.056 and 36.057 of the Texas Water Code provides for the employment of a general manager and persons necessary for the proper handling of the business operations of the District;

WHEREAS, Resolution No 15-010, passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District on the 8th day of December, 2015, incorporated and adopted amended personnel policies of the District;

WHEREAS, State and Federal laws affecting personnel matters have changed; and

WHEREAS, Said policies have been reviewed by the Policy and Personnel Committee and certain changes thereto have been recommended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT THAT:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District "Personnel Policy and Procedures dated February 14, 2017, attached hereto and incorporated herein in full, are hereby adopted as the Personnel Policy of the District.
3. That such Personnel Policies supersede any and all policies previously adopted by the Board of Directors.
4. That the Personnel Policies shall govern the relationship between the District and the employees of the District until amended, repealed or replaced.
5. The General Manager of the District is authorized and directed to implement said policies.

6. That the General Manager of the District is further authorized to take any and all action necessary to implement this resolution.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 14th day of February, 2017

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: 
Richard J. Tramm, Board President

ATTEST:


Rick Moffatt, Board Secretary

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Resolution No. 17-004

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DESIGNATING MARCH 5-11 AS "NATIONAL GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK"

WHEREAS, it is beneficial and necessary for the public to better understand and appreciate the value of groundwater to their communities and;

WHEREAS, the National Groundwater Association has designated one week each year "National Groundwater Awareness Week" to bring such attention to groundwater, such week this year being March 5 through March 11, and;

WHEREAS, protection of the Gulf Coast Aquifer within the boundaries of Montgomery County is an essential purpose of Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, as authorized by the 77th Texas Legislature through House Bill 2362 and;

WHEREAS, protection of the Gulf Coast Aquifer is absolutely essential to the further economic development of Montgomery County and, further, such protection requires reduction of aquifer use to a sustainable level by means of conservation of water resources and use of alternative water supplies and;

WHEREAS, public understanding and support for alternative water supplies and robust conservation measures are prerequisites for effective action by water suppliers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Directors of the District encourages the public within Montgomery County to mark "National Groundwater Awareness Week" as March 5-11, 2017 by learning about and discussing ways to best protect the Gulf Coast Aquifer, the cornerstone of the county's economic development.
2. The General Manager is authorized to take any and all action necessary for the implementation of this resolution.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of February, 2017

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: 
Richard J. Tramm, Board President

ATTEST:


Rick Moffatt, Board Secretary