LONE STAR
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

October 12, 2021

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 held in person in the Lone Star GCD – James B. "Jim" Wesley Board Room located at 655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, Texas, and remotely via the publicly accessible webinar/telephone conference call within the boundaries of the District on October 12, 2021.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Hardman called to order the Public Hearing on Permit Applications at 6:01 PM announcing the meeting open to the public.

ROLL CALL:

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

Jon Paul Bouché
Harry Hardman
Jim Spigener – (*virtual*)
Janice Thigpen
Stuart Traylor

Five members of the Board were present, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Also, in attendance at said meeting were Samantha Reiter, General Manager; Stacey V. Reese, District Counsel; District staff; and members of the public. *Copies of the public sign-in sheets and comment cards received are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to the Regular Board of Directors Meeting minutes.*

PRAYER AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Hardman called on Director Bouche for the opening prayer and Vice President Traylor to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge of Allegiance to the state flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments were received.

On behalf of Samantha Reiter, Ms. Jennifer Thayer briefed the Board on permit applications received for the month. Applications for consideration and recommended for possible approval included the below:

1. **Dawat-E-Hadiyah (Texas)**

Applicant is requesting 1 existing well not permitted with the District and 1 proposed well to be drilled, not to exceed 204,260 annually for commercial use. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is requested.

2. **The Spring Events**

Applicant is requesting 1 existing well not permitted with the District and 1 proposed well to be drilled, not to exceed 1,584,168 annually for irrigation use. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is requested.

3. **GBT Realty 21-221**

Applicant is requesting a proposed well to be drilled not to exceed 500,000 annually for public supply use. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is requested.

4. **Lakelands Section II**

Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit for an increase in production authorization in the amount of 200,000 gallons annually. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is requested.

Ms. Thayer reported that there were four applications for this month. Following Ms. Thayer's report, Director Bouche motioned to approve items #1-#4, as recommended by the General Manager. Director Thigpen seconded. Motion passed.

President Hardman adjourned the public hearing on permit applications at 6:04 PM.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

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Larry Rogers, Board Secretary

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER:

President Hardman presided and called to order the regular Board of Directors meeting at 6:05 PM, announcing that it was open to the public.

ROLL CALL:

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

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments received

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board will recess for a closed Executive Session 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

conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code regarding any agenda item on any of the board meetings or hearing posted for today.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

Following Executive Session, the Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:06 PM and President Hardman declared no action will be taken.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

President Hardman stated the Board would consider the meeting minutes as listed for approval on today's agenda. Without further discussion, upon a motion by Director Traylor to approve as amended and seconded by Director Bouche, the Board approved the meeting minutes as presented.

a) September 21, 2021, Public Hearing on Permit Applications
b) September 21, 2021, Show Cause Hearing Minutes
c) September 21, 2021, Regular Board of Directors Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. <u>Budget & Finance Committee – Jim Spigener, Chair</u>

1) <u>Brief the Board on the Committee's activities since the last regular Board meeting -</u> Treasurer Spigener had no updates.

2) <u>Review of unaudited financials for the month of September 2021 –</u> Speaking on behalf of Samantha Reiter, Ms. Jennifer Thayer reported that for the month of September 2021, income was $261,611.14 and expenses were $195,253.18 resulting in a net income of $66,35.96. Year-to-date net income is $898,405.86. Total cash on hand was $3,109,185.43.

B. <u>Communications Committee – Harry Hardman, Chair</u>

1) <u>Brief the Board on the Committee's activities since the last regular Board meeting</u> -President Hardman stated the Communications Committee continues the District's social media postings. Ms. Thayer stated the District follows a set social media posting schedule as follows: Monday-Watering Recommendations, Tuesday Trivia, Water Wednesday, Thursday Texas Groundwater Facts, and Friday Weekend Irrigation Tips.

C. **<u>DFC & Technical Committee – Stuart Traylor, Chair</u>**

1) <u>Brief the Board on the Committee's activities since the last regular Board meeting</u> - Director Traylor informed the Board the District held a Stakeholder meeting on September 30th with several local entities, to which he feels went very well.

Representatives from MUD #60, MUD #47, MUD #36, Southern Montgomery County MUD, SJRA, Woodlands Township, and Porter SUD were in attendance. President Hardman acknowledged the importance of these types of meetings and stated that the District is committed to continuing these collaborative efforts in the near future.

D. **Legislative Committee – Harry Hardman, Chair**

1) Brief the Board on the Committee's activities since the last regular Board meeting – President Hardman apprised the board that the response to GMA 14 was sent to state legislators, with overall support in response. Senator Nichols wrote a letter of support to the other participating GMA 14 representatives.

E. **Rules, Bylaws & Policies Committee – Larry A. Rogers, Chair**

1) Brief the Board on the Committee's activities since the last regular Board meeting – With Secretary Rogers absent from the meeting, President Hardman updated the board that a Rules Committee Meeting will be held on November 8, 2021.

RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT'S TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS REGARDING SUBSIDENCE STUDIES AND/OR DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SAME:

a) Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve Subsidence Study Phase 2 Scope of Work.

Ms. Thayer apprised the board that a copy of the consultant's report and timeline are included the packets. The consultants continue to progress on Tasks 1 &2 of the 2nd phase of the study. As mentioned, the DFC committee met with the technical consultants and discussed developing a tentative schedule for future phases. The team will have a more complete schedule for next month's meeting.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 - UPDATE THE BOARD ON THE ISSUES RELATED TO JOINT PLANNING ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS IN GMA 14:

Ms. Stacey Reese, District counsel, informed the board that GMA 14 meet on October 5th at the Harris Galveston Subsidence District's office. No official action was taken. GMA 14 did approve a resolution for proposed DFCs with the language including Lone Star's requested change from the "and" to "or" with the proposed DFC statement of "no less than 70 percent median available drawdown remaining in 2080 or no more than an average of 1.0 additional subsidence between 2009 and 2080." With that change the District will be implementing the applicable metric of 70 percent drawdown. The reason GMA 14 did not vote on final DFCs is because the explanatory report needed some more work and further guidance was needed with the change Lone Star proposed. The motion passed 4-1, with one member abstaining as authority to vote was not

given to the Southeast Texas GCD representative. The next GMA 14 meeting will be held January 5th, 2022, at 9:30am. A final vote is expected to take place at this meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Thayer, speaking on behalf of Ms. Reiter, announced the report was included in the packet and she had nothing further at the time.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:

Ms. Reese stated she had no further updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Vice President Traylor motioned to adjourn the meeting and Director Thigpen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

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Larry Rogers, Board Secretary

SIGN IN SHEET

October 12, 2021
Board Meeting

Do you wish to speak on an agenda item?	NAME	CITY, STATE, ZIP	E-Mail	Would you like to receive LSGCD updates & information?
N	Doug Miller	Pinehurst TX 77362	dfuzhe gmail.com	Y

Exhil "A"

Exhibit "A"

October 12th Board Meeting Attendees

Panelists

Jim Spigener
Jennifer Thayer
Stacey Reese

Attendees

Simon Sequeria
Jishnu Nair
Chris Meeks
Penny Bradshaw
Tina Felkai
Ed Shackelford
Michael Sullivan
John Yoars