



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SOUTHWESTERN TRAVIS COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

A quorum of the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's office at 8656 W. Highway 71, Building A, Suite 224, Austin, Texas 78735. The meeting was open to the public and a videoconference remote participation option was provided, instructions for accessing the remote videoconference were provided with the Public Notice of Meeting.

1. **Call to order, declare meeting open to the public, take roll and declare quorum status** – President Scadden called the public meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Four directors were present at the meeting constituting a quorum, including President Scadden, Director Urie, Director Davis, and Director Van Ackeren. Also present were General Manager Lane Cockrell, Pete Golde, and Vince Clause and Allan Standen with Allen R. Standen, LLC. The following individuals participated remotely by videoconference call: Audrey Cooper and Cole Ruiz with Lloyd Gosselink, District Regulatory Compliance Specialist Virginia Smith, Laura Thomas, and Director Norton and Director Hennings, who participated as members of the public.
2. **Announcements** – President Scadden reported that future agendas will include an agenda item for announcements. No action taken.
3. **Public Comments** – No public comments were presented.
4. **Public Hearing to receive input regarding proposed District Fee Schedule for FY 2023** – President Scadden called the public hearing on the proposed District Fee Schedule for fiscal year 2023 to order at 9:05 a.m. General Manager Cockrell reported that notice of the public hearing on the proposed fee schedule was published ten days in advance to provide appropriate notice to the public. General Manager Cockrell reported that the proposed fees described in the proposed fee schedule for fiscal year 2023 are the same fees adopted by the District for fiscal year 2022. No public comments were presented. President Scadden adjourned the public hearing on the proposed fee schedule for fiscal year 2023 at 9:07 a.m.
5. **Discuss and possibly act on matters related to proposed District Fee Schedule for FY 2023** – President Scadden and General Manager Cockrell both reported that they have not received any feedback from the public regarding the District's fee schedule. A motion was made by Director Davis to adopt the District Fee Schedule for fiscal year 2023 as presented. Motion seconded by Director Van Ackeren. Motion carried 4 Ayes – 0 Nays – 3 Absent.

6. **Public Hearing to receive input regarding proposed District budget for FY 2023** – President Scadden called the public hearing on the proposed District budget for fiscal year 2023 to order at 9:09 a.m. General Manager Cockrell provided a presentation regarding the draft budget for fiscal year 2023. No public comments were presented. President Scadden adjourned the public hearing on the proposed District budget for fiscal year 2023 at 9:10 a.m.
7. **Discuss and possibly act on matters related to proposed District budget for FY 2023** – There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Director Davis to adopt the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023 as presented. Motion seconded by Director Urie. Motion carried 4 Ayes – 0 Nays – 3 Absent.
8. **Discuss and possibly act on matters related to presentation regarding proposed regional hydrogeologic study** – President Scadden welcomed Vince Clause and Allan Standen with Allen R. Standen, LLC, to the meeting. Allen Standen and Vince Clause provided a presentation regarding the regional hydrogeologic study proposed by Allan R. Standen, LLC, for the Trinity Aquifer in Bell, Burnet, Williamson, and Travis counties. Vince Clause reported that the overall goal of this study is to provide policy makers, scientists, and the public with a detailed hydrogeologic framework of the Trinity Aquifer in Central Texas, and to better understand groundwater resources in the study area and the impacts of geologic structure and lithology on those resources. Vince Clause reported that the proposed collaborative study may include the District, Clearwater UWCD, Central Texas GCD, Travis County, and the Bureau of Economic Geology, and that INTERA would contribute to the Burnet County portion of the study. Vince Clause reported that the final deliverable for the study will be a geodatabase with stratigraphic interpretations, water levels, and other data, as well as a 3D hydrostratigraphic model of the study area. Director Hennings raised the question of how this regional model of the Trinity Aquifer could be used for GMA 9 joint planning purposes. Vince Clause reported that this model of the Trinity Aquifer will use a smaller grid size than the Groundwater Availability Model (“GAM”) for GMA 9, and that this data could be used to help update the GAM in the future. President Scadden asked if Hays and Blanco counties plan to participate in this regional study. Allen Standen reported that this phase of the study will only include portions of Bell, Williamson, Travis, and Burnet counties, but that future studies may include Hays and Blanco counties. No action taken.
9. **Discuss and possibly act on approving previous meeting minutes** – President Scadden presented the minutes for the August 10, 2022, regular board meeting for the Board’s consideration with revisions. A motion was made by President Scadden to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2022, regular board meeting as revised. Motion seconded by Director Van Ackeren. Motion carried 4 Ayes – 0 Nays – 3 Absent.
10. **General Manager’s Report:**
 - a. **Summary of permitting, application, and registration inquiries and submissions** – General Manager Cockrell provided an update on the permit applications and well registrations submitted to the District during the month of August. General Manager Cockrell reported that the District received seven (7) new well registrations during the month of August, and seventeen (17) new well drilling authorization applications. General Manager Cockrell reported that the District has received a total of sixty-one (61) well registrations this fiscal year, and eighty-five (85) well drilling authorization applications

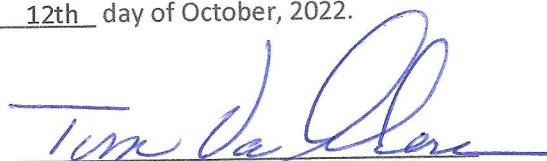
this fiscal year. General Manager Cockrell reported that the District also received one (1) general permit application during the month of August, and that meter readings for the month of August show production of fifty-two (52) acre-feet. General Manager Cockrell reported that the District received payment for sixty-four (64) water service connections during the month of August, bringing the total for the fiscal year to seventy-eight (78).

- b. **Drought stage status and outlook** – General Manager Cockrell reported that Travis County experienced some rain during the month of August, and that drought conditions are expected to improve slightly in Autumn. General Manager Cockrell reported that the District is still under the D3 drought stage.
 - c. **Regulatory items and updates related to TWDB, TCEQ, GMAs, and other organizations** – General Manager Cockrell reported that the next GMA 9 meeting will be held on October 17, 2022, at the Cow Creek GCD offices in Boerne, Texas, and that he plans to attend. General Manager Cockrell reported that the GMA 9 member districts will consider an interlocal agreement for cost sharing for hydrogeologic consulting services at the next meeting. General Manager Cockrell reported that all members of the Board and District staff completed their 2022 cybersecurity awareness training. General Manger Cockrell reported that attorneys for Clancy Utility Holdings, LLC, submitted an application amendment to Hays Trinity GCD, and that they will likely submit an application amendment to the District as well.
 - d. **Overview of current District groundwater monitoring program** – General Manager Cockrell provided an update regarding the District’s groundwater monitoring program. General Manager Cockrell reported that District staff and Director Hunt collected water samples from monitoring wells throughout the District for water-quality testing through the TWDB’s Water Quality Sampling program. General Manager Cockrell reported that the District will receive detailed water-quality reports for each water sample. General Manager Cockrell presented water-level data for the HEB Monitoring Well from 2008 to present day for the Board’s consideration. No action taken.
 - e. **Other items of interest not requiring Board action** – General Manager Cockrell reported that he attended the 2022 Texas Groundwater Summit hosted by the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts and reported on some of the presentations and discussions there. General Manager Cockrell reported that a Groundwater Roundtable Social is scheduled for September 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Westcave Outdoor Discovery Center, and that he, Director Hunt, and HTGCD GM Charlie Flatten will provide presentations. General Manager Cockrell reported that the Hill Country Alliance leadership summit is scheduled for September 29, 2022, and that the Westlake National Night Out is scheduled for October 4, 2022.
11. **Receive, discuss, and take action as necessary on Board Committee Reports:**
- a. **Finance** – Pete Golde provided a report to the Board regarding the financial reports dated August 31, 2022. The balance sheet indicated assets totaling \$112,635.52 and liabilities totaling \$3,439.40. The fiscal year to date profit and loss report indicated expenses totaling \$184,416.58, gross profit totaling \$197,419.58, and net income totaling

ago, however the Hays Trinity GCD Board requested revisions to the ILA. President Scadden reported that the Hays Trinity GCD Board's revisions adjust the timeframe for sharing evaluations and data from INTERA between Districts. President Scadden reported that the Hays Trinity GCD Board adopted the revised ILA on September 1, 2022. A motion was made by President Scadden to approve the revised Interlocal Agreement with Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District. Motion seconded by Director Davis. Motion carried 4 Ayes – 0 Nays – 3 Absent.

16. **Discuss and possibly act on matters related to District hydrogeologic consultant** – General Manager Cockrell reported that INTERA submitted their initial proposal for evaluating the potential impacts of proposed production by Mirasol in Hays and Travis Counties. General Manager Cockrell reported that he plans to meet with Charlie Flatten and staff at Hays Trinity GCD regarding the initial proposal from INTERA for evaluating the Mirasol application. General Manager Cockrell reported that the application amendments submitted by Mirasol may impact the timeline of the District's review. No action taken.
17. **Discuss and possibly act on matters related to District staffing, including annual performance reviews** – President Scadden reported that he plans to conduct an annual performance review for General Manager Cockrell and requested that General Manager Cockrell conduct an annual performance review for District staff to provide feedback regarding their performance. President Scadden requested that the Board provide feedback to him regarding staff performance, and to provide recommendations regarding any areas for improvement. President Scadden and General Manager Cockrell suggested that future annual staff performance reviews be conducted prior to the budgeting process to account for possible salary increases for staff. No action taken.
18. **Discuss and possibly act on matters related to annual audits for FY 2021 and FY 2022** – General Manager Cockrell reported that staff at Neffendorff and Blocker, P.C., notified him that they do not have the capacity at this time to perform the District's fiscal year 2021 and 2022 audits. General Manager Cockrell reported that he will follow up with other auditors in the District. No action taken.
19. **Discuss and establish possible agenda items for future Board Meetings** – President Scadden requested that the next agenda include items to discuss establishing District policies required by Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, and to discuss the GMA 9 ILA.
20. **Discuss and possibly act on setting the date, time, and location for the next Board Meeting** – President Scadden reported that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's office.
21. **Adjourn** – A motion was made by Director Van Ackeren to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. Motion seconded by Director Davis. Motion carried 4 Ayes – 0 Nays – 3 Absent.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS THE 12th day of October, 2022.


Tim Van Ackeren, Secretary