

Minutes from the August 16th, 2011 PCCD regular scheduled meeting
to be presented on September 20th, 2011 for Board approval and
subject to corrections, additions, deletions and approval.

August 16th, 2011

Notices of this regular meeting were posted in the Hays and Caldwell County Courthouses at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Receipts of the notices are on file in the office of Plum Creek Conservation District.

Checks were reviewed and signed, just prior to the call to order, by Vice President, James O Lipscomb.

- 1:00 PM The meeting was called to order by President of the Board, James Holt, with the following Board members present: James O. Lipscomb (Vice President), Peter Reinecke (Secretary/Treasurer), Lucy Knight (Director), Ben Twidwell (Director) and Fred Rothert (Director). Also present were Johnnie Halliburton (Executive Manager), Bob Wilson (PCCD Attorney) Feathergail Wilson (PCCD Geologist) and PCCD staff Karen Bassett, Korey Schuelke and Daniel Meyer. Minutes were taken by Karen Bassett and transcribed by Korey Schuelke.
- 1:00PM President Holt requested motions or comments regarding the minutes of the Plum Creek Conservation District's Regular Meeting held on July 19th, 2011. Mr. Twidwell made a motion that the minutes of the Plum Creek Conservation District's Regular Meeting held on July 19th, 2011 be approved as circulated. Mrs. Knight provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.
- 1:00PM President Holt requested discussion of any unfinished business. Mr. Halliburton then discussed a necessary amendment to the Site 5 Rehabilitation Project Agreement. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that the bids for the Site 5 Rehabilitation had been higher than the Natural Resources Conservation Service had anticipated and an amendment was necessary regarding a change in the Plum Creek Conservation District's 35% cost share. Mr. Bob Wilson then discussed the amendment to the Project Agreement for the Site 5 Rehabilitation with the Board of Directors. Mrs. Knight made a motion that the Plum Creek Conservation District execute the amendment to the Site 5 Rehabilitation Project Agreement. Mr. Twidwell provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.
- 1:09PM President Holt requested discussion of Item IV on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton then introduced Mr. Richard Wigzell with the Texas Water Conservation Association Risk Management Fund. Mr. Wigzell then presented the Board of Directors with his final audit report regarding the risk involved with the operations that the Plum Creek Conservation District performs and possible ways to protect themselves, employees, and the public, as well as how to mitigate these risks.
- 1:23PM President Holt requested discussion of Item V on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton and Mr. Meyer then discussed the 2011-2012 Budget with the Plum Creek Conservation District's Board of Directors. Mr. Halliburton then discussed specific changes made to the budget for the upcoming year. The Board of Directors then discussed the 2011-2012 Budget with Mr. Halliburton and Mr. Bob Wilson.
- 1:36PM President Holt stated that there were no necessary amendments for the 2010-2011 Budget at this time. Item VI on the agenda was bypassed whereas; there were no necessary amendments to the 2010-2011 Budget at the present time.
- 1:36PM President Holt requested discussion of Item VII on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton then discussed current and future possible tax rates with the Board of Di-

rectors. Mr. Halliburton then discussed changes that would have to be made if the Plum Creek Conservation District went from being a small taxing entity to a large taxing entity. The Board of Directors then discussed multiple tax rate options. After much discussion, Mr. Twidwell made a motion to propose a tax rate of \$0.02 per \$100 valuation for the Flood Control component of the Plum Creek Conservation District. Mrs. Knight provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously. Mrs. Knight made a motion to propose a tax rate of \$0.02 per \$100 valuation for the Underground Water component of the Plum Creek Conservation District. Mr. Twidwell provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

- 1:51PM President Holt then requested discussion of Item VIII on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton then informed the Board of Directors that he needed to discuss the setting of dates for public hearings concerning the Plum Creek Conservation District's tax rates. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that in order to meet the public notice posting requirements that the first public hearing regarding the tax rates would need to be on September 1st, 2011. The second public hearing would need to be held on September 9th, 2011, followed by the Plum Creek Conservation District's Regular Meeting on September 20th, 2011, and the meeting to adopt the tax rates on September 23rd, 2011. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors that the hearings and meeting be held on the dates recommended by Mr. Halliburton at 2:00 pm on each date. The Plum Creek Conservation District's Regular Meeting held on September 20th, 2011 would be held at the normal time of 1:00 pm.
- 1:55PM President Holt requested discussion of Item IX on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton then discussed the Supplemental Watershed Plan #5 and the Environmental Assessment regarding the rehabilitation plan for Site 6. Mr. Bob Wilson then discussed the possible expenses involved with the possible rehabilitation of Site 6 with the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors also discussed easement acquisitions with Mr. Bob Wilson. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors that the execution of the Supplemental Watershed Plan #5 and the Environmental Assessment regarding the rehabilitation plan for Site 6 be revisited at the public hearing on September 1st, 2011 at 2:00 pm.
- 2:06PM President Holt requested a report from the Plum Creek Conservation District's Geologist, Mr. William Feathergail Wilson. Mr. Feather Wilson then discussed recent legislation that could have an effect on the Plum Creek Conservation District. Mr. Feather Wilson also discussed the effect of the Plum Creek Conservation District's recently adopted rules on permit holders with permits that are nearing renewal. Mr. Feather Wilson discussed the status of the monitoring well at the Nohra place. Mr. Feather Wilson then discussed well logs that he had recently analyzed. Mr. Feather Wilson and Mr. Bob Wilson then discussed possible revisions to the rules that may be necessary in the future with the Board of Directors.
- 2:28PM President Holt requested a report from the Natural Resources Conservation Service's District Conservationist, Mr. Isidro Morales. Mr. Morales had nothing to report at this time.
- 2:29PM President Holt requested a report from the Plum Creek Conservation District's Assistant Manager, Mr. Daniel Meyer. Mr. Meyer first discussed the status of the disannexation letters mailed out regarding SB 1225 and the dually annexed properties in southeastern Caldwell County. Mr. Meyer then discussed issues at the most recent Groundwater Management Area-10 Meeting. Mr. Meyer then discussed the status of the wells that he has been measuring during the drought. Mr. Meyer then showed the Board of Directors data that he had been collecting regarding springs and flowing water wells within the Plum Creek Conservation District boundaries. Mr. Meyer then discussed the recent completion of the Nohra monitoring well. The Board of Directors then posed questions to Mr. Meyer and Mr. Feather Wilson regarding the Nohra monitoring well.

- 2:42PM President Holt requested a report from the Plum Creek Conservation District's Executive Manager, Mr. Johnie Halliburton. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that the new fence construction at Site 16 had been completed. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that the Plum Creek Conservation District did receive the grant money from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board through the Hays County Soil and Water Conservation District in the approximate amount of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00) and through the Caldwell-Travis Soil and Water Conservation District in the approximate amount of thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00). Mr. Halliburton discussed possible development that may occur around the Plum Creek Conservation District's Site 4. Mr. Halliburton discussed the status of the project study at the Plum Creek Conservation District's Site 10 regarding a possible environmental water quality enhancement project. Mr. Halliburton then informed the Board of Directors that the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board had approved for planning the Application for Federal Assistance for the possible rehabilitation of the Plum Creek Conservation District's Site 28.
- 2:44PM President Holt requested a report from the Plum Creek Conservation District's Attorney, Mr. Bob Wilson. Mr. Bob Wilson discussed the status of the easement acquisition from the Southlake Homeowner's Association regarding the Site 5 Rehabilitation. Mr. Bob Wilson then discussed legislation that will have an effect on the Plum Creek Conservation District.
- 2:45PM President Holt then requested discussion of Item XV on the agenda. Mr. Bob Wilson then discussed changes he had made to the contract with the City of Lockhart for the possible purchase of property.
- 2:47PM President Holt requested discussion of Item XVI on the agenda. Mrs. Knight then began discussion on behalf of the building committee concerning the Plum Creek Conservation District's proposed new office building. Mrs. Knight then provided the Board of Directors with building estimates from Mr. Thom Earnest, Architect, and Southwest Engineers. Staff members from Southwest Engineers then gave the Board of Directors a statement requesting an opportunity to work for the Plum Creek Conservation District. The Board of Directors then discussed the information that each estimate was based upon. The Board of Directors then discussed the processes involved with the selection of an architect with Mr. Bob Wilson. Mr. Reinecke made a motion to begin contract negotiations with Mr. Thom Earnest for his architectural services. Mrs. Knight provided the second and the motion passed with three assenting votes (Mr. Lipscomb, Mrs. Knight, and Mr. Reinecke), two dissenting votes (Mr. Twidwell and Mr. Rothert), and one abstaining (Mr. Holt).
- 3:07PM There were no public comments due to a lack of public in attendance.
- 3:07PM Mr. Twidwell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lipscomb provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

 President

 Vice President