

Minutes from the January 19th, 2010 PCCD regular scheduled meeting  
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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.

- 2:00 PM The meeting was called to order by President of the Board, James A. Holt, Jr. with the following Board members present: James O. Lipscomb (Vice President), Peter Reinecke (Treasurer), Ben Twidwell (Director), and Fred Rothert (Director). Also present were Johnie Halliburton (Executive Manager), Bob Wilson (PCCD Attorney), William Feathergail Wilson (PCCD Geologist) and PCCD staff Karen Bassett, Korey Schuelke and Dan Meyer. Minutes were taken by Karen Bassett.
- 2:00PM President Holt requested motions or comments regarding the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Lipscomb made a motion that the minutes be accepted as circulated. Mr. Twidwell provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.
- 2:01PM President Holt requested motions regarding the December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Special Rules Meeting minutes. Mrs. Knight made a motion that the minutes be accepted as circulated. Mr. Rothert provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.
- 2:02PM President Holt asked if there was any unfinished business that needed the Board of Directors' attention. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that there was no unfinished business.
- 2:03PM President Holt asked for the 2008-2009 audit report from Mr. Jansen of Jansen and Gregorczyk. Mr. Jansen gave the Board of Directors his findings regarding the 2008-2009 audit. Mr. Lipscomb made a motion that the 2008-2009 audit by Jansen and Gregorczyk be accepted. Mr. Twidwell provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2:12PM President Holt requested discussion of Item VI on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton then introduced Mr. David Welsch, Ms. Debbie Magin, and Mr. Oscar Fogle all of whom were representatives from the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. Mr. Halliburton also introduced Mr. Matt Berg, Ms. Nikki Dictson, and Mark McFarland all of whom were representatives from the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that the representatives from both groups were at the meeting to discuss the possible implementation of the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership's watershed plan. Mr. Matt Berg then gave a presentation regarding past accomplishments of the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership and possible future plans to the Board of Directors with the assistance of his colleagues. Mr. Berg's presentation focused on water quality and water quantity. Mr. Matt Berg and Mr. Mark McFarland then addressed the Board of Directors with a request that the Plum Creek Conservation District provide financial support to the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership in an attempt to reach both the Plum Creek Conservation District's and the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership's goals of water quality and quantity regarding surface water and ground water. It was the opinion of the Board of Directors that the plan be discussed in more detail with all entities involved in order to gain a greater knowledge base of the actions required to further the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership's plan.

2:40PM President Holt requested discussion of Item VII on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton then discussed the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board's Operations and Maintenance grant funding available as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors of the approximate amount of the grant and requested their guidance as to whether the Board of Directors wished to apply for this grant or to deny the funding. The Board of Directors asked a question of Mr. Halliburton regarding grant stipulations. Mr. Halliburton gave a further explanation of the grant's applications and uses. Mr. Twidwell made a motion to proceed with the application for the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Boards' Operations and Maintenance grant funding. Mr. Lipscomb provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

2:40PM President Holt requested a report from the Plum Creek Conservation District's Geologist, Mr. William Feathergail Wilson. Mr. Feather Wilson then discussed a series of maps that he was making, containing many different facets broken into quads, for the areas contained within the Plum Creek Conservation District's boundaries. Mr. Feather Wilson then discussed the acquisition of the geophysical logs from the Bureau of Economic Geology. Mr. Feather Wilson also presented the Board of Directors with a flow chart to assist people wishing to request permits from the Plum Creek Conservation District, guiding them in their quest to obtain a permit. It was the opinion of the Board of Directors that the flow chart needed further deliberation. Mr. Feather Wilson then discussed actions that needed to be performed in order for him to teach a rules familiarization class to local well drillers. Mr. Feather Wilson then discussed a Desired Future Conditions Conference that he would be attending that was being presented by Texas A&M University, Texas Water Development Board, and the University of Texas to be held in Austin, Texas. The Board of Directors then asked questions regarding the earlier mentioned maps that Mr. Feather Wilson is currently drafting.

3:04PM President Holt then requested a report from the Plum Creek Conservation District's GIS/IT, Mr. Daniel Meyer. Mr. Meyer then gave a presentation on the Plum Creek Conservation Districts' water usage in relation to the permitted amounts. Mr. Meyer also showed actual water usage as it pertains to public water supply and agricultural irrigation. Mr. Meyer then gave an overview of important items that would be addressed in future legislation. Mr. Meyer then discussed ongoing issues regarding the desired future conditions in Groundwater Management Area-9, Groundwater Management Area-10, and Groundwater Management Area-13. The desired future conditions process was discussed with the Board of Directors, Mr. Feather Wilson, and Mr. Bob Wilson. Mr. Meyer then presented the Board of Directors with a flow chart that he had created in order to assist persons wishing to request permitting under the new rules in knowing the steps that are required to obtain water permitting.

3:23PM President Holt then requested a report from the Plum Creek Conservation District's Executive Manager, Mr. Johnie Halliburton. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that, according to data derived from recent well measurements, the aquifer had recovered quite well with the recent rains. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that he had attended a Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors meeting in Fredericksburg, Texas and was looking into an upcoming National Association of Watershed Sponsors meeting also in Fredericksburg, Texas. Mr. Halliburton discussed his recent visit to the Cal-Maine Egg Farm located in Caldwell County regarding their water wells and the necessity of their wells being registered. Mr. Halliburton then discussed the appraisals performed by Graham and Associates regarding the Site 5 Rehabilitation project with the Board of Directors and Mr. Bob Wilson. It was agreed that Mr. Bob Wilson would revisit the discussion of the appraisals during his report.

3:31PM President Holt requested a report from the Plum Creek Conservation Dis-

trict's Attorney, Mr. Bob Wilson. Mr. Bob Wilson, Mr. Halliburton, and the Board of Directors discussed the permanent easements, temporary easements, and the existing easements regarding the Site 5 Rehabilitation project. Mr. Halliburton then gave the Board of Directors a brief overview of the Site 5 Rehabilitation project using a map of Site 5. The Board of Directors instructed Mr. Halliburton to begin negotiations regarding the acquisition of the permanent easement land. The Board of Directors also instructed Mr. Bob Wilson to get the easement documents drafted so that the easements could be signed and the payment for the easements be distributed. Mr. Bob Wilson then discussed the need for a public hearing regarding a portion of the land at Site 5, due to the land being deemed park land. Mr. Bob Wilson discussed a current lawsuit regarding a reduction in permitted amounts from the Guadalupe Valley and Canyon Lake region. Mr. Bob Wilson discussed the consolidation of a Comal, Hays, and Travis county groundwater district and some current legislation that affects water issues. Mr. Bob Wilson discussed necessary work to be performed on forms and flow charts regarding the new rules. Mr. Bob Wilson also stated that he had received no information regarding the Attorney General's Opinion, in reference to the southeastern portion of Caldwell County. The Board of Directors asked Mr. Bob Wilson if the new Plum Creek Conservation District's rules were now in effect for the District. Mr. Bob Wilson informed the Board of Directors that the rules were in effect five days after their second notice was published with the media. Mr. Halliburton and Mr. Bob Wilson then discussed the Site 8 repair project.

- 3:50PM President Holt then requested any public comments. There was a request from a member of the public in attendance regarding the expected answer date of the Attorney General's Opinion. Mr. Bob Wilson stated that it should be six months after the initial request, but due to some later filings it may have been extended. The answer was expected in the near future, possibly February 2010.
- 3:55PM President Holt then gave a five minute break and announced that upon returning the meeting would be in executive session.
- 4:42PM President Holt called the meeting back to order after the executive session for employee review. Mr. Twidwell made a motion that each employee receive a three thousand dollar (\$3000.00) a year raise retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Mr. Rothert provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4:45PM Mr. Twidwell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lipscomb provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

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