

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PLUM CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
LOCKHART, TEXAS 78644
August 16th, 2022

Notices of this regular meeting were posted in the Caldwell and Hays 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 Treasurer/Secretary, Lucy Knight.

1:00 PM The meeting/hearing was called to order by President of the Board, James Holt, with the following Board members present: Peter Reinecke (Vice President), Lucy Knight (Secretary/Treasurer), Fred Rotherth (Director) and Tom Owen (Director). Also present were PCCD Attorney Bob Wilson, PCCD Geologist Feathergail Wilson, and PCCD staff members Daniel Meyer, Nora Lopez-Castillo, and Alan Burklund. The minutes were transcribed by Nora Lopez-Castillo.

1:00 PM President Holt requested public comments. There were no public comments.

1:00 PM President Holt requested motions or comments regarding the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on August 16th, 2022. Mrs. Lucy Knight made a motion that the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on August 16th, 2022, be accepted as mailed out. Mr. Peter Reinecke provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

1:02 PM President Holt asked if there was any unfinished business that required the Board of Directors' attention. Mr. Daniel Meyer stated that there was no unfinished business.

1:02 PM President Holt requested discussion of agenda item V regarding PCCD's compliance with Desired Future Conditions (DFC) for water levels. Mr. Meyer discussed that DFC compliance is a requirement of PCCD's management plan. Mr. Meyer explained that DFCs for groundwater are ingrained in Texas Water Code - Chapter 36 regulations and PCCD must have proposed DFCs that are reasonable, quantifiable, involve a specific timeframe, be adopted by the Board, and then reconsidered every five years. Mr. Meyer made a presentation on how results of the models were obtained, and how the District's DFC compliance was evaluated. Mr. Meyer presented tables comparing the Wilcox-Carrizo water level drawdowns from 2012 to 2022 to the DFC drawdowns as predicted for each of the District's monitoring wells. Mr. Meyer stated that the table results indicate that PCCD is compliant with its DFC.

1:20 PM President Holt requested discussion of agenda item VI regarding annual review and assessment of PCCD's Drought Management Plan. Mr. Meyer discussed the steps involved in this plan, which include reviewing average water levels in feet above mean sea level, determining that monitoring wells are reliable and effective, and assessing the impact of water usage. Mr. Meyer noted that drought stages would be based on water levels, not on the amount of precipitation. Mr. Meyer requested the Board's direction on drilling more monitoring wells. Mr. Meyer presented the results of research he had completed to determine the most strategic locations for these wells either in the right-of-way or on private property. Mr. Meyer stated that these would be strictly monitoring wells and would not be used for pumping. Mr. Holt stated that PCCD staff should move forward with determining the location and the associated costs of the wells and present this information to the Board so that a determination can be made on the number of wells, if any, to drill.

1:40 PM President Holt requested discussion of agenda item VII regarding approving PCCD's 2022-2023 Budget. Budget documents as well as graph representations were presented to the Board. Mr. Meyer explained that income has steadily increased, and expenses increased compared to last year's budget due to several Operations and Maintenance projects performed on the dams. Mr. Meyer discussed the relationship between the estimated taxable value and PCCD's tax rate. Mrs. Knight made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Fred Rothert provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

1:50 PM President Holt requested discussion of agenda item VIII regarding PCCD's proposed tax rates for ground water and flood control. Mr. Meyer explained how the proposed tax rates were calculated. Mrs. Knight made a motion to propose a tax rate (Groundwater) of 0.0159 per \$100.00 of valuation and a tax rate (Flood Control) of 0.0162 per \$100.00 of valuation. Mr. Reinecke provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

1:52 PM President Holt requested discussion on agenda item IX regarding scheduling public hearings on the proposed tax rates for groundwater and flood control. Mr. Meyer explained that PCCD is required to have one public hearing. The Board agreed to hold the public hearing on Thursday, September 15th, 2022, at 10:30 AM.

1:54 PM President Holt requested discussion of agenda item X regarding contract renewal for professional services provided by McCarthy and McCarthy, LLP; Mr. Feathergail Wilson; and Jansen and Gregorczyk. Mrs. Knight made a motion to approve renewal of each of the professional services contracts. Mr. Tom Owen provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

1:55 PM President Holt requested a report from the PCCD Geologist, Mr. Feathergail Wilson. Mr. Feathergail Wilson presented a slideshow on several topics. Mr. Wilson described that many areas in Texas are in a severe, extreme, or exceptional drought. Mr. Wilson discussed various locations of high and low yield wells pumping both fresh/brackish and saline water. He also discussed that wells located east of Highway 183 would require desalination of the water. Mr. Wilson also stated that Alliance Regional Water Authority and Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) are both increasing their pumping amounts and GBRA has three new permitted wells. Mr. Wilson stated that he attended a Zoom meeting with Daniel Meyer and Alliance Regional Water Authority (ARWA) to discuss drilling a monitoring well on their property for PCCD. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Meyer sent ARWA detailed specifications for this monitoring well and are awaiting a response.

2:15 PM President Holt requested a report from the NRCS' District Conservationist, Mr. Jeremy Hasty. Mr. Hasty was not in attendance.

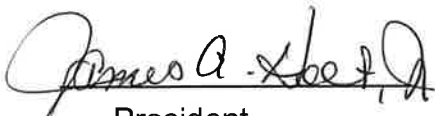
2:15 PM President Holt requested a report from the PCCD Executive Manager, Mr. Daniel Meyer. Mr. Meyer stated that the negotiations between Alliance Regional Water Authority and a property owner for a monitoring well fell through due to compensation issues. Alliance Regional Water Authority (ARWA) then asked PCCD if they could drill the monitoring well on their property for PCCD. Mr. Meyer gave updates on Site 2, stating that installation had begun on part of the riprap and RCC/cutoff wall. Mr. Meyer stated that he received a call from a landowner who suggested possible litigation because he was concerned that when PCCD drained site 2 it had adversely affected his home's foundation. The owner requested copies of the geotechnical reports before the dam was built. Mr. Meyer stated he provided this information to the landowner, but to-date has not heard anything further. Mr. Meyer gave an update on Site 14 and reminded the Board that there is a wetland's area just below the downstream toe of the dam. There had been previous discussions with AECOM about excavating, putting in a road to facilitate drilling four wells, and one well in the plunge basin. Mr. Meyer informed AECOM that PCCD would need to perform some clearing in this area and extend the 16-foot gate to a 32-foot gate for access. However, instead of a road, AECOM proposed using timber mats to access the area. Mr. Meyer gave an update on Site 10 showing slides of the riser and cofferdam. Mr. Meyer gave an update on Site 21 showing slides of the material being used for the cofferdam. Site 21 also had two safety issues. Mr. Meyer gave an update on Site 16.

Mr. Meyer informed the Board that he received a call from the new owners of a property in this area who stated they were planning to develop it. The new owner stated they only have one entrance to the property and Hays County requires them to have an additional emergency exit. The owners asked if they could put a road on Site 16's auxiliary spillway/berm to be used for this purpose. Mr. Meyer informed the owner that he would need to contact Longhorn RV Resort to see if this was feasible and the owners would then need to contact PCCD again regarding this matter. Mr. Meyer informed the owner that at a 2018 PCCD monthly meeting, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) stated that any designs for such a road would have to be reviewed by them. Mr. Meyer gave updates on various Operations & Maintenance projects that PCCD has completed. Mr. Meyer informed the Board that Matt Shaw had resigned from his position with PCCD. Mr. Meyer requested feedback from the Board on filling this job vacancy. Mr. Tom Owen made a motion to approve posting the position. Mrs. Knight provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

2:42 PM President Holt requested a report from PCCD's Attorney, Bob Wilson. Mr. Bob Wilson stated that there had been a notice in the Lockhart paper about a new municipal utility district (MUD), but that no other information was available regarding where they will be obtaining their water or where the sewer infrastructure will be coming from. Mr. Wilson stated that he had reviewed the GBRA Flood Study and one of their recommendations was that RV sites should no longer be built in flood plains around dams as well as recommendations for county controls on subdivision platting in flood areas. Mr. Wilson stated that he would continue to research these subjects and future implications to PCCD. Mr. Wilson mentioned a meeting agenda item on the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District (GCUWCD). GCUWCD was planning a public event to discuss what their powers are and to inform the public on what groundwater resources are available in their District. Mr. Wilson stated that PCCD may need to ensure that GCUWCD is aware of the results of the research and studies performed by PCCD's geologist so that the information presented is consistent. Mr. Holt suggested that PCCD move forward with researching locations for PCCD to drill a desalination well as a precursor to address the increased water demand due to the rising growth/development in the PCCD area.

3:04 PM President Holt requested public comments. There were no public comments.

3:06 PM Mr. Owen made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Knight provided the second and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.


President


Vice-President