

Minutes from the April 17th, 2012 PCCD regular scheduled meeting
to be presented on May15th, 2012 for Board approval and
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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.

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 (Attorney) Feathergail Wilson (PCCD Geologist) and PCCD staff Karen Bassett, Korey Schuelke and Dan 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 regular meeting held on March 20th, 2012. Mr. Lipscomb made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 20th, 2012, be accepted as mailed out with one correction stating that Mrs. Lucy Knight was not in attendance at the aforementioned meeting. Mr. Rothert provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

1:01PM President Holt requested discussion of any unfinished business. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that there was no unfinished business.

1:01PM President Holt requested discussion of Item IV and Item V on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton then introduced Ms. Nikki Dictson, with the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership, and Mr. Nick Dornak, the new watershed coordinator for the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership. Ms. Dictson then gave the Board of Directors a presentation outlining the current status of projects within the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership and projects for the future of the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership. Ms. Dictson also gave the status of each project in detail. Mr. Nick Dornak then gave the Board of Directors a brief outline of his plan for the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership, as well as, giving the Board of Directors a brief introduction about himself.

1:19PM President Holt requested discussion of Item VI on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton then discussed different options for transportation for the Plum Creek Conservation District. Mr. Twidwell then gave the Board of Directors a brief description of different vehicles and their pricing, as well as, the cost feasibility of each. The Board of Directors then discussed the benefits and downfalls of owning a vehicle and continuing to pay mileage. Mr. Twidwell also discussed possible insurance needs for employees to continue to use personal vehicles. It was the opinion of the Board of Directors that more research needed to be done prior to making a decision to purchase a vehicle or to continue paying mileage for personal vehicles.

1:30PM President Holt requested discussion of Item VII on the agenda. Mr. Bob Wilson then discussed the status of the Rules Committee regarding possible groundwater rules revisions, including possibly initiating and scheduling a public hearing on the proposed revisions. Mr. Bob Wilson discussed the possible revisions and the obstacles encountered while attempting to revise the groundwater rules in detail. The Board of Directors, Mr. Bob Wilson, and Mr. Feather Wilson discussed the complexities of devising rules with the desired future conditions and the managed available groundwater being scrutinized. After much discussion, Mrs. Knight made a motion that the Plum Creek Con-

ervation District move forward toward the public hearing to possibly adopt and approve the groundwater rules revisions. Mr. Bob Wilson then interjected with information regarding scheduling. Mrs. Knight amended her motion to schedule the public hearing for the next regularly scheduled Plum Creek Conservation District Board of Directors' Meeting on May 15th, 2012. Mr. Twidwell provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously. The Board of Directors then discussed the publishing and posting required for the upcoming public hearing.

- 2:02PM President Holt requested a report from the Plum Creek Conservation District's Geologist, Mr. William Feathergail Wilson. Mr. Feather Wilson then gave the Board of Directors a presentation regarding water salinity levels due to injection wells, casing or tubing leaks, and illegal dumping of saltwater on the ground, as it pertains to the contamination of fresh water sources within the Plum Creek Conservation District. Mr. Feather Wilson also discussed some traits of the Wilcox Aquifer and how these features pertain to the injection wells and the possible contamination of fresh water sources within the Plum Creek Conservation District. Mr. Feather Wilson also discussed hydraulic fracturing and the chemicals used to perform these actions.
- 2:23PM President Holt requested a report from the Natural Resources Conservation Service's District Conservationist, Mr. Isidro Morales. Mr. Morales then discussed a recent visit to Site 23 that he had made with Mr. Halliburton regarding a possible erosion problem. Mr. Morales also discussed the status of the Site 5 Rehabilitation Project.
- 2:27PM President Holt requested a report from the Plum Creek Conservation District's Assistant Manager, Mr. Daniel Meyer. Mr. Meyer discussed a recent Texas Association of Groundwater Districts' meeting that he had attended. Mr. Meyer also discussed a recent presentation he had given on groundwater to the Clear Fork Creek Wildlife Management Association. Mr. Meyer then discussed the draft copy of the drought management plan he had recently created and what steps needed to be taken next in the adoption process. Mr. Meyer discussed the revision of the Plum Creek Conservation District's boundary map by the Caldwell County Appraisal District that had been sent to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Water Development Board for a model run to develop the Plum Creek Conservation District's new managed available groundwater amount for the Plum Creek Conservation District's management plan.
- 2:31PM Mr. Bob Wilson then discussed a desalinization well for a development and the possibility of the owner taking the Buda wastewater and treating it.
- 2:36PM President Holt requested a report from the Plum Creek Conservation District's Executive Manager, Mr. Johnnie Halliburton. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that half of the flood control structures had been fertilized and had herbicide applied, and the other half would be completed in early May 2012. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that someone had been hired to maintain the lawn at the office, as well as, someone to exterminate the office. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that the dis-annexations had been recorded at the Caldwell County Courthouse. Mr. Halliburton then discussed the signage outside of the office, the new tables, and the installation of blinds in the office building. Mr. Halliburton discussed a Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors meeting which he and Mr. Bob Wilson had recently attended. Mr. Halliburton then discussed a house near the Plum Creek Conservation District's Site 6 that was built partially within the Plum Creek Conservation District's easement and partially within the flood plain without a building permit. The owner of the house was now requesting a building permit. The Plum Creek Conservation District stated they would approve a permit once a release of liability had been signed and an acknowledgement of inundation had been executed. Mr. Halliburton discussed Mr. Dan Ryan wanting to build a fence across the Site 5 Dam on his property line. Mr. Halliburton discussed the debris cleanup at

Site 16, Site 14, and Site 21. Mr. Halliburton then discussed a recent inspection report on the Plum Creek Conservation District's Site 31 by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Mr. Halliburton discussed the request of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the Plum Creek Conservation District to remove the brush from the fore bay of the auxiliary spillway. Mr. Halliburton discussed the recent change over of the payroll and vacation system from a 24 pay period system to a 26 pay period system. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that a new computer had been purchased to replace Ms. Bassett's computer, which was malfunctioning. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that the office building property had recently been surveyed. Mr. Halliburton discussed the new City of Kyle Park at the Plum Creek Conservation District's Site 2. Mr. Halliburton then discussed the City of Kyle's possible drilling of a Trinity Aquifer water well. The Board of Directors and Mr. Feather Wilson then discussed other Trinity Aquifer water wells in the area.

2:57PM There was no report from the Plum Creek Conservation District's Attorney, Mr. Bob Wilson. Mr. Bob Wilson had to leave the meeting prior to his slotted space on the agenda.

2:57PM President Holt requested any building committee business needing the Board of Directors' attention. Mrs. Knight then discussed the garage building that needed to be added to the office, with the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors also discussed the status of the window blinds for the office building.

3:00PM Due to very limited public attendance, President Holt did not request any public comments at this meeting.

3:00PM Mr. Twidwell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lipscomb provided the second and the motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

President

Vice President