

**Minutes**  
**Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District and**  
**Public Hearing on Permit Applications**  
**June 10, 2020**

That Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the District) held their regular board meeting in conjunction with a public hearing on permit applications on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. at the District Office, 2881 Hwy. 277 West, Carrizo Springs, Texas. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.125, and as modified by the Governor of Texas' proclamation (March 13, 2020), COVID-19 pandemic, ordering suspension of various provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code effective March 16, 2020, board members and members of the public participated in person, via telephone, and via audio conference with GoToMeeting.

1. President Bill Martin called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.
2. Introduction of visitors: Ron Green and Rebecca Nunu with Southwest Research; Peter Gregg, legal counsel for the District Office (audio conference); Adam Friedman, legal counsel for Catarina Ranch, LP (audio conference). Directors present in person were Chris Meyer, Vice-President; Director Martin Kruger; and Director-at-Large J. R. Ramirez. President Martin participated via telephone, and Treasurer Mario Escobar and Director Sunny Fitzsimons participated via GoToMeeting audio conference. Director Jack Rutledge was not present. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Louie Longoria.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The minutes of the May 13, 2020, Board Meeting and Public Hearing on Rule Changes were reviewed. Director-at-Large Ramirez made a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Director Kruger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
5. The bills for payment and financial statements for all accounts were reviewed. Vice-President Meyer made a motion to approve the bills for payment and financial statements as reviewed. Director-at-Large Ramirez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
6. General Manager Farmer presented her May 2020 Managers' Report.
7. Vice-President Meyer made a motion to table Agenda Item 7: Election of Officers until a full slate of directors could be present. Director-at-Large Ramirez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**At 12:10 p.m., President Martin recessed the regular meeting to conduct the Public Hearing on Permit Applications.**

1. At 12:11 p.m., President Martin called to order the public hearing on permit applications to hear public comments on two (2) applications from Catarina Ranch, LP for the Harrison Lake Well and the Stoner Well.
2. There was no public comment.
3. At 12:12 p.m., President Martin adjourned the public hearing.

**At 12:13 p.m., President Martin reconvened the regular meeting.**

8. GM Farmer made a recommendation to the Board to approve the applications for the Harrison Lake Well and the Stoner Well, and to issue the production permits for these wells. Director-at-Large Ramirez made a motion to approve the applications and to issue the production permits for both wells. Vice-President Meyer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
9. Dr. Ron Green and Rebecca NuNu with Southwest Research Institute presented to the Board their final report on the "Development of a Numerical Model of the Groundwater Flow Regime of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District". Also, they updated the Board on other projects performed for the District which were Risk Assessment; Saltwater Disposal Wells

Compliance project; Weeks Environmental application to the RRC for a surface facility expansion; and additional information on how the Numerical Model will assist in the technical review of water well applications. A power point presentation and handouts were presented.

To assist in the completion of the Saltwater Disposal compliance project, Dr. Green suggested that a SwRI staff member and the District's Field Technician, Louie Longoria, work together to make site visits to these disposals to confirm compliance with the Settlement Agreements entered into by the applicants and the District.

10. There being no further business, Vice-President Meyer made a motion to adjourn. Director-at-Large Ramirez seconded the motion. President Martin adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.



Bill Martin, President



Date

