

**Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting**  
**700 Kennedy Court**  
**Belton, TX**  
**Thursday, March 14, 2019**  
**Minutes**

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a board meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

**Board Members Present:**

Leland Gersbach, President, Pct. 1  
David Cole, Director - At Large  
Gary Young, Director – Pct. 2  
Scott Brooks, Director – Pct. 4

**Absent:**

Jody Williams, Director – Pct.3

**Staff:**

Dirk Aaron, General Mgr.  
Shelly Chapman, Admin. Mgr.  
Corey Dawson, Field Tech.

**Guest**

Bill Schumann – County Commissioner  
Shirley Del Conte – City of Killeen  
Sandra Blankenship – City of Killeen

Susan Walters – City of Killeen  
Shirley Fleming – City of Killeen  
Whitney Grantham – AgriLife Extension

**Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:32 p.m.**

***Workshop Item #1: Receive report from Texas AgriLife Extension Service Bell County on the results of the survey analysis of the 2018 Bell County Water Symposium.***

Whitney Grantham presented the results of the survey analysis for the 2018 Bell County Water Symposium. She gave an overview of the results on each category addressed based on 140 attendees and 55 returned surveys. Overall, the consensus was a good event.

***Workshop Item #2: Receive and review final draft of the Annual Report for 2018 per District Management Plan.***

Dirk presented the final draft of the 2018 Annual Report. He commented that there were no changes or corrections submitted by the Board. He commended Tristin on a job well done. Each Board member was given a bound copy of the final draft.

***Workshop Item #3: Receive information concerning legislative issues.***

Dirk briefed the Board on current legislative issues. He demonstrated the on-line viewing of legislative hearings and how the Board can access the live stream. Dirk highlighted and discussed Bills that are important to the District. He gave the Board a copy of Ty Embrey's weekly review/update.

***Workshop Item #4: Receive information on monitor well efforts and projects.***

Corey Dawson presented the District's monitor well program. He gave an overview of the monitor well system, programs, and on-going projects.

**Workshop closed, and Board meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 3:18 p.m.**

**1. *Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.***

Director, David Cole, gave the invocation.  
Director, Gary Young, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. *Public Comment.***

None

**3. *Approve minutes of the February 13, 2019 Board meeting.***

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019 Board meeting. Vice President, David Cole, seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

**4. *Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the monthly financial report for February 2019 (FY19) as presented.***

Board members received the financial report in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.

Vice-President, David Cole, moved to accept the monthly financial report for February 2019 as presented. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

**5. *Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the monthly Investment Fund report for February 2019 (FY19) as presented.***

Board members received the monthly Investment Fund report in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to accept the monthly Investment Fund report as presented. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

**6. *Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to approve the FY19 line item budget amendments as needed and/or requested.***

No budget amendments needed or requested.

**7. *Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to accept the 2018 Annual Report as presented.***

Board members received a draft copy of the 2018 Annual Report at the February Board meeting. Dirk encouraged the Board to review the report closely and notify staff of any changes or correction by March 7<sup>th</sup>. There were no changes or correction submitted.

Vice-President, David Cole, moved to accept the 2018 Annual Report as presented. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

**8. *Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to approve registration and sponsorship opportunities of the 2019 Texas Groundwater Summit.***

Dirk mentioned that the District has sponsored this event for the past 3 years. Dirk recommended the Board participate at the \$3,500 Program Sponsor level. With this sponsorship the District will get 2 free registrations to the Summit, the CUWCD logo will appear on the front of the program, the District will be acknowledged on all the press releases and website, and we will have a full-page ad in the program. This is the last year that Dirk will serve as President of TAGD. His term ends in August at the Water Summit. The Summit is the number one learning experience for the District to attend.

David Cole inquired if money was available in the budget for this sponsorship. Dirk confirmed that there is money available in the outreach and education line item of the budget plus expenses available for each Board member.

Shelly asked the Board members to let her know as soon as possible who would be attending.

Scott Brooks asked what the advantage is to the District sponsoring at this level. Dirk explained it puts the District out there as an example in a leadership position. Scott agreed that there would be value then in the sponsorship.

Gary Young commented that the public and others are keying in on the District and really looking at what we do. He agrees we need to participate with this sponsorship.

Vice-President, David Cole, moved to approve registration for the 2019 Groundwater Summit and participate in sponsorship at the \$3,500 Program Sponsorship level as recommended by the General Manager. Secretary, Gary Young seconded the motion.

Scott inquired about Leland's thoughts on the topic. Leland responded that it gives the District exposure. He also commented that since Dirk is the President of TAGD, the District has a responsibility to show some leadership by sponsoring. Scott agreed.

**Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

**9. *Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to amend the date of the October 2019 Board***

**meeting and workshop.**

Dirk stated that he will be out of town for personal reasons October 3-11 and requested the regular Board meeting and workshop be moved from October 9<sup>th</sup> to October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved reschedule the October 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to October 16<sup>th</sup>. Vice-President, David Cole, seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

**10. Hold public hearing on the following:**

**a. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary on the proposed operating permit of .197 ac-ft/year for Gary Kelley authorizing drilling/operating permit from a proposed well (N1-19-003P) completed in the Lower Trinity Aquifer to produce water for domestic use located at 2040 Iduma Trail, Killeen, TX 76459.**

President, Leland Gersbach, called to order the public hearing at 3:38 p.m. As President of the Board, Leland served as the Presiding Officer. Leland gave a summary of the public hearing and reviewed the procedures for the hearing. He stated that anyone interested in participating in the hearing or protesting the hearing must sign in to speak.

Leland noted that the hearing was properly noticed per District rules and has undergone administrative and technical review by District staff, as well as the District's geoscience consultant, Mike Keester with LRE.

Leland asked if anyone was present that wished to comment. There was none. He noted that he would hear testimony from the District's General Manager. Leland also commented that the District's hydrogeologist, Mike Keester, and the applicant's representative, Tommy Lovelace will be available by phone if necessary.

Leland administered oath to the District GM, Dirk Aaron. Dirk presented the elements of the permit. The application was deemed administratively complete and met all criteria. He noted that the applicant has agreed to the special provisions as indicated by Dirk. Dirk recommends the Board approve the proposed drilling/operating permit for Gary Kelley.

Leland opened the hearing for third party comments or discussion. There was none.

No further comments or discussion from the Board.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to approve the proposed drilling/operating permit with special provisions as presented. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

**11. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary to support, by Resolution, HB3264 by Buckley and SB1726 by Buckingham, to engage the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board in a scientific inquiry and analysis regarding current and projected groundwater production and to assess the effects of that production on groundwater conditions for the Trinity and Edwards Aquifers in Bell, Burnet, Milam, Travis, and Williamson Counties.**

No discussion, no action.

**12. General Manager's Report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan.**

- Annual Irrigation Report for TWDB has been completed and filed.
- TCEQ reports are up to date, sent, and excepted.
- Eminent Domain and Debt reports are complete and have been sent to the Texas Comptroller as required.
- Next BRA regional meeting is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>. They have accepted applications for a County Government replacement for Tim Brown. Judge Blackburn has been appointed to replace Tim.
- District Management Plan was excepted by TWDB Executive Administration on 3/12/19.

**13. Receive monthly report and possible consideration and Board action on the following:**

- a) **Drought Status Reports**
- b) **Education Outreach Update**
- c) **Monitoring Wells**
- d) **Rainfall Reports**
- e) **Well Registration update**

**f) Aquifer Status Report & Non-exempt Monthly Well Production Reports**

(Copies of the Monthly Staff Reports were given to the Board Members to review. No action required. Information items only.)

**14. Director comments and reports.**

- **Gary Young:** Went to Water Day in Austin with Dirk. It was very interesting on several different aspects. Complimented staff for all the work they do to make everything come together within our District. Great comments and accolades from Larry French.
- **David Cole:** Corey's presentation reminded him how fortunate the District is to have Dirk as the GM. He has come a long way and is full of knowledge. The staff is a real asset to this District.
- **Scott Brooks:** Thanked Dirk for hard work getting legislation issues to the starting gate. He read somewhere that another District just hired a 'General Manager in Training' because their GM is retiring in a year. He knows Dirk will be retiring at some point and the District needs to start thinking about a transition plan for when that happens.
- **Leland Gersbach:** When the Board brought Dirk in, he wanted to focus on science. Clearwater is probably one of the top in the State on science because of Dirk. We are able to provide good information when it's needed.

**15. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.**

Possible budget amendment  
Possible permit hearing

**16. Set time and date for next meeting.**

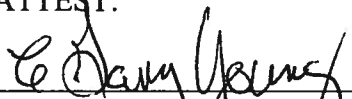
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the District's office.

**17. Adjourn.**

**Board meeting adjourned with President, Leland Gersbach, at 4:30 p.m.**

  
Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:

  
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Gary Young, Secretary or  
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary