

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

April 14, 2009

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO DISTRICT RULES

The Board of Directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (“District”) met in regular session, open to the public, in the Lone Star GCD – Board Room located at 207 W. Phillips Street, Suite 300, Conroe, Texas, within the boundaries of the District on April 14, 2009.

The audio recording will serve as the official record for the Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to District Rules. The summary below is provided for convenience

President Tramm called to order the Public Hearing on proposed changes to District Rules at 9:00 a.m.

The roll was called of the members of the Board of Directors, to wit:

Sam W. Baker
Reed Eichelberger, PE
Orval R. Love, PE
Roy McCoy, Jr.
Jim Stinson, PE
Richard J. Tramm
Scott Weisinger, PG
James B. Wesley
W. B. Wood

All members of the Board were present, with the exception of Directors Baker and Director Stinson, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Also, in attendance at said meeting were Kathy Turner Jones, District General Manager; Jason Hill, Attorney; Mark Lowry, District Consultant; District staff; and members of the public. *Copies of the public sign-in sheets are attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.*

President Tramm stated the Public Hearing is a continuance of the January 13, 2009, Public Hearing on proposed changes to the District’s rules and is hereby re-opened to the public.

Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager, stated she would like to emphasize to the public that the rules being considered for possible adoption are the exact rules the District has had out on the table since December/January for the public to review. In the proposed amendments, the District has temporarily removed language suggested under Section 13 which addresses

impoundments of groundwater. The Board is giving this particular section greater consideration and felt more time was needed for review to come up with rules that would address the impoundment issues more accurately. So, instead of delaying action on the District rules, the Committee wanted to move forward with possible adoption of the remainder of the rules and allow the Rules & Bylaws Committee to continue working on this section of the rules.

Jason Hill, Attorney, stated this has been a long process and the Rules & Bylaws Committee has done a tremendous job on the proposed amendments. Mr. Hill explained he was not going to belabor the issue any further unless the Board had questions. Mr. Hill pointed out there are comprehensive changes to the rules, particularly in enforcement. Because this is a continuation of the rule hearing that the District had on January 13, 2009, all of the notice requirements of Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, have been satisfied and the Rules are properly presented to the Board for consideration and adoption.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Without further discussion, upon a motion made by Director Love, seconded by Director Weisinger and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution #09-001, Adopting Amendments to District Rules for the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District. *Copy of Resolution #09-001 attached hereto as Exhibit "B".*

The Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to District Rules was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF MAY, 2009.

Sam W. Baker, Board Secretary