LONE STAR
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 11, 2026
MINUTES OF HEARING ON CONTESTED ENFORCEMENT MATTER

The Board of Directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District ("District") met in regular session, open to the public and held in person in the Lone Star GCD – James B. "Jim" Wesley Board Room located at 655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, Texas, and remotely via the publicly accessible webinar/telephone conference call within the boundaries of the District on August 11, 2026.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:29 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Roll call for participating members of the Board of Directors, to wit:

Jim Spigener
Janice Thigpen
Jon Paul Bouché
Gregory Partin
Stuart Traylor
John Wertz

Also present:

Name:	Title:
Sarah Kouba	General Manager
Tiffany White	Director of Operations
Nicholas Clark	Permitting Manager
Rebekah Schlichting	Education & Outreach Coordinator
Brenda Lozano	Media & Outreach Coordinator
Dawn Havran	Permitting Technician
Valaurie Lucius	Administrative Assistant
Stacey Reese	District Counsel
Chris Drabek	District Technical Consultant (Virtual)
Mike Keester	District Technical Consultant (Virtual)
James Beach	District Technical Consultant (Virtual)
and members of the public	

3. CONTESTED HEARING FOR MEKONNEN SISAY PURSUANT TO DISTRICT RULE 13.4.3:

President Spigener asked if there was a representative present to speak on behalf of Mekonnen Sisay. Ms. Kouba states that notice of hearing was sent per rules in Chapter 26. No representative is present to represent, given proper notice and scheduling. Ms. Kouba gave an overview as to the reasoning behind the District sending out a violation notice to Mekonnen Sisay, and Mekonnen Sisay violations were properly issued. Ms. Stacey Reese relays wording from Mekonnen Sisay stating the issue for their noncompliance. Ms. Kouba stated in detail comments made by Mekonnen Sisay, and requests the Board to uphold the violation, and enforcement is taken.

Vice President Bouché moved that the Board allow authorization to the attorney. Director Wertz seconded the motion. President Spigener called for a voice vote. Motion passed.

4. CONTESTED HEARING FOR LEADER TRADING PURSUANT TO DISTRICT RULE 13.4.3:

President Spigener asked if there was a representative present to speak on behalf of Leader Trading. Mr. Shaikh from Leader Trading was virtually present to contest the violations brought forth by the District. Ms. Kouba states that the petition for the violation was filed and scheduled in a timely manner in accordance with district rules. Ms. Kouba gave an overview as to the reasoning behind the District sending out a violation notice to Leader Trading. Mr. Shaikh relayed his reasoning as to what led to the Leader Trading being given a violation by the District and asked for the violation to be dismissed. Ms. Kouba clarified that the District Permittees will no longer be inputting meter readings according to District Rule.

President Spigener called a motion to grant or deny. Director Partin motioned to Deny. Director Traylor seconded the motion. President Spigener called for a voice vote. Motion Passed.

5. CONTESTED HEARING FOR CITY OF OAK RIDGE NORTH PURSUANT TO DISTRICT RULE 13.4.3:

President Spigener asked if there was a representative present to speak on behalf of City of Oak Ridge North. Mr. Beisert from City of Oak Ridge North was present to contest the violations brought forth by the District. Ms. Kouba states that the petition for the violation was filed and scheduled in a timely manner in accordance with district rules. Ms. Kouba gave an overview as to the reasoning behind the District sending out a violation notice to City of Oak Ridge North. Mr. Beisert relayed the complications involving their staff and reasonings for failure to submit their readings on time.

President Spigener called a motion to grant or deny. Vice President Bouché motioned to uphold the violation. Director Wertz seconded the motion. President Spigener called for a voice vote. Motion Passed.

6. ADJOURN:

There being no further business President Spigener called for a motion to adjourn. Director Traylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Thigpen seconded the motion. President Spigener called for a voice vote. Motion passed. meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

Janice Thigpen, Board Secretary