Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
September 9, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

POSGCD Board Members Present
Jay Wilder
Becky Goetsch
Robert Jekel
Lee Pelzel
Jeffrey Zgabay
Kit Worley
John Redington
Ed Savage
Brian Wallis
Buster Evers

Board Members Absent
None

POSGCD Staff Present
Gary Westbrook
Michael Redman
Kelli Timmerman
Gregory Perry
Travis Wood
Jaclyn Wise
Jeff Fisher
Craig Andrews – online

POSGCD Consultants Present

Kristen Fancher	Fancher Legal, PLLC
Robby Cook	Riceland Consulting

Public Attendance

Steve Thoreson	Laguna Water
Tom Delamater	Burleson Co. Landowner
David Smith	Texas A&M AgriLife 4-H Water Ambassadors
Luke Holcombe	4-H Water Ambassadors
Micah Holcombe	Milam County 4-H

Public Attendance via online

Alan Gardenhire	SLR
Matt	
Casey Cooper	Terrill & Waldrop
R Martin	
512-694-7001	
512-796-1580	
Blaire Parker	SAWS
Jennifer Windscheffel	SAWS
John	
Linda Bevis	
P M	
Steve Thoreson	

Board Meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Buster Evers led the pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas.

2. Invocation

General Manager Gary Westbrook gave the invocation.

3. Call to Order and establish quorum

President Jay Wilder called the Board Meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and noted that nine Directors were present. Director Roby Jekel was absent at the beginning of the meeting and arrived during discussion of Agenda item 6.b).

4. Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

5. Consent Agenda

All of the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Board and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board Member requests.

a) Minutes of May 13, 2025 Board Meeting

b) Update on Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP) enrollments

c) Water Well Monitoring Update: Number of wells and frequency of measurements

d) Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) Update: investigations and corrective actions taken

e) Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report.

f) Review of Recent Education Efforts and Activities

g) Receive report from General Manager on recent District activities and take appropriate actions.

1. Permit applications filed with the District and Hearing Dates; Emergency Permits Granted
2. Well Drilling activities: registrations, applications, completions, plugging, inspections
3. Recent and future District presentations and activities
a. Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit of August 7, 2025
b. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Groundwater Summit of August 19-21, 2025
c. Notice of Protest of Application for Commercial Solid Oil & Gas Waste Recycling Facility Permit filed by Boldwater Environmental Solutions, LLC; RRC Tracking STF-0205 / FacID17475 (Burleson County)
d. Notice of Protest of Application of Salty Dog Service Company, LLC, to Dispose of Produced Salt Water and Other Oil and Gas Waste By Well Injection RRC Tracking No. TBD
After a clarification, Director Becky Goetsch moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and was seconded by Director Buster Evers. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

6. Regular Agenda

a) Receive Sponsorship appreciation award from David Smith and Luke Holcombe of 4-H Water Ambassadors
David Smith and Luke Holcombe gave an update on 4-H Water Ambassadors activities to date in 2025 and presented the District with an award of appreciation for sponsorship of the 4-H Water Ambassador Program. Mr. Smith and Luke Holcombe answered questions from the Board.

b) Amend Contract and agreement with Halff, Inc., for website information hosting services
Michael Redman provided discussion on this item and answered questions from the Board. This is an extension of a current contract and the cost for the service has increased from $5000 to $6000 per year. This is the first increase in over 5 years, and the District has increased the volume of information hosted by Halff. After discussion, Director Kit Worley moved to approve the extension and was seconded by Director Ed Savage. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

c) Review Guidance Document for 5-Year Review under Section 16 of District Rules
Kristen Fancher, District General Counsel recommended to move this item to the Executive Session Agenda. President Wilder moved this item to the Executive Session Agenda.

d) Actions by the District with respect to permittees out of compliance with Rules
Kristen Fancher, District General Counsel recommended to move this item to the Executive Session Agenda. President Wilder moved this item to the Executive Session Agenda.

e) Update on legislation filed during the Regular and Special Sessions of the 89th Legislature relating to groundwater conservation districts, and possible related topics
Robby Cook, Riceland Consulting, gave an update on legislation filed during the 89th Legislature Regular and Special Sessions and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Cook noted the large number of groundwater bills which had passed during the Regular Session, and the increased interest in groundwater during the Special sessions. GM Westbrook provided additional information. The Board thanked Mr. Cook for his report and discussions.

f) Consider contract for updates to District website and ongoing support with Streamline
GM Westbrook and Education Specialist Jaclyn Wise discussed the proposal and answered questions from the Board. Director John Redington requested additional information and further research. Following discussion, Director Redington moved to table this item until the next meeting and was seconded by Director Jeff Zgabay. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

g) Discussion and possible action on all matters related to adoption of Desired Future Conditions for the present round of Joint Planning for GMA 8
GM Westbrook provided discussion and information on presentations reviewed at the most recent GMA 8 Meeting of August 29, 2025. He noted that Williamson County has no groundwater conservation district and that with no regulation of pumping from that county, the increased pumping is predicted to cause impacts to the formations in the Trinity Aquifer under Milam County in excess of 1000 feet of drawdown of artesian head pressure during the next 50 years. After brief discussion it was decided to continue discussion of this item in Executive Session.

h) Discussion and possible action on all matters related to adoption of Desired Future Conditions for the present round of Joint Planning for GMA 12
GM Westbrook provided discussion and information on recent activities in GMA 12, including requests made by Brazos Valley GCD of the other districts in GMA 12 concerning pumping scenarios to be considered in establishing DFCs for GMA 12. After brief discussion it was decided to continue discussion of this item in Executive Session.

i) Update from Rules Committee and discussion on proposed amendments to District Rules
Kristen Fancher, District General Counsel recommended to move this item to the Executive Session Agenda. President Wilder moved this item to the Executive Session Agenda.

j) Update from Rules Committee and discussion on proposed amendments to District Management Plan
Kristen Fancher, District General Counsel recommended to move this item to the Executive Session Agenda. President Wilder moved this item to the Executive Session Agenda.

k) Update on investigation into violation of Rules by water provider on Big Creek Forrest Drive, Somerville, TX
Michael Redman provided a brief update on this item. After brief discussion, no action was taken by the Board.

7. Executive Session- The Board will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 and Section 551.074 Texas Government Code and 1.05 Texas Disciplinary Code to consult with Legal Counsel on the following:

a. **Enforcement actions due to violation of District Rules**
b. **Matters related to adoption of Desired Future Conditions for the present round of Joint Planning for GMA 8 and GMA 12**
c. **District staffing and personnel matters**
d. **Pending litigation and consideration of Settlement Agreement related to *SLR Property I, LP v. Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District, et al.*, CV42669, 20th Judicial District, Milam County, Texas.**

President Wilder convened the Board into Executive Session at 6:39 pm.

8. Reconvene from Executive Session and take any action appropriate on any matters discussed in Executive Session
President Wilder reconvened the Board from Executive Session at 8:20 pm and stated that no decisions were made during Executive Session. He asked the Board if there was any discussion or action to be taken on items discussed in Executive Session.

Director Evers moved to direct GM Westbrook to vote against supporting any of the DFCs in relation to the most recent GMA 8 meeting discussions which were reviewed earlier. The motion was seconded by Director Brian Wallis. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

Director Evers moved to direct GM Westbrook to use GAM Run PS3-19 which was used to establish the current DFCs and update the run by continuing an additional decade with the same pumping and to forward the resulting GAM Run and DFC values to GMA 12 for consideration. The motion was seconded by Director Wallis. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

Director Worley moved to adopt the recommendations from the general manager concerning District staff and personnel. The motion was seconded by Director Roby Jekel.

Director Worley asked GM Westbrook to restate those recommendations.
GM Westbrook recommended to add the title of Assistant General Manager to Michael Redman's responsibilities with an increase salary of $10,000 per year, effective October 1, 2025.

GM Westbrook recommended to add the title of Assistant Compliance Specialist to Jeff Fisher's responsibilities with an increase salary of $8,000 per year, effective October 1, 2025.

President Wilder asked for further discussion and none was offered. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

No further discussion took place and no further action was taken on items discussed in Executive Session.

9. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings
The next Board Meeting is scheduled for October 14th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Offices.

10. Adjourn Board Meeting
The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON Oct. 14 **, 2025**

Jay Wilder, President

Attest:

Gary Westbrook, General Manager

Date 10-14-25