

**POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting & Public Hearings**

POSGCD District Offices

310 East Avenue C

Milano, TX 76556

February 10, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

POSGCD Board Members Present

Jay Wilder
Robert Jekel
Lee Pelzel
Jeffrey Zgabay
Buster Evers
Brian Wallis
John Redington
Becky Goetsch – online

Board Members Absent

Kit Worley
Ed Savage

POSGCD Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Michael Redman
Kelli Timmerman
Travis Wood
Jaclyn Wise
Jeff Fisher – online
Gregory Perry

POSGCD Consultants Present online

Kristen Fancher Fancher Legal

Public Attendance

Alan Gardenhire SLR

Public Attendance via online

Stefan
Michael

Board Meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Director John Redington led the pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas.

2. Invocation

General Manager Gary Westbrook gave the invocation.

3. Oath of Office for Appointed Directors

Board President Jay Wilder administered the Oath of Office for Director Redington.

4. Call to Order and establish quorum

President Wilder called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and noted that seven directors were present in person. Director Becky Goetsch was present online and Directors Ed Savage and Kit Worley were absent.

5. Public Comment

President Wilder invited public comment. No public comments were made.

6. 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 January 13, 2026 Board Meeting and Public Hearings**
- b) General Counsel Rates and Fees**
- c) Update on Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP) enrollments**
- d) Water Well Monitoring Update: Number of wells and frequency of measurements**
- e) Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) Update: investigations and corrective actions taken**
- f) Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report.**
- g) Review of Recent Education Efforts and Activities**
- h) Report of Protests of Applications filed with Railroad Commission of Texas**
- i) 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. 2026 Groundwater Conservation Grant Applications due March 27, 2026**
- b. 2026 Water Well Testing Program February 2, 2026 through February 25, 2026**
- c. Groundwater Management Area 12 Meeting of February 19, 2026**
- d. Groundwater Management Area 8 Meeting of February 26, 2026**
- e. Texas Water Association Conference of March 10-13, 2026**
- f. Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit of August 6, 2026**

Director Buster Evers moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and was seconded by Director Lee Pelzel. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

7. Regular Agenda

a) Request for amendment to Scope of Work, Application, and Contract from Clay WSC for Groundwater Conservation Grant received in 2022

GM Westbrook noted that he believes this request is not consistent with the original scope of work and to approve this request would be inconsistent with previous Board actions where requests such as this were approved. He also noted that Clay WSC could apply for funding and assistance during the current grant funding cycle which is open through March 27, 2026. Director Evers moved to deny this request and encouraged Clay apply for a 2026 grant for this work. He was seconded by Director Brian Wallis. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

b) Update from Enforcement Committee

Michael Redman, POSGCD Assistant General Manager, overviewed a presentation regarding enforcement of Rules concerning Steve Dodd, an unlicensed driller in the area and permittees that are out of compliance.

A final enforcement letter will be sent to Mr. Dodd and he will have ten days to respond. If no response is received within ten days, POSGCD will move forward with possible legal action.

In November, 42 permittees were in the initial stages of enforcement for failure to report production. After receiving the initial letter regarding their failure to report their production, 35 permittees reported their production and came into compliance. The Enforcement Committee waived any fees that would have been

associated with these violations for the 35 permittees who came into compliance. That left seven permittees remaining out of compliance at that time. Since that time, four out of the seven permittees have requested hearings, with three coming into compliance, and the fourth working with District Staff and committing to come into compliance. The Enforcement Committee voted to waive violations/hearings for the three of the four who had come into compliance, and to waive the fourth permittee's violations/hearings if that permittee reports their production and comes into compliance by the end of the current week, Friday, February 13th.

Three remaining permittees remaining out of compliance have not responded to POSGCD. The Enforcement Committee voted to develop default orders that will be reviewed by the Board at the March 10, 2026 Board Meeting to address this.

The Enforcement Committee recommended to the Board that the Rules Committee should review Section 14.10 to review and streamline Enforcement Committee duties and powers.

c) Discussion and possible action on Application for Texas Water Development Board Groundwater Science, Research, and Data Collection Grant in Conjunction with Bureau of Economic Geology

GM Westbrook provided an overview of this grant. It would be a grant for a maximum award of \$300,000 and would use seismic sensors and fiber optics to monitor water pressure in aquifers. He noted that more discussion is needed on this agenda item and asked that the Board not approve this at this time. Discussion regarding this grant will continue, as well as discussion about other funding opportunities that would continue to improve the POSGCD Operational Model (OPMAN).

Further discussion on this item will take place at the March 10, 2026 Board Meeting. Director Evers moved to table this agenda item and was seconded by Director Jeffrey Zgabay. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

d) CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION; Pursuant to Sec. 551.071, Tex. Gov. Code. CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY to receive advice of the attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governing body under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with this chapter.

a. District Offices and Staffing

b. Matters pertaining to Desired Future Conditions for the Fourth Round of Joint Planning

a. Groundwater Management Area 12

b. Groundwater Management Area 8

President Wilder convened the Board into Executive Session at 5:44 p.m.

8. Reconvene from Executive Session and take appropriate action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

President Wilder reconvened the Board back into Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. and noted that no action was taken during Executive Session.

9. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings

The next Board Meeting will be held on March 10th at 5:30 p.m.

10. Adjourn Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2026 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON March 10, 2026


Jay Wilder, President

Attest: 
Gary Westbrook, General Manager

Date 3-10-26