

**POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
May 13, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

POSGCD Board Members Present

Jay Wilder
Becky Goetsch
Ed Savage
Lee Pelzel
Jeffrey Zgabay
Brian Wallis
Kit Worley
John Redington – online
Buster Evers

Board Members Absent

Robert Jekel

POSGCD Staff Present

Gary Westbrook
Courtney Gentry
Michael Redman
Kelli Timmerman
Gregory Perry
Travis Wood
Jaclyn Wise
Jeff Fisher -- online
Craig Andrews – online

POSGCD Consultants Present

Kristen Fancher	Fancher Legal, PLLC (online)
Steve Young	Intera

Public Attendance

Bill Whitmire	Milam Co. Judge
Terry Blodgett	SLR
Andy Wier	SAWDF
Shujuan Mao	University of Texas
Justin Thompson	BEG
Stefan Schuster	EPCOR

Steve Thoreson
Amy Jurica
Andy Hovorak

Laguna Water
Landowner
Landowner

Public Attendance via online

James Beach
Casey Cooper
Drew
R Martin
512-595-2885

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

Board President Jay Wilder called the Board Meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. and noted that eight Directors were present in person with Director John Redington present online and Director Robert Jekel absent.

4. Public Comment

Terry Blodgett made comment regarding DFCs on behalf of SLR.

President Wilder acknowledged comments submitted by Andrew Finger via email.

James Beach made comment on behalf of SLR and also regarding Brazos Valley GCD's Best Estimate presentation.

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 April 8, 2025, Final Public Hearing and 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. Texas Groundwater Association Geoscience Seminar of May 2, 2025

b. Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit of August 7, 2025

c. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Groundwater Summit of August 19-21, 2025

d. 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)

e. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts meeting of June 10-11, 2025

f. Texas Water Association Conference of June 11-13, 2025

g. District Well Sampling Campaign July 7-17, 2025

GM Westbrook noted that item 3d. will be pulled from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately. Director Evers moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with item 3d removed. He was seconded by Director Becky Goetsch. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

Kristen Fancher, Fancher Legal, gave an update on item 3d. She noted that consultants have been pulling the applications submitted weekly and anything that is filed will be sent to District Staff and consultants for review. There was one application filed prior to implementing this system. It has also been submitted to the consultant and an update will be given when available. She answered questions from the Board.

6. Regular Agenda

a) Report on recent events and activities concerning Blue Water I-130 and Vista Ridge Pipelines and Permits

Stefan Schuster, EPCOR, gave updates. On Friday, April 5th, the 130-project line was struck by a Bluebonnet Electric vehicle, causing a water loss of approximately 690,000 gallons of water. The system was shut down immediately and repaired by 8 p.m. on the same day.

For the Vista Ridge project line, two separate line drains are needed to make necessary repairs. Repairs will likely be done on the last 30 remaining vaults in December during the routine 7-day shut down. Any remaining repairs will have to wait until September 2026. They are currently installing stainless bolts in all locations. Sacrificial anodes are also being installed, with 35 being installed so far.

A Simsboro well has been down since March 31st for repairs. It's anticipated to be back online this week. Two additional wells will be repaired sometime within the next 12-18 months. He noted the amended application submitted to the District is nearing administrative completeness.

He answered questions from the Board. Directors Evers and Jeffrey Zgabay emphasized the seriousness with which the POSGCD Board took their responsibility of protection of groundwater transported from this District.

b) Update of timeline and progress of Five-Year Review under Section 16 of District Rules

President Wilder convened the Board into Executive Session under Section 551.071 Government Code to receive advice from general counsel for agenda items 6b), 6c), 6d), and 6e) at 6:50 p.m. The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 7:50 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Michael Redman gave an update on progress of the Five-Year review.

c) Presentation from DFC Committee concerning POSGCD Operational Model and model runs to achieve sustainability of the aquifers in GMA 12

GM Westbrook asked the Board for guidance on continuing with POSGCD's operational model to perform model runs to evaluate sustainable pumping for the aquifers, and to identify socio-economic impacts to wells in the District and GMA 12. Director Evers moved to approve continuing with POSGCD's operational model to perform model runs to evaluate sustainable pumping for the aquifers, and to identify socio-economic impacts to wells in the District and GMA 12. He was seconded by Director Kit Worley. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

d) 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 asked the Board for guidance on whether to continue pursuing evaluation of the current DFCs or whether to consider additional impacts. Director Zgabay moved to direct the general manager to continue to pursue evaluation of the current DFCs and not support other GAM Run options recently discussed at GMA 12 and was seconded by Director Evers. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

e) Discussion and possible action on Interlocal Agreement between GCDs in GMA 12 for sharing of cost for Explanatory Report

As previously discussed at GMA 12, the breakdown for cost sharing to pay for the work of writing the GMA 12 Explanatory Report would be 30% funded by POSGCD, 30% funded by BVGCD, 30% funded by LPGCD with 5% being funded by FCGCD and 5% being funded by METGCD. The full cost is estimated at \$38,500 for work to be performed by LRE. Director Zgabay moved to approve and to give GM Westbrook authority to execute the interlocal agreement and to approve the agreed upon payment of amounts at GMA 12 and was seconded by Director Goetsch. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

f) Discussion and possible action on Water Sensing study opportunities by Bureau of Economic Geology

Dr. Justin Thompson gave a presentation entitled *Direct Sensing Changes in TX Groundwater Storage: Pilot Study Proposal*. He answered questions from the Board and noted this one-year study could to be done within the District at no cost to the District. Director Worley moved to approve entering into an agreement to accomplish the water sensing study and was seconded by Director Evers. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

g) Update on investigation into violation of Rules by water provider on Big Creek Forrest Drive, Somerville, TX

Mr. Redman gave an overview of the progress of this investigation and answered questions from the Board.

h) Request for extension of time from Cade Lakes WSC to complete work contained in the 2023 Grant

After discussion, Director Goetsch moved to approve the extension of time request for Cade Lake WSC's 2023 conservation grant. She was seconded by Director Evers. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

i) Update on legislation filed during the 89th Legislature relating to Post Oak Savannah GCD and other groundwater conservation districts

Mr. Redman and GM Westbrook gave updates on legislation filed during the 89th Legislature relating to Post Oak Savannah GCD and other groundwater conservation districts. Milam County Judge Bill Whitmire also answered questions.

j) Kick-off Stakeholder Meeting for Texas Runs on Water POSGCD Campaign

Jaclyn Wise gave an update on the meeting held on April 29th. She noted that a report and follow-up information would be forthcoming.

k) Discuss and consider issuance of Request for Qualifications/Proposals for legal services related to permit hearing matters.

GM Westbrook asked the Board for guidance on how to proceed in the matter of putting out Requests for Proposals and receiving applications to be considered by the Board for legal services related to permit hearing matters. Director Worley moved to give the Advisory Committee the authority to carry out this process and return recommendations to the Board. He was seconded by Director Ed Savage. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

l) Consider Reschedule of regular Board meeting of June 10, 2025

After discussion, the June 10th Board meeting will remain as the scheduled date.

7. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings

The next Board Meeting will be held on June 10th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the District office.

GM Westbrook asked Board members if they would prefer day time meetings. It was decided a survey would be created so the Board could be polled on their meeting date and time preferences at a later date.

8. Adjourn Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON MAY 13, 2025 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON July 8, 2025


Jay Wilder, President

Attest:


Gary Westbrook, General Manager

Date July 8, 2025