

**POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting & Public Hearings
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
March 10, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

POSGCD Board Members Present

Jay Wilder
Robert Jekel
Kit Worley
Ed Savage
Lee Pelzel
Jeffrey Zgabay
Buster Evers
Brian Wallis
Becky Goetsch

Board Members Absent

John Redington

POSGCD Staff Present

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

POSGCD Consultants Present online

Kristen Fancher Fancher Legal

Public Attendance

Alan Gardenhire	SLR
Scott Carlson	MetWater
Brad Oliver	Landowner
A D Muller	Landowner
Steve Thoreson	Laguna Water Supply

Public Attendance via online

Michael

Terry B

Board Meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Ed Savage 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 meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

4. Public Comment

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

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 February 10, 2026 Board Meeting
- b) Approve 2025 Report on Compliance with Desired Future Conditions/Protective Drawdown Limits and Groundwater Well Assistance Program Annual Needs Assessment (GANA)
- 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. Groundwater Management Area 12 Meetings of February 19, 2026 and March 17, 2026**
- c. Groundwater Management Area 8 Meetings of February 26, 2026 and March 31, 2026**
- d. Texas Water Association Conference of March 10-13, 2026**
- e. Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit of August 6, 2026**

Director Kit Worley moved approve the Consent Agenda as presented and was seconded by Director Becky Goetsch. The motion was passed unanimously of all present.

6. Regular Agenda

a) Review recommendations from Enforcement Committee on enforcement matters:

- 1) Adoption of Draft Orders for violations of Rules**
- 2) Consideration of penalty waiver based upon actions to come into compliance with District Rules**

This agenda item was taken into Executive Session. President Wilder convened the Board into Executive Session at 5:55 p.m. This was done for attorney-client consultation.

President Wilder reconvened the Board into Regular Session at 6:41 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

On behalf of the Enforcement Committee, Director Evers moved to approve the recommendation that the District will not assess a penalty against permittees that have come into compliance prior to the March 10th, 2026 Board Meeting. He was seconded by Director Brian Wallis. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

Director Evers moved to approve the default orders on permittees who did not come into compliance and authorize the Board President to sign orders to begin the penalty phase. He was seconded by Director Wallis. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

b) Discussion and possible action on Application for Texas Water Development Board Groundwater Science, Research, and Data Collection Grant

Texas Water Development Board is currently receiving grant applications for Groundwater Conservation Districts. The District requested to file an application

to continue work to upgrade and improve the Groundwater Availability Model and the Operational Model. Staff recommends the Board approve submitting this application with a request for a grant in the amount of \$300,000 from TWDB. POSGCD would match that grant with \$150,000 of its own funds. This grant would improve groundwater modeling, water level measurements and land subsidence.

After discussion, Director Roby Jekel moved to approve adopting the resolution and allowing POSGCD staff to apply for and manage this grant. He was seconded by Director Savage. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

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

POSGCD Assistant General Manager, Michael Redman, gave an overview of the timeline of this investigation. Currently, a response from PUC. An update will be provided once a ruling has been made. Mr. Redman answered questions from the Board.

d) Approve Interlocal Agreement with Burleson County for monitor wells

Dr. Steve Young, Intera, was asked to do an evaluation on a select few monitor wells in Burleson County. This Interlocal Agreement would establish a monitor well on county property. Burleson County has expressed desire to use a portion of the water from this well. They would be responsible for all expenses for this well if they choose to put a pump in and operate this well. The District would be responsible for monitoring equipment costs. GM Westbrook answered questions from the Board. After discussion, Director Goetsch moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement and was seconded by Director Evers. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

e) District Staff- Field Tech position

Due to the growth of the District's monitoring system and amount of wells, staff recommends hiring a third field technician. GM Westbrook answered questions from the Board. After discussion, Director Lee Pelzel moved to approve hiring a third field technician. He was seconded by Director Goetsch. The motion passed unanimously of all present.

7. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings

The next Board Meeting will be held on April 14th at 5:30 p.m.

8. Adjourn Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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

Jay Wilder, President

Attest:

Gary Westbrook, General Manager

Date _____