

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PLUM CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
CONFERENCE ROOM, COUNTY ANNEX
BUILDING, LOCKHART, TEXAS 78644
August 18th, 2009

Notices of this regular meeting were posted in the Hays and Caldwell County Courthouses at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Receipts of the notices are on file in the office of Plum Creek Conservation District.

Checks were reviewed and signed, just prior to the call to order, by Vice President, James O Lipscomb.

- 2:00 PM The meeting was called to order by President of the Board, James A. Holt, Jr. with the following Board members present: James O. Lipscomb (Vice President), Ben Twidwell (Director), Lucy Knight (Director) and Fred Rothert (Director). Also present were Johnie Halliburton (Executive Manager), Bob Wilson (PCCD Attorney), William Feathergail Wilson (PCCD Geologist) and PCCD staff Karen Bassett and Dan Meyer. Minutes were taken by Karen Bassett.
- 2:00PM President Holt asked for motions or comments regarding the July 21st, 2009 Plum Creek Conservation District's Board of Directors' meeting minutes. Mr. Lipscomb made a motion that the minutes be accepted as mailed out. Mrs. Knight provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2:02PM President Holt asked that Item VII on the agenda be the next item to be discussed. Mr. Halliburton announced that the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District would give a presentation on their current desalination project study. Mr. Halliburton then introduced Mr. Kirk Holland, General Manager of Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, Dr. Bob Larsen, Board of Director's President for Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, Dr. Brian Smith, Aqua Science Team Leader with Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, and Mr. Wade Wheatley, an engineer with Texas Disposal Systems. Mr. Kirk Holland then gave a presentation regarding their current desalination project study with the aid of his colleagues. Members of the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District then fielded questions from the Plum Creek Conservation District's Board of Directors and staff.
- 2:45PM President Holt then asked to discuss any unfinished business. Mr. Halliburton gave an update on the progress of the request of Mr. Danny Green regarding raising the level of his land above the flood plain. Mr. Halliburton stated that Mr. Green was awaiting an engineer's report to present to the Board of Directors.
- 2:47PM President Holt then requested discussion of Item IV on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that the drafted Emergency Action Plans needed to be approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality prior to the Board of Directors approving them. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that there were no actions to be taken until the drafts were approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- 2:48PM At this time, President Holt requested to discuss Item VI on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton then presented the proposed budget to the Plum Creek Conservation District's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors then discussed the proposed budget with the Plum Creek Conservation District staff. The Board of Directors decided to tentatively propose a tax rate of .0185 per \$100 valuation for both the groundwater and flood control and to adopt the budget and the tax rates at the September meeting.

- 3:02PM President Holt then requested a report from Plum Creek Conservation District's Geologist, William Feathergail Wilson. Mr. Feather Wilson then discussed possible desired future conditions to submit to Groundwater Management Area-13. Mr. Feather Wilson also informed the Board of Directors that the deadline for submitting desired future conditions to Groundwater Management Area-13 is September 18th, 2009. Mr. Feather Wilson informed the Board of Directors that the Plum Creek Conservation District's rules committee was very close to being prepared to present the rule changes to the Plum Creek Conservation District's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors discussed the possibility of a moratorium on permitting wells until the rule changes had been adopted with Mr. Bob Wilson, Attorney for Plum Creek Conservation District. No action was taken on this matter.
- 3:14PM President Holt requested a report from Natural Resources Conservation Services' District Conservationist, Isidro Morales. Mr. Morales informed the Board of Directors that the Site 8 survey was complete and this would complete his report. Mr. Halliburton and the Board of Directors then discussed the progress of the repair plan at Site 8. Mr. Bob Wilson then discussed possible amendments to easements that needed to be made regarding the Site 8 repair.
- 3:20PM President Holt then requested a report from Plum Creek Conservation District's Executive Manager, Johnie Halliburton. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that the Plum Creek Conservation District had been approved for assessment funding for fifteen of Plum Creek Conservation District's seventeen high hazard dams by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, which would begin in September and would be completed by September 30th, 2011. These assessments would include a breach flood plain and the inundation maps required for completing the required Emergency Action Plans on each of these sites. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that Plum Creek Conservation District's request for federal rehabilitation assistance for Site 1 and Site 6 had been approved by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that Mr. Schuelke was with the United States Geological Service taking their yearly water well static level measurements in our district. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that he was currently negotiating with attorneys for the City of Kyle regarding easements for the Site 5 rehabilitation project. Mr. Bob Wilson then discussed the laws regarding Plum Creek Conservation District's ability to secure the required easements for the Site 5 rehabilitation project. President Holt recommended that surveys and appraisals be performed on all lands currently in the repair or rehabilitation process. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that the Southlake Homeowner's Association had requested that their Board meet with the Plum Creek Conservation District Board of Directors. Mr. Halliburton informed Southlake Homeowner's Association that meeting with the entire Plum Creek Conservation District Board of Directors was not a possibility, but that Mr. Halliburton, President Holt, and Mr. Rothert would be meeting with the Southlake Homeowner's Association on the evening of August 18th, 2009, regarding the easements. Mr. Halliburton then discussed the possible replacement of some of the gate valves on the principal spillways due to their poor condition. Mr. Halliburton discussed the possibility of having Performance Plus Inc. repair some of the gate valves on the principal spillways. President Holt was of the opinion that replacing the gate valves was not a very high priority, because their only function was to drain the lake for maintenance. The Board of Directors' then directed Mr. Halliburton to attempt to repair the gate valves that he could with Performance Plus Inc. and with the funds that were allotted in the budget. Then, Mr. Halliburton discussed the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Program's request to test water in the area for nitrates in the Leona aquifer. The program had allotted \$130 per well and up to 30 wells for the water testing in the Leona aquifer. Mr. Halliburton discussed the problem of the willow and cottonwood trees in the lake area of Site 34, and that the landowner had requested that we treat them to prevent any further growth. Mr. Hallibur-

ton then informed the Board of Directors' that currently nine flood control reservoirs were completely dry and nineteen had some water still in the reservoirs.

- 3:46PM President Holt then requested a report from Plum Creek Conservation District GIS/IT staff member, Daniel Meyer. Mr. Meyer then gave a presentation on the desired future conditions regarding the Groundwater Management Area meetings. Mr. Meyer also presented information on the Center for Water Supply Studies in Corpus Christi, Texas. Mr. Meyer also discussed topics from the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts' meeting and the Region L meeting. Mr. Meyer then gave a brief description of how the managed available groundwater is determined.

- 4:11PM President Holt asked for a report from Plum Creek Conservation District's Attorney, Bob Wilson. Mr. Bob Wilson discussed the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District's desalination study project. Mr. Bob Wilson also stated that he would be working on the rules, easements, and the response letter to the request for the Attorney General's Opinion regarding the newly annexed property in southeastern Caldwell County.

- 4:14PM President Holt asked if there were any public comments of which there were none.

- 4:15PM Mr. Twidwell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lipscomb added the second and the motion passed unanimously.

President

Vice President