

Minutes from the March 25th, 2014 PCCD regular scheduled meeting
to be presented on April 15th, 2014 for Board approval and
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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.

1:00 PM The meeting was called to order by President of the Board, James Holt, with the following Board members present: James O. Lipscomb (Vice President), Peter Reinecke (Secretary/Treasurer), Ben Twidwell (Director), Lucy Knight (Director), and Fred Rothert (Director). Also present were Bob Wilson (Attorney) Feathergail Wilson (PCCD Geologist) and PCCD staff Johnie Halliburton, Karen Bassett, and Dan Meyer. Minutes were taken and transcribed by Karen Bassett.

1:01PM President Holt requested motions or comments regarding the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 18th, 2014. Mr. Lipscomb made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 18th, 2014 be accepted as mailed out. Mr. Twidwell provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

1:02PM President Holt requested any unfinished business that required the Board of Directors' attention. Mr. Halliburton explained that there was no unfinished business at this time.

1:03PM President Holt stated that the Board would skip to item VI on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that the Plum Creek Conservation District had received two bids for the fertilization and herbicide application of the Plum Creek Conservation District's Flood Control Structures. President Holt then announced the bid amounts of each bid with Ehrig's at twenty-nine thousand thirty two dollars and fifty cents (\$29,032.50) and Lindemann's at twenty-eight thousand nine hundred and eighty one dollars and ninety cents (\$28,981.90). Mr. Twidwell made a motion to select the low bidder, Lindemann's, for the fertilization and herbicide application of the Plum Creek Conservation District's Flood Control Structures. Ms. Knight provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

1:07PM President Holt requested discussion of item VII on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that the Plum Creek Conservation District had received three bid proposals for the flood debris removal on sites damaged in the October 31st, 2013 flood. President Holt then announced the bid proposals of each bid with Night Hawk's at ninety two thousand five hundred dollars (\$92,500.00), Dennis Dorsett Ditching Inc.'s at one hundred and forty thousand six hundred and eleven dollars (\$140,611.00), and Sexton Inc.'s at sixty six thousand five hundred dollars (\$66,500.00). Mr. Reinecke made a motion to select the low bid proposal, Sexton Inc.'s, for the flood debris clean up on sites damaged in the October 31st, 2013 flood. Ms. Knight provided the second and the motion was approved with one abstaining vote.

Ms. Knight made a motion to authorize Mr. Halliburton to enter into an agreement on behalf of Plum Creek Conservation District with Sexton Inc. Mr. Twidwell provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

1:34PM President Holt requested discussion of item IV on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton introduced Mr. Jesse Rodriguez, an engineer, who is doing work for an individual that is interested in purchasing the Danny Green property within PCCD's site 5 inundation easement. Mr. Rodriguez introduced himself, Mr.

- Randy Padilla, Mr. Kevin Hill, and Mr. Danny Green to the Board. Mr. Rodriguez then discussed with the Board a proposed plan of Mr. Danny Green's property. Mr. Rodriguez explained to the Board that the concept of the plan was to perform cut and fill projects to allow more surface area to be out of the inundation area while allowing the storage capacity of the structure to remain the same. President Holt explained to Mr. Rodriguez that the Board needed more of an outline of what would take place within PCCD's easement and then the Board could determine what proposals would be needed for actions within its easements and what impact they might have. Mr. Rodriguez agreed to the request and thanked the Board for their time.
- 2:24PM President Holt requested discussion of item V of the agenda. Mr. Dan Meyer discussed with the Board the possibility of setting up a date for a rule making hearing to discuss any changes that the Board felt needed to be made. Mr. Meyer suggested creating a Tier 3 Table that would deal with the Edwards and other saline aquifers. Mr. Meyer explained that if the Board was interested in making changes to the rules, PCCD would have to have a hearing. Notice of the hearing would need to be posted twenty days in advance and that a draft copy of the proposed changes would need to be posted in the PCCD office and on the PCCD website. President Holt explained to the Board that if they had any suggestions or changes to the rules, to put a check list together and give them to Mr. Meyer so a draft could be created.
- 2:35PM President Holt requested discussion of item VIII on the agenda. Mr. Halliburton explained to the Board a letter he had received from the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) asking PCCD if they would like to apply for dam rehabilitation or assessment of one or more of PCCD's flood control structures. Mr. Halliburton reminded the Board that PCCD currently had five sites lined up for rehabilitation which were sites 6, 28, 21, 10 and 12. Mr. Halliburton then explained to the Board that site 6 was first on the list for rehabilitation and that easements from Hays County were possibly the only needed easements for that site. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board that he had been advised by NRCS to move forward in obtaining the needed land rights. With little discussion, the Board agreed to move forward in getting the land rights on site 6 now and later as needed on the other four sites. The Board, with much discussion, felt that PCCD should not apply for more rehabilitation on any of the flood control structures at this time.
- 3:09PM President Holt requested discussion of item IX on the agenda. Mr. Dan Meyer explained to the Board that he had attended a Groundwater Management Area (GMA) 13 meeting on March 13th, 2014, and that the GMA 13 Technical Consultant, Bill Hutchison, had presented results of a model run which was scenario #8. Mr. Meyer explained to the Board that with scenario #8 it would modify PCCD's Desired Future Conditions (DFC) and that he just wanted to keep the Board updated. Mr. Meyer stated that he would update the Board with more information at a later time.
- 3:15PM President Holt requested a report from the PCCD's Geologist, Mr. William Feathergail Wilson. Mr. Feathergail Wilson gave a report on the methodology he used in determining the "Area of Influence" for the Hays Caldwell Public Utility Agency's (HCPUA) test well applications. Mr. Feathergail Wilson presented a map showing the locations of injection wells in Caldwell County and the possible influence that they may have on the quality of groundwater.
- 3:27PM President Holt requested a report from the NRCS's District Conservationist, Mr. Isidro Morales. Mr. Morales was not in attendance at this meeting.
- 3:27PM President Holt requested a report from the PCCD's Assistant Manager, Mr. Daniel Meyer. Mr. Meyer informed the Board that he had attended a Texas Association of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) meeting on February 25th & 26th, 2014, and a GMA 10 meeting on March 17th, 2014. Mr. Meyer reported that he presented to its members an alternative proposal concerning the expense distribution and schedule for the completion of the explanatory report. Mr. Meyer stated that the GMA 10 members accepted the proposal. Mr. Meyer

er informed the Board that the proposal reduced PCCD's amount, alleviated its share towards the fresh Edwards, and increased the Edwards Aquifer Authority's (EAA) portion of the expenses. Mr. Meyer, lastly, stated that the GMA 10 members discussed the importance of brackish groundwater for the upcoming legislative session.

- 3:31PM President Holt requested a report from the PCCD's Executive Manager, Mr. Johnie Halliburton. Mr. Halliburton explained to the Board that he had a meeting with the Walton Group and that they had plugged their test well and that PCCD was waiting to hear what their future plans would be. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) had inspected PCCD's sites 2, 3, and 4 in Kyle and that TCEQ would be inspecting more PCCD sites in the months to come. Mr. Halliburton also mentioned that he would be attending the Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors (TAWS) meeting in Fredericksburg on Monday, March 31st, 2014. Mr. Halliburton also explained to the Board that PCCD had a meeting with the Green Group and they plan on coming to the Board in April or May to discuss amending or making new easement rights and a possible wildlife plan on the property. Mr. Halliburton then explained to the Board that he had researched with the Texas State University about the internship, or possible hiring, of Kelly Royal. Mr. Halliburton explained that Mr. Royal had stated that he did not need the internship and preferred to be hired by the District. After much discussion, the Board decided against any hiring at the present time.
- 3:40PM President Holt requested a report from the PCCD's Attorney, Mr. Bob Wilson. Mr. Bob Wilson informed the Board that the brackish groundwater was going to be a huge issue in the upcoming Legislation, that at this time he had no idea how it would go, and that he would keep the Board updated in the matter. Mr. Bob Wilson updated the Board on a meeting he had with the Caldwell Coalition on February 27th, 2014. Mr. Bob Wilson explained to the Board that they had discussed GMA's, regional water planning groups, surface water planning groups, desired future conditions, and groundwater model availability. Mr. Bob Wilson stated to the Board that he felt there should be some kind of outreach for public education to inform the public who PCCD is and what it does.
- 3:50PM President Holt requested any public comments. Mr. Graham Moore with the Hays Caldwell Public Utility Agency (HCPUA) told the Board that HCPUA was in the process of submitting applications for test holes and test wells on the property that they have leased on the eastern side of Caldwell County. Mr. Graham also stated that there would be a meeting at the Delhi Community Center Saturday March 29th, 2014, starting at 11:30 a.m. with the lease holders to inform them of what HCPUA was doing. Mr. Moore also stated that the Board was welcome to attend.
- 3:52PM Mr. Twidwell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lipscomb provided the second and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.