

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PLUM CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
CONFERENCE ROOM, COUNTY ANNEX
BUILDING, LOCKHART, TEXAS 78644
September 15th, 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.

- 1:00 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.
- 1:00PM President Holt opened the floor for discussion of the proposed tax rates of the Plum Creek Conservation District for 2009-2010 in regards to both the Groundwater and Flood Control districts of Plum Creek Conservation District. President Holt stated that this was an open hearing and invited any public comments. The open hearing continued for one hour with no public comments or contributions.
- 2:00PM President Holt then closed the open hearing on proposed tax rates and called the regularly scheduled meeting to order.
- 2:00PM President Holt requested comments or motions regarding the minutes of the August 18th, 2009 Plum Creek Conservation District Board of Directors' meeting. Mrs. Knight made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. Mr. Twidwell provided the second and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 2:00PM President Holt requested discussion of any unfinished business. Mr. Halliburton stated that there was no unfinished business.
- 2:01PM President Holt then asked for discussion of the proposed 2009-2010 Plum Creek Conservation District Budget. Mr. Lipscomb made a motion that the Plum Creek Conservation District Budget be adopted as proposed at the August 18th, 2009 Regular Meeting. Mr. Rothert provided the second and the motion to adopt the Plum Creek Conservation District Budget was approved unanimously.
- 2:01PM President Holt asked for any discussion regarding the proposed effective tax rate for the Flood Control portion of the Plum Creek Conservation District. Mrs. Knight made a motion to adopt by resolution the tax rate for Flood Control for 2009-2010, setting the tax rate at .0185 per \$100 of valuation. Mr. Twidwell provided the second and the motion to adopt the tax rate by resolution was approved unanimously.
- 2:01PM President Holt then asked for any discussion regarding the proposed effective tax rate for the Groundwater portion of the Plum Creek Conservation District. Mr. Lipscomb made a motion to adopt by resolution the tax rate for Groundwater for 2009-2010 setting the tax rate at .0185 per \$100 of valuation. Mrs. Knight provided the second and the motion to adopt the tax rate by resolution was approved unanimously.

- 2:03PM President Holt asked for discussion regarding a request from Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District for contributions funding support of a desalination study project. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bob Wilson, it was the consensus of the Board of Directors that more details and information would be required prior to any contributions being made to the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District in support of the desalination study project.
- 2:04PM President Holt asked for discussion regarding the Desired Future Conditions to be submitted to the Groundwater Management Area-13. Mr. Feather Wilson then discussed the Desired Future Conditions using maps with the assistance of Mr. Meyer. Mr. Feather Wilson also discussed and explained Groundwater Availability Models. Mr. Bob Wilson and Mr. Feather Wilson discussed the pertinence of the Groundwater Availability Model to the proposed Plum Creek Conservation District's rule changes and the current amount of water permitted. The Board of Directors, Mr. Bob Wilson, and Mr. Feather Wilson discussed different possibilities to present to the Groundwater Management Area-13 for Desired Future Conditions. The Board of Directors then directed Mr. Meyer to have the Groundwater Availability Model run by the Texas Water Development Board using 50 feet of drawdown in the unconfined portion of the Wilcox aquifer and 100-200 feet of drawdown within the confined portion of the Wilcox aquifer. The Board of Directors also directed Mr. Meyer to use 50 feet of drawdown in the unconfined portion of the Carrizo aquifer and 100 feet of drawdown in the confined portion of the Carrizo aquifer to compute the Groundwater Availability Model. Mr. Feather Wilson and Mr. Bob Wilson then provided the Board of Directors with the current status of the rules committee.
- 2:45PM President Holt then asked for a report from the Plum Creek Conservation District Executive Manager, Mr. Halliburton. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that Mr. Gene Peters of Performance Plus Incorporated would be here to work on eleven principal spillways that need repairs at the end of September. Mr. Halliburton then informed the Board of Directors that all of the "as built" plans for the flood control structures had been scanned for upload onto the computer. Mr. Halliburton then discussed a database that Mr. Meyer was working on to make access to information on the flood control structures simpler. Mr. Halliburton informed the Board of Directors that the Caldwell/Travis Soil and Water Conservation District would be receiving a percentage of a total of \$23,000 for maintenance on seventeen flood control structures in Caldwell County from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Mr. Halliburton then discussed the problem of the willow and cottonwood trees growing in the sediment pool at Site 34. It was recommended by the Board of Directors that the willow problem be addressed at a later date according to the report from the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Range Specialist. Mr. Halliburton then discussed the findings of the Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding the impounding of water at Site 8. The Natural Resources Conservation Service conducted a survey to determine a suitable level that the water could be impounded at that would appease all parties involved, based on previous discussions with the landowners affected. Mr. Bob Wilson recommended that a letter be drafted to all landowners involved to that effect explaining the findings of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Mr. Bob Wilson also stated that all original easements that stated that the port holes be set at a certain elevation would require amending and then require the signature of the current landowners. Mr. Halliburton then discussed the status of the Site 5 Rehabilitation Project with the Board of Directors. Mr. Halliburton then presented the Board of Directors with estimates from three surveyors for the survey of the easement land needed at Site 5. The Board of Directors gave Mr. Halliburton a directive to use the lowest estimate of the surveyors. Mr. Halliburton then discussed the status of the Attorney General's Opinion regarding the southeastern portion of Caldwell County.

2:46PM President Holt asked for a report from the Plum Creek Conservation District's Attorney Bob Wilson. Mr. Bob Wilson stated that he had spoken about all that he needed to convey.

3:14PM President Holt then asked for any public comments of which there were none.

3:15PM Mr. Twidwell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lipscomb provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

President

Vice President