



**Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District  
Meeting Minutes  
5:30 PM, February 10, 2016  
Aquarium at Rockport Harbor Education Center  
706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX**

**Directors Present**

Director Tom Callan  
Director Lynn Wildman  
Director Ed Hegen  
Director John Alexander

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Callan", is written over the list of directors present.

**Directors Absent**

Director Robert Walls

**Staff Members Present**

Linda Garcia  
James Dodson

**Elected Officials Present**

Commissioner Betty Stiles

**Guests Present**

Opening Agenda

1. **Call to order.**

With a quorum of Directors present, the regular meeting of the Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District (ACGCD) was called to order by Chairman, Tom Callan at 5:30 PM on Wednesday February 10, 2016 at the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor Education Center, 706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

*On motion of Director Wildman and second by Director Hegen, Minutes of January 13, 2016 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

3. **Citizens to be Heard**

*At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the ACGCD Board may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.*

There were none.

#### **4. Remaining Items to Complete Information Plan/Speakers and Audiences**

Chairman Callan discussed the List of Organizations which he had prepared in a spreadsheet and which needs to be completed with contact names and phone numbers and which directors could do presentations. Director Hegen agreed to handle the Lions Club (which meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in March) and Director Wildman agreed to handle another one of the organizations. After completion of spreadsheet and obtaining full information, the district needs to get commitments on when presentations can be made and who could do them. There was discussion on what should be discussed at these presentations (which generally encompass about two-five minutes at the most). There was discussion on what voters would be most interested in and basically it came down to a choice of protecting our water and trees or not. In any case, it was agreed that directors needed to be consistent in their presentations and any reference materials used should also reflect the same.

The three (3) main references discussed included the Texas Cooperative Extension website: ([http://twri.tamu.edu/reports/2002/2002-036/2002-036\\_questions-dist.pdf](http://twri.tamu.edu/reports/2002/2002-036/2002-036_questions-dist.pdf)) entitled: “*Questions About Groundwater Conservation Districts in Texas*”, the Texas Water Development Board website: ([http://www.twdb.texas.gov/groundwater/conservation\\_districts/index.asp](http://www.twdb.texas.gov/groundwater/conservation_districts/index.asp)), and the TCEQ website: (<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/groundwater/groundwater/districts.html>). In addition, the Texas Railroad Commission also had a website with information: (<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/oil-gas/environmental-cleanup-programs/guidance-documents-and-helpful-links/groundwater-management/>)

*On motion of Chairman Alexander and second by Chairman Hegen, the district was authorized to spend funds from budget on March-April insert of Chamber newsletter as well as any other publication or media site as needed.*

#### **5. Approval of District By-laws.**

There was a second reading of the proposed By-Laws. (Linda will redline cited statute changes and forward to directors.) Approval of final By-Laws will hopefully be adopted at next meeting.

#### **6. Approval of Contract with Aransas County Elections Office.**

Chairman Callan discussed the draft contract he received from Elections Administrator, Michele Bennett. Commissioner Stiles mentioned the cost of the election would run about \$8,000.00. Director Hegen wanted to know what all the \$8,000 covered, and Commissioner Stiles answered: several things, including holding the election and preparing the ballot, mailing ballots, hiring election workers, providing and programming the voting machines, just a name a few.

*On motion of Director Hegen and second by Director Wildman, the district was authorized to contract with Elections Office to run the election and share in the cost with other entities.*

*On motion of Director Hegen and second by Director Alexander, Chairman Callan was authorized to sign the Order of Election.*

#### **7. Recap of Chamber Luncheon Presentation and Reaction.**

Chairman Callan briefly discussed the presentation at the Chamber luncheon on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February which was approximately two minutes long. Questions were asked and answered, and overall it went well.

**8. Consultant Report Regarding GMA 15 and GMA 16 Issues and Activity.**

James Dodson provided everyone marked copies of the GMA 15 Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2015. He discussed Agenda Item 9 in the handout concerning the provisional Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) and its application to the Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District (ACGCD).

We need to hold meeting within 90 days (1/15/16 thru 4/13/16). We can schedule Public Hearing on day of regular meeting, April 13<sup>th</sup>, or hold a Special Meeting, or do it on last meeting in March. Will need to publish one time each in the Rockport Pilot and Herald newspapers. The GMA 15 will meet April 29<sup>th</sup> at which time districts will submit their public comment summaries.

James attended the Corpus Christi ASR (Aquifer Storage & Recovery) District meeting, which is encompassed mostly in GMA16 and a little bit in GMA15.

**9. Agenda Items to be addressed at Next Meeting.**

- 1) Workshop Minutes of January 27 and Regular Minutes of February 10
- 2) Organization Presentations
- 3) Final approval of By-Laws
- 4) Firm up dates for Public Hearing (March 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- 5) Preliminary Funding/Budget

**10. Adjourn.**

*On motion by Director Hegen and second by Director Wildman, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,  
*Linda Garcia*