



**Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District
Meeting Minutes
5:30 PM, February 24, 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
Director Robert Walls

Directors Absent

Staff Members Present

Linda Garcia

Elected Officials Present

Commissioner Betty Stiles
Commissioner Bubba Casterline

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 24, 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 Walls, workshop minutes of January 27, 2016, were tabled, and minutes of regular meeting of February 10, 2016, 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. **Review Presentations Made Since Last Meeting.**

Director Wildman commented that his presentation at the Lamar Woman's Club went well.

5. **Review of Speakers' Schedule.**

Chairman Callan presented an updated handout of key organizations to target for presentations. The list included many blank contacts upon which, after much discussion, was partially completed, and all Directors volunteered for several of the organization meetings. Those organizations remaining, Linda indicated she

will try to obtain necessary information so they can be divvied up among the District when list is complete. Director Callan will prepare and forward another updated list. Additions and Deletions were made to the list. Commissioner Stiles suggested adding the Aransas County Health Coalition to the list, and Director Wildman agreed to do their presentation at their meeting on March 3rd at the Agrilife Extension Office.

6. **Discuss Articles to be Published and Authors for Same.**

Chairman Callan handed out and the Summary and News Release/Guest Editorial he drafted for use in educating the public. There was much discussion of the same. Director Hegen and Chairman Callan will work on shortening the draft. The newspaper release was edited. There were suggestions of where to distribute the groundwater pamphlets—perhaps at the Gazebo along the trails and at the Chamber of Commerce and should use the County's website to advertise. The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries may have printed info for the public—need to check if available to see. Early voting is April 25th through May 3rd and need to educate the public in the best manner possible. He suggested trying to make presentations so as to generate questions and to use the GMA 15 map (from Water Development Board website).

7. **Confirm Details and Timing of Public Hearing Regarding Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) and Associated Action Items.**

Collin will publish Notice of the Public Hearing on the County's website under the Groundwater District's Department.

On motion of Director Walls and second by Director Wildman, the district was authorized to publish the Notice of Public Hearing in the Rockport Pilot on March 5th and March 12th and in the Coastal Bend Herald on March 10th. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Approval of District By-Laws.**

On motion of Director Hegen and second by Director Walls, the approval of the District By-Laws were tabled. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Discuss District Budget.**

Director Hegen presented an excel spreadsheet of the 2016 Actual versus Budget YTD, the 2016 monthly expenses, and a form to use or entering payments and reimbursements. Linda will forward to Director Hegen the accounts payable from the Auditor's Office regarding District items as they become available. Commissioner Stiles commented that the \$8,000 election cost goes to \$2,000 as we will be sharing in the costs with ACISD, Aransas Pass, and Town of Fulton.

10. **Discussion of Next Meeting Agenda Items.**

- 1) Public Hearing on March 23rd
- 2) Workshop Minutes of January 27 and Regular Minutes of February 24
- 3) Organization Presentations
- 4) Final approval of By-Laws
- 5) Other Business

11. **Adjourn.**

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Garcia