



ORIGINAL

**Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District
Meeting Minutes
5:30 PM, April 27, 2016
Aquarium at Rockport Harbor Education Center
706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX**

Directors Present

Director Tom Callan
Director Ed Hegen
Director Robert Walls
Director Lynn Wildman

Directors Absent

Director John Alexander

Staff Members Present

Linda Garcia

Elected Officials Present

Commissioner-Elect Pct. 3, Brian Olsen

Guests Present

Linda Holzman
Judy Sanders

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, April 27, 2016 at the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor Education Center, 706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Director Hegen and second by Director Wildman, workshop minutes of January 27, 2016, were tabled, and minutes of regular meeting of April 13, 2016, were 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 two citizens who wished to express their concerns. First up to speak was Linda Holzman who was most concerned about giving up the rule of capture for individuals and the metering issue. Chairman Callan replied that although that was true, there were advantages such as safeguarding our water for the future and keeping neighbors from sucking wells dry. In order to support a management plan, we have to develop rules. He explained the difference between registering a well, which indicates it is already in place, and a permit for a well which allows operation. Both Ms. Holzman and Ms. Sanders provided their contact information in order to keep them informed. After some further discussion and their questions and concerns addressed, the meeting continued.

4. **Update Speakers' Schedule as of 4/27/16 and Review Feedback from Organization Presentations.**

A brief review of the schedule revealed that the American Legion, GI Forum and Women's Auxiliary had not been done yet but most all other organizations had either been completed or were scheduled in the next day or so.

5. **Review of Regional Water Planning Meeting Held April 14, 2016, and Discuss Attendance at Upcoming Regional GMA 15 Meeting on April 29, 2016.**

Chairman Callan reported that he and Commissioner Stiles and Councilwoman Barbara Gurtner attended the meeting held April 14th—they are going over the Regional Plan. There was discussion on Art Smith and maybe Mike Donoho to fill vacancy at large positions.

6. **Consideration and Action Concerning Additional Information to be Published via the Newspaper and WVN to Support Election for or against the Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District.**

There will be information printed in the Saturday, April 30th edition of the Pilot and Mike Probst will publish an article. It is important to note that the district will exempt everything under 25,000 gallons.

7. **Discuss Budget/Begin Consideration of Proposed Budget Line Items and Forecast for County Treasurer.**

There was discussion of budget forecast which included the following: a General Manager (\$40,000), a Secretary, several technicians, an attorney, an engineer, office rental, general office operations, equipment, supplies, Obamacare/insurance, auto/mileage. Director Wildman will call Goliad and compare what might be required.

8. **Old Business.**

None

9. **New Business.**

None

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

- 1) Approve Workshop Minutes of January 27, 2016, Special Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2016, and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27
- 2) Review of GMA 15 Regional Meeting of April 29, 2016
- 3) Discuss Budget/discuss proposed budget line items and forecast for County Treasurer
- 4) Old Business
- 5) New Business
- 6) Discussion of next meeting agenda items.

11. **Adjourn.**

On motion by Director Wildman and second by Director Hegen, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Garcia



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**Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District
Special Meeting Minutes
5:30 PM, May 17, 2016
Aquarium at Rockport Harbor Education Center
706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX**

Directors Present

Director John Alexander
Director Ed Hegen
Director Lynn Wildman

Directors Absent

Director Tom Callan
Director Robert Walls

Staff Members Present

Linda Garcia

Elected Officials Present

Commissioner-Elect Pct. 3, Brian Olsen

Guests Present

Wendy & Greg Laubach
Linda & Fred Marshall
Bob Gordon

Opening Agenda

1. **Call to order.**

With a quorum of Directors present, the special meeting of the Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District (ACGCD) was called to order by Director, John Alexander at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor Education Center, 706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX.

2. **Canvass of May 7, 2016 Special Election**

Motion was made by Director Wildman and seconded by Director Hegen to accept the canvass as presented for the Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District Special Election. (Canvass inserted)

After the canvass was accepted, the Directors and guests held a discussion to answer some of the questions and concerns still on the minds of local citizens who showed up for the meeting. Suggestions were made for bringing the District before the voters in a future election.

3. **Adjourn.**

On motion by Director Wildman and second by Director Hegen, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Garcia