



**Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District  
Meeting Minutes  
5:30 PM, October 21, 2015  
Aransas County Public Library  
701 E, Mimosa, Rockport, TX**

**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

**Staff Members Present**

**Elected Officials Present**

Commissioner Betty Stiles  
Commissioner Bubba Casterline  
Commissioner Jack Chaney

Opening Agenda

1. **Call to order.**

With a quorum of Directors present, the 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting of the Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District (ACGCD) was called to order by Commissioner Betty Stiles at 5:30 PM on Wednesday October 21, 2015 in the Public Meeting Room of the Aransas County Public Library, 701 E. Mimosa Street, Rockport, TX.

2. **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.*

Commissioner Chaney expressed his appreciation the Temporary Board's acceptance of their positions as Directors of the ACGCD and the importance of the proposed actions of the Board in seeking voter approval of the District established by the State Legislature.

Commissioner Casterline echoed Commissioner Chaney's remarks and expressed his support for the new District and its Directors.

Commissioner Stiles gave a brief history of her experience in water use and allocation. She has been involved in SB3 hearings, Region L and Region N. She expressed the need to have someone formally representing City of Rockport and Aransas County. “If we don’t do something to conserve it who will?”

**3. Deliberate and elect Officers of the District**

On motion of Lynn Wildman and second by John Alexander Tom Callan was unanimously elected Chairman of the District.

On motion of Ed Hegen and second by Tom Callan John Alexander was elected Vice Chairman of the District.

On motion of Tom Callan and second by Robert Walls Lynn Wildman was elected Secretary of the District.

**4. Deliberate and act, as appropriate on the Outline of Action Items Leading up to Confirmation Election (Items 1-7)**

The Board deliberated on the following action items and unanimously adopted the actions enumerated below on the motion of Director Alexander and second by Director Hegen.

- a. Formally designate the address for the administrative office of the District.

*The District designates the office of the County Judge, 301 North Live Oak as the administrative office of the District.*

- b. Pass resolution designating Board meeting place and administrative office of the District.

*The normal meeting place of the District shall be the Education Center of the Aransas County Aquarium, Navigation Circle, City of Rockport.*

- c. Confirm that all Directors have qualified for office under §36.055 of the Water Code.

*All Directors certified that they have qualified for office under §36.055 of the Water Code.*

- d. Confirm that Oaths of Office have been filed with the Secretary of State.

*Director Callan advised that the County’s Administrative Assistant reported that Oaths of Office had been filed but were returned as unnecessary for this particular appointed office.*

- e. Determine the status of the blanket performance bonds applied for by the Office of the County Judge.

*Director Callan reported that the County’s Attorney had just received the blanket performance bonds required.*

- f. Identify a Board Member as contact person for GMA 15.

*More information regarding the duties of the contact person need clarification. Most representatives at recent meeting appeared to be managers hired by Districts rather than district directors. If the purpose of nominating a contact person is solely for purposes of communication with GMA 15 management then the selection may be different than if a decision maker as contact is required. In the interim Lynn Wildman and John Alexander were designated Co-Contacts for the District.*

- g. Provide for Copies of the District Boundaries to be filed with the Aransas County Clerk. §36.021, Texas Water Code.

*Passed as requires verification. Action **Director Wildman***

- h. Determine status of notification of TCEQ of Temporary Directors (within 30 days of Appointment of Directors.)

*Passed as requires confirmation. Action **Director Wildman***

- i. Discuss managed Available Groundwater (MAG) information provided to GMA 15.

*Brief deliberation resulted in requesting Director Alexander to contact GMA 15 Engineer INTERA as to source of published information. Action **Director Hegen***

## **5. Administrative Matters.**

- a. Chairman Callan advised that from time to time he would provide information by email to all Directors for their use in preparation for future meetings. Responses to Emails of this nature are not expected or required and Directors are cautioned not to discuss their content with other Directors as doing so could constitute a violation of the Open Meeting ACT.

The use of the function “reply all” in other matters should be avoided for the same reasons.

- b. Sources of administrative support.

*Administrative support will be provided by the office of the County Judge; Linda Garcia or Linda Doan. Director Wildman to recruit a qualified person to be present at all meetings and produce meetings for approval of the Board.*

- c. Maintenance of District files.

*District files will be maintained by the Linda Garcia or Linda Doan.*

- d. Recommended meeting schedule and duration.

*Meetings will normally be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 5:30PM. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman if necessary to handle urgent issues. Duration of these meetings should be held to one and one-half hours. From time to time one of these meetings may*

*be designated a workshop to facilitate public participation and communication between Directors.*

e. **Funding for Operations of the District**

*Commissioner Stiles provided information about state agencies such as the Water Development Board, TCEQ and others who may be able to provide funding for the Temporary District. Commissioner Chaney advised that Commissioner's Court may also be able to provide limited funding on the expectation that the County would be reimbursed from taxes levied at a later date. There is also the consideration that funding from tax revenues would not begin before 2017.*

**6. Responsibilities of Officers and members.**

*Item passed as more information is required about duties of the Board as a whole before designating responsible Officers and Directors.*

**7. Identification of Consultants who may be required.**

*Consultation with Tim Andrus, General Manager of GMA 15 and Rauley Irwin of Goliad was recommended. These individuals may be able to provide assistance in selection of a District attorney, District engineer and others who can assist the ACGCD Board.*

**8. Consideration of Agenda items for next meeting.**

*Action items above as well as discussion of potential consultants will form most of the content of the next meeting which is schedule in the meeting of November 11<sup>th</sup> as a workshop.*

**9. Adjourn.**

On motion by Lynn Wildman and second by Tom Callan the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.