



**Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District  
Meeting Minutes  
5:30 PM, December 9, 2015  
Aquarium at Rockport Harbor Education Center  
706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX**

**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

**Staff Members Present**

Linda Garcia

**Elected Officials Present**

Commissioner Betty Stiles  
Commissioner Bubba Casterline  
Commissioner Jack Chaney

**Guests Present**

Brian Olsen

Opening Agenda

1. **Call to order.**

With a quorum of Directors present, the 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting of the Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District (ACGCD) was called to order by Chairman, Tom Callan at 5:30 PM on Wednesday December 9, 2015 at the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor Education Center, 706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

*On motion of Lynn Wildman and second by Robert Walls, Minutes of October 21, 2015 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

*On motion of Lynn Wildman and second by Robert Walls, Minutes of November 11, 2015 workshop 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. **Report from Directors who attended GMA15 meeting in Victoria on December 9, 2015**

Lynn Wildman and Ed Hegen attended the meeting. Each commented on what seemed to be the focus of that meeting which was their Agenda Items #5 and #9 regarding Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) of Groundwater Management Area 15 and the completion of report of same for each district. ACGCD is supposed to report to CMA 15 by early next year for open public meeting. There was much discussion on what was expected from ACGCD and our involvement. There was discussion on what was said of DFC's from Robert Bradley, Technical Groundwater Specialist, at the meeting in Victoria and procedure for public hearing when DFC's are provisional until after public hearing when they then become proposed. Commissioner Casterline talked some about the DFC's. Ed Hegen said Tim Andress wants meeting in January to discuss GMA 15 Agenda Item 10—consideration of (1) aquifer uses or conditions within the management area, including conditions that differ substantially from one geographic area to another; (2) the water supply needs and water management strategies included in the state water plan; (3) hydrological conditions, including for each aquifer in the management area the total estimated recoverable storage as provided by the executive administrator, and the average annual recharge, inflows, and discharge; (4) other environmental impacts, including impacts on spring flow and other interactions between groundwater and surface water; (5) the impact on subsidence; (6) socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur; (7) the rights of management area landowners and their lessees and assigns in groundwater as recognized under Section 36.002; (8) the feasibility of achieving the desired future condition; and (9) any other information relevant to the specific desired future conditions. Tim Andress had indicated the final decision from GMA 15 to finish (after all steps—public hearing and board approval (each district has to do it) would be September, October, November. Commissioner Stiles and Chairman Callan had concerns about this timeline wherein ACGCD is a just temporary district board. Lynn Wildman suggests getting in touch with Tim Andress—does ACGCD have to have this and if so, could he come down to help. Ed said another GMA 15 meeting is January 14, 2016. Commissioner Chaney discussed what ACGCD needed to do at the next meeting and although each district is experienced, the Board itself is not. Ed said ACGCD's next meeting will be January 13<sup>th</sup> and maybe we could get Tim down here. Every district will give their numbers which will be part of the major management plan. Commissioner Stiles mentioned Bech Bruun (President of Texas Water Development Board) and Connie Townsend.

5. **By-laws and Rules for Operation of the District.**

Robert Walls spoke about those of Pecan Valley he reviewed and John Alexander spoke of those of Panola.

*On motion of Chairman Callan and second by Lynn Wildman, John Alexander was authorized to convert Panola's By-laws and Rules to ACGCD for review by the Board.*

6. **Means to Obtain Services of Consultants such as Attorneys and Engineers which may be Necessary to Accomplish Objectives of the District.**

Discussed selection process—not ready to go out for bids. John Alexander suggested we seek RFQ's (Request for Qualifications). There was much discussion on which was most important to find first—engineer or attorney, and Chairman Callan thought that an engineer was most important. There was further discussion on attorneys needed and one law firm mentioned was Paul Gosselink. Linda can get form RFQ's to use and these can be discussed at January meeting.

*On motion of Lynn Wildman and second by Chairman Callan, it was agreed to seek RFQ's for engineer and attorney consultants.*

7. **Content of a Plan and Schedule of Events to Inform County Voters about the Possible Formation of the District.**

There was much discussion on voter education and need for an attorney. It will be necessary to talk to and connect with the County Elections Administration to determine actions necessary prior to election. It was agreed that James Dodson should be invited to both the regular meeting and workshop in January to assist the ACGCD and questions for him should be prepared.

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

Action items, development of By-laws and Rules for operation, as well as discussion of RFQ's for potential consultants will form most of the content of the next meeting which will be January 13, 2016.

9. **Adjourn.**

*On motion by Robert Walls and second by Tom Callan the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Garcia*

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