

**Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
House Committee Room 5, Louisiana State Capitol
June 30, 2022, 10:30 a.m.**

- I. **Call to Order** – William Daniel -CAGCD Chairman
Chairman Daniel called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

- II. **Roll Call** – Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director
Mr. Beard called the roll. Members present: William Daniel, Angela Machen, Matt Reonas, Karen Gautreaux, Cyril Vetter, Kenneth Dawson, Patrick Hobbins, Jesse Means, Rachel Lambert and Tom Seagraves. Members absent: Barry Huggins, Patrick Engemann, Jonathan Leo and Camille Manning-Broome.

- III. **Establishment of a Quorum** – William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman
Chairman Daniel declared the presence of a quorum with 10 members present.

- IV. **Invocation** – Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director

- V. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Tom Seagraves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- VI. **Recognition of Guests** – William Daniel CAGCD Chairman
Chairman Daniel asked the guests present to introduce themselves. Guests present: Scott Bergeron – member of the public, Charles Green – Southern University Agricultural College Representative, Wendel Lindsey – member of the public, and Tara Wicker – The W Consulting Group

- VII. **Amendments to the Agenda**
Chairman Daniel asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

- VIII. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – 4/22/22- (action required)**
Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 4-22-22 Board meeting. Mr. Beard stated the minutes were corrected to reflect Joey Normand was a guest of the meeting. Motion by Ms. Gautreaux and second by Mr. Seagraves to approve the minutes with the change made. Motion passed unanimously.

- IX. **Executive Director’s Report** – Gary Beard - CAGCD Executive Director
 - a. Budget and contracts **(action required)**

Mr. Beard presented the budget and contracts for the Board's approval. Chairman Daniel asked if there were any public comments. There was none. Motion by Ms. Gautreaux and second by Mr. Dawson to approve the budget and contracts as presented. Chairman Daniel asked for a roll call.

Gautreaux Y, Hobbins Y, Seagraves Y, Vetter Y, Means Y, Reonas Y, Dawson Y, Machen Y, Daniels Y. Motion passed unanimously.

- X. **Chairman's Report** – William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman
Chairman Daniel had nothing to report.
- XI. **Administrative Committee Report** – Karen Gautreaux – CAGCD Admin Committee Chairman
Ms. Gautreaux informed the Board of two favorable items the Committee voted to bring to the full Board – the budget and the new office space to be leased not purchased. Chairman Daniel asked if there was public comment. There was no comment.
- XII. **Technical Committee Report** – Tom Seagraves – CAGCD Technical Committee Chairman
Mr. Seagraves had nothing to report.
- XIII. **Executive Committee report** – William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman
Chairman Daniel had nothing to report.
- XIV. **Member Agenda Items** – William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman
Chairman Daniel asked if there were any member agenda items. There were none.
- XV. **Old Business** – William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman
There was no old business to discuss.
- XVI. **New Business** – William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman
There was no new business to discuss.
- XVII. **Commissioner Comments** – William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman
Chairman Daniel asked if there were any comments from the Commissioners. Mr. Vetter asked to be on the record to say the Commission is a volunteer position put in place by the Legislature with a mission to protect the Southern Hills Aquifer. He further stated the Commission's mission has been opposed at every step by private corporations and entities that want to maintain status quo. The efforts to manage and regulate have been approved by the Attorney General and the EBR District Attorney offices. Opposition to depletion of the Southern Hills Aquifer is not in the public interest. Chairman Daniel would like the record to reflect Baton Rouge Water Company is the only one opposing regulation of the Southern Hills Aquifer.

- XVIII. Announcements – William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman**
There were no announcements.
- XIX. Public Comment (Non-action items only) – William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman**
Chairman Daniel asked if there was any public comment. There was no comment.
- XX. Adjournment – (action required) – William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman**
Motion by Rachel Lambert and second by Angela Machen to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.



Gary J. Beard, Executive Director