

Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District
Board Meeting
State Capitol - House Committee Room 4
January 13, 2022 1:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District convened for a regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. on January 13, 2022 at the Louisiana State Legislature in House Room #4. The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Daniel.

II. Roll Call

Gary Beard called the roll. The following members were present: William Daniel, Cyril E. Vetter, Matthew Reonas, Scott Bergeron, Paul Davidson, Patrick Engemann, Karen Gautreaux, Rachel Lambert, Dr. Angela Machen, Alvin Broussard and Jonathan Leo. Absent members included: Jens Rummeler, Thomas Seagraves, Kenneth Dawson, Patrick Hobbins and Jesse Means.

Others attending the meeting were: Gary Beard, Executive Director, Capitol Area Groundwater Conservation District; Janet Boles and Catherine Crawford, Boles Law Firm; Mr. Cage, Together Louisiana; John McKowen, CAGCD auditor; Mr. Davis, City of Baker; The Baldwins, concerned citizens and an engineer.

III. Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman William Daniel declared a quorum with 10 members present.

IV. Invocation

Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director – Invocation

V. Pledge of Allegiance

William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman – Engemann leads

VI. Recognition of Guests

William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman

VII. Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2021

Comment by Mr. Bergeron section 9.b. vote reads incorrectly, change to 11-2.

Motion by Ms. Gautreaux and second by Mr. Bergeron to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2021 meeting with the correction.

VIII. Amendments to the Agenda

William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman – No amendments.

- IX. Executive Director's Report -Gary Beard - CAGCD Executive Director**
- a) Resolution to hire attorneys (**action required**)
 - i Motion by Mr. Vetter, second by Mr. Reonas to hire BLF as attorneys. Motion passes.

 - b) Resolution to authorize and add Lisa Manda to the General Account and remove Shawn Scallan (**action required**)
 - i Motion by Ms. Gautreaux second by Mr. Broussard. Motion passes.

 - c) Resolution to authorize and add Gary Beard to the Account 6797164 and remove Anthony Duplechin and Shawn Scallan (**action required**)
 - i Motion by Mr. Leo second by Ms. Machen. Motion passes.

 - d) RFQ for Engineer for Monitoring Wells
 - i Discussion of moving forward with publishing RFQ for engineering firms to install the monitors on the Faultline to monitor the salt water intrusion. Beard will come back to the Board with selected company and contract for Board approval.

 - e) Update on New Employees
 - i CAGCD needs an Engineer 7 classification. Advertisements were sent out. This will be a classified position.

 - f) Financial Reports
 - i John McKowen, CAGCD auditor went through the end of year audit.
 - ii Discussion on relationships with LSU, Water Institute, and USGS.
- X. Chairman's report - William Daniel**
- a. Committee Assignments – Chairman sent out to the members for review.
 - b. Future meeting dates – (**action required**)
 - Motion by Mr. Davidson, second by Mr. Reonas for future meeting dates to be held on the third Thursday every other month beginning in January. Passed unanimously.
- XI. Member Agenda Items - None**
- XII. Old Business**
- Machen discussion of rate increase and the need for a discussion about potentially changing the rule from a blanket rate increase on all owners/users.
- XIII. New Business – None.**

XIV.

Commissioner Comments

Mr. Engemann requested Mr. Beard dispense information on the meter contracts to the Commissioners.

XV.

Announcements

William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman – None.

XVI.

Public Comment (Non-agenda items only)

William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman – None.

XVII.

Adjournment

William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman (**action required**)

Motion by Mr. Bergeron, second by Mr. Davidson. Adjourned.

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