

MINUTES

CAPITAL AREA GROUND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

December 12, 2018

I. Call to Order

The Capital Area Ground Water Conservation Commission met for a regular meeting at 9:30 a.m. on December 12, 2018 in the U.S. Geological Survey's auditorium at 3535 South Sherwood Forest, Suite 120, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Barry Huggins.

II. Roll Call

The following members were present: Ronnie Albritton, William Daniel, Kenneth Dawson, Johan Forsman, Mark Frey, Barry Huggins, John Jennings, Dennis McGehee, Nelson Morvant, Matthew Reonas, "J.A." Rummier, Ryan Scardina, Tom Stephens, Todd Talbot, and Mark Walton. The following members were absent: Lucas Hopkins and Hays Town.

Others attending the meeting were: Anthony Duplechin and Shawn Scallan, Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District; Roy Waggenspack, Owen & White; Harry Vorhoff, Louisiana Attorney General's Office; Steve Hardy, The Advocate; Henry Graham, Louisiana Chemical Association; Tyler McCloud, Louisiana House of Natural Resources Committee; Max Lindaman, U.S. Geological Survey; Lindsey Gouedy, Sparta Ground Water Commission; Gina Brown, L. Shay McLaughlin, William Leonards and William Fath, Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

III. Executive Session

Mr. Frey made a motion that the board go into Executive Session to consult with the attorney concerning the Attorney General's opinion 18-0094. Mr. Daniel seconded this motion. The vote was yes – 14 and abstain – 1. The motion passed.

IV. Amend Agenda

There were none.

V. Minutes

Mr. Daniel made a motion that the minutes of the September 25, 2018 be approved. Mr. Walton seconded this motion. Mr. Reonas made a motion that the minutes be amended to state under agenda item, Report from the Technical Committee, second paragraph, "Mr. Reonas offered to interject himself and his agency into the discussions. The Chairman approved his offer." Mr. Daniel seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Report from the Administrative Committee

At the request of the Chairman, Barry Huggins, Mr. Jennings reported on the meeting that was held December 3, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. Following is a summary of items discussed at the meeting and further discussion and action at the regular Commission meeting on December 12, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

- The financial conditions as of October 31, 2018 were reviewed.

VII. Report from the Technical Committee

The report of the Technical Committee was made by Nelson Morvant. Following is a summary of topics discussed at the meeting on December 3, 2018 and further discussion and action at the regular Commission meeting on December 12, 2018.

- Mr. Morvant gave an update on the bids received for the test well project. He stated that the bids were above the budgeted amount and were rejected. The project was advertised again. On January 16, 2018 the bids will be reviewed.
- Mr. Morvant reported that the Chairman signed the contract with CPRA for phase one.

- Dr. Frank Tsai, LSU, and the U.S. Geological Survey gave updates on their modeling projects.

VIII. Director's Report

Director Duplechin reported that he attended a meeting for the Sparta Ground Water Commission. He stated that he along with Commissioners Huggins and Morvant met with CPRA and The Water Institute of the Gulf. He reported that he met with the Legislative Auditors several times to discuss the operations of the Commission. He represented the Commission at the Louisiana Water Resources Commission meeting. The Director reported that he received a draft of the report from the U.S. Geological Survey on the "1,500-foot", "2,400-foot" and "2,800-foot" sands.

VIII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Huggins reported that there was an article in the Business Report titled, "Defending the Water Supply". The article discussed the contract between the Commission and The Water Institute. It stated that they will provide the Commission with alternatives for long-term strategic planning.

IX. Installation of Officers

The officers for Capital Area Ground Water Conservation Commission for 2019 are as follows: Nelson Morvant, Chairman; William Daniel, Vice-Chairman; and Mark Frey, Treasurer. Mr. Daniel thanked Mr. Huggins for his leadership. Mr. Morvant also thanked Mr. Huggins for his excellent job with moving the Commission forward. Mr. Morvant presented Mr. Huggins with a plaque of appreciation. Mr. Morvant also presented Mr. Forsman with a certificate of appreciation.

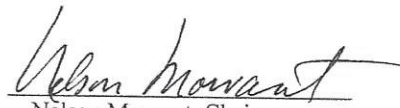
XI. Public Comment

There were none.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, Mr. Talbot made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Huggins seconded this motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.


Mark Frey, Treasurer


Nelson Morvant, Chairman