

CAPITAL AREA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Executive Committee Meeting
January 25, 2019
Minutes

1. **Roll Call**

All committee members present (Morvant, Daniel, Frey and Jennings)

2. **Discussion on recent planned plant closures in EBR Parish.**

Mr. Morvant opened the floor for comments and discussion on the recent announcements of the recently announced closures/cutbacks at Georgia Pacific and BASF. There was a question on the timeline of GP's cutback. This cutback is permanent.

3. **Budget discussion to compensate for lost revenue and increased well costs.**

Mr. Shoptaugh, the District's CPA, addressed the Committee about the projected budget considering the above cutbacks and projected project costs. For this presentation it is assumed there would be no income from Georgia Pacific. He said he feels the District should have a year's funding held in reserve. He went over five scenarios based on projected income, two projects and a possible increase in pumpage fees.

It was stated that the District has never had to dip into its reserve funds for emergencies. It was brought up that the last administration went around looking for funds that various state agencies were holding in reserve and started transferring those funds into the state treasury.

It is felt by the Executive Committee that a projected budget analysis needs to be done for at least the next five years. Mr. Shoptaugh will work on this. Mr. Daniel feels we should go six months and see how our revenues are before considering a fee increase.

There was a question about regulatable wells in Ascension Parish. The Director has been working on culling down the wells in Ascension parish to determine who would be regulated. There are 245 possible wells that we would regulate. All are 670' deep or less.

4. **Consideration of Bid Proposals for Saltwater Remediation Project**

The first well has been put out for bids twice and have come back over-budget. Mr. Waggenpack gave an overview of the most recent bids received, pointing out inconsistencies in one of the bids. There was much discussion on what is needed for the well. It was decided that the bids should be rejected, and the P&S Sub-committee review the specs for the well before it be re-bid. In addition, a pre-bid conference will be held. Daniel moved and Morvant seconded that the bids be rejected. Motion passed.

There was also discussion on the agreement with Mr. Nguyen. We might be able to start operations before the end of the lease period.

5. **Consideration of Interagency Agreement with CPRA and Long-Range Planning Project with TWIG**

The CEA between CAGWCD and CPRA has been signed. Mr. Duplechin will now contact CPRA to have them issue a work order to TWIG based on the approved Scope of Services. There are a few minor changes to the CEA that need to be made (post meeting Mr. Duplechin contacted CPRA and they replied that they are aware of the change and CAGWCD needn't do anything).

Mr. Reonas recommend that this effort be called a project and not a study.

Mr. Daniel stated that the Georgia Pacific closure is even more reason to proceed with this project. He also feels that we should hold a press conference for the project when it is in place.

6. Committee Member Comments

Mr. Daniel asked for an update on the Legislative Auditors. Mr. Duplechin reported that staff had met with them on January 17. The staff keeps sending them the information they request. They have indicated their efforts will be finished by March.

Mr. Duplechin said that he would put together some "talking points" for the Commissioners so that all are on the same page when speaking to the public.

The Commission also felt that having a full year's funds in reserve was excessive.

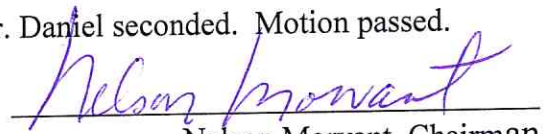
7. Public Comment

Mr. Waggenpack told the Commission that there must be a consensus by the Commission on the criteria used for awarding the drilling contract. The Chairman and Executive Director will visit with Mr. Waggenpack on this. Mr. Duplechin will then poll the P&S Sub-committee on their next meeting.

Mr. Duplechin mentioned that the June meetings would have to be pushed back a week due to scheduling difficulties.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Morvant moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Daniel seconded. Motion passed.



Nelson Morvant, Chairman