

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission
3074 Westfork Dr., Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA
November 6, 2024; 2:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

Karen Gautreaux – Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission (CAGCC)
Executive Committee Chair

II. Roll Call

Gary Beard – Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District (CAGCD) Executive Director
Members present: Karen Gautreaux, Matt Reonas, Glenn Shaheen.
Members absent: Ken Dawson, Patrick Hobbins.

III. Establishment of a Quorum

Gary Beard – CAGCD – Executive Director
3 members present. Quorum established.

IV. Invocation

Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director

V. Pledge of Allegiance

Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director

VI. Recognition of Guests

Karen Gautreaux – CAGCC Executive Committee Chair
Rory Denicola – ExxonMobil, Douglas Melancon – ExxonMobil, Brett Furr, Esq. – Taylor Porter,
Anthony Simon, Tara Wicker – The W Group.

VII. Public Comment (Agenda Items only)

Karen Gautreaux – CAGCC Executive Committee Chair
There were no public comments.

VIII. Amendments to the Agenda

Karen Gautreaux – CAGCC Executive Committee Chair
Mr. Beard requested to discuss the settlement proposal on the litigation and to add it as item “B” under Executive Director’s report with no action to be taken. Mr. Shaheen made the motion to add item B to discuss settlement. Mr. Reonas seconded. No objection.

IX Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2024 – (action required)

Karen Gautreaux – CAGCC Executive Committee Chair
Motion by Mr. Reonas and seconded by Mr. Shaheen to approve the minutes. No objection.
Minutes approved.

X. Executive Director's Report

Gary Beard - CAGCD Executive Director

A. Request to advertise public hearing on new rate structure (**action required**)

Mr. Reonas made the motion to approve and Mr. Shaheen seconded the motion.

Doug Melancon asked if there will be more details on the rate structure. Yes, this is just regarding advertisement. No objection. Approved.

B. Discussion of lawsuit settlement with Baton Rouge Water and Parish Water. Mr. Beard yielded to Murphy Foster, Esq. Mr. Foster read the settlement offer aloud (Attachment A).

Brett Furr, Esq., expressed his thanks.

XI. Chairman's Report

Karen Gautreaux – CAGCC Executive Committee Chair

None.

XII. Member Agenda Items

Karen Gautreaux – CAGCC Executive Committee Chair

None.

XIII. Old Business

Karen Gautreaux – CAGCC Executive Committee Chair

None.

XIV. New Business

Karen Gautreaux – CAGCC Executive Committee Chair

None.

XV. Commissioner Comments

Karen Gautreaux – CAGCC Executive Committee Chair

Mr. Reonas commented on discussion of the rate structure in December. He wants to make sure regulated users can weigh in on that discussion. He also wants to make sure we have a good projected budget including extra staff moving forward. Mr. Beard noted we may end up with two budgets - one budget amendment for disbursement of settlement funds for late payments, and the other would be a budget amendment with the new rate structure moving forward.

Ms. Gautreaux said at a future meeting she'd like to have Dr. Tsai and Dr. Dausmann give another presentation especially for the new board members who haven't heard those details yet.

XVI. Announcements

Karen Gautreaux – CAGCC Executive Committee Chair

XVII. Public Comment (Non-agenda items only)

Karen Gautreaux – CAGCC Executive Committee Chair

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XVIII. Adjournment .

Karen Gautreaux – CAGCC Executive Committee Chair - **(action required)**

Mr. Reonas made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Shaheen seconded. No objection. Meeting adjourned.



Gary J. Beard, Executive Director

Members of the Commission who are not members of a committee may attend committee meetings and participate in their capacity as citizens, but such participation must be limited to providing comment as is available to any other member of the public, as described by La. R.S. 42:14(D). Although it is possible that a quorum of the Commission may be in attendance at such Meeting, NO action of the Commission as a whole will be taken.