

MINUTES

CAPITAL AREA GROUND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 2, 2020

I. Call to Order

The Capital Area Ground Water Conservation Commission met for a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. on September 2, 2020 in the Baton Rouge Marriott Ballroom, 5500 Hilton Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Nelson Morvant.

II. Roll Call

The following members were present: Ronnie Albritton, William Daniel, Ken Dawson, Mark Frey, John Hashagen, Patrick Hobbins, Dennis McGehee, Jesse Means, Nelson Morvant, Joey Normand, Matthew Reonas, "J.A." Rummler, Ryan Scardina, Tom Stephens, Todd Talbot, Hays Town and Mark Walton.

Others attending the meeting were: Shawn Scallan, Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District; David Mitchell, The Advocate; Scott Bergeron; Rachel Carroccio & John Snow, Emergent Method; Anthony Duplechin, former Executive Director; and Danny Lee, ExxonMobil.

III. Presentations

Thomas Clark, Gary Beard and Emile Ancelet made presentations to the board. Questions were then asked of both candidates by the board.

IV. Executive Session/Discussion of Candidates

Mr. Daniel made a motion to go into executive session. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mr. Daniel made a motion to end the executive session. Mr. Talbot seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. Selection of Executive Director

Mr. Daniel made a motion that the board vote on the Executive Director. Mr. Daniel explained how the vote will be taken. Ms. Scallan will call roll and each member will vote. Once the vote is taken, if a candidate does not get the majority in round one then the two candidates with the least votes will be eliminated. Another roll call vote will be taken, if a candidate does not get the majority in round two, then the candidate with the least votes will be eliminated. From there round three the board would vote on the final two candidates. The candidate receiving the majority vote that being 9 or more votes would be selected as the Executive Director. Mr. Town seconded the motion.

First roll call vote was taken: Emile Ancelet – 2 votes: McGehee & Rummler; Gary Beard – 6 votes: Daniel, Dawson, Frey, Morvant, Reonas & Scardina; Thomas Clark – 3 votes: Hobbins, Normand & Town; Joey Hebert – 3 votes: Hashagen, Talbot & Walton; Philip Zimmerman – 1 vote: Stephens. Mr. Albritton abstained.

Mr. Ancelet & Mr. Zimmerman were eliminated.

Second roll call vote was taken: Gary Beard – 6 votes: Daniel, Dawson, Frey, Morvant, & Scardina; Thomas Clark – 5 votes: Hobbins, Normand, Reonas, Stephens & Town; Joey Hebert – 4 votes: Hashagen, Rummler, Talbot & Walton. Mr. Albritton abstained.

Mr. Hebert was eliminated.

Third roll call vote was taken: Gary Beard – 12 votes: Albritton, Daniel, Dawson, Frey, Hashagen, McGehee, Morvant, Reonas, Rummler, Scardina, Talbot & Walton; Thomas Clark – 4 votes: Hobbins, Normand, Scardina & Town.

Mr. Beard received the majority vote. Mr. Daniel made a motion to accept Mr. Gary Beard as the Executive Director. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Daniel then made a motion that the Executive Committee extend the offer to Mr. Beard for \$125,000 with the option to negotiate with bringing the final offer back to the full board. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion. Mr. Daniel then rephrased his motion to state that if the candidate rejects the \$125,000, it should be brought back to the Executive Committee to negotiate a salary in a reasonable range; however, if it is out of a reasonable range then the Executive Committee has the option to offer the job to Mr. Clark for \$125,000 and negotiate the salary if needed. If the offer

is greater than \$125,000 the Executive Committee will come back to the full board for a budget amendment approval. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.


Mark Frey, Treasurer


Nelson Morvant, Chairman