

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission
3074 Westfork Drive, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816
February 20, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order**
Tom Seagraves – Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission (CAGCC)
Technical Committee Chairman
- II. Roll Call**
Gary Beard – Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District (CAGCD) Executive
Director.
Members present: Mr. Dawson, Ms. Field, Mr. Leo, Mr. Means, Mr. Reonas, Mr. Savoy,
Mr. Seagraves, Mr. Shaheen. Members absent: Mr. Brown.
- III. Establishment of a Quorum**
Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman.
Chairman Seagraves declared the presence of a quorum with eight members present.
- IV. Invocation**
Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director
- V. Pledge of Allegiance**
Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director
- VI. Recognition of Guests**
Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman.
Guests present: John Milazzo, Taylor Porter; David Hawley, CK Associates; Ryan
Estevens, Westlake; Ray Kirk, Westlake; Damien Watt, LMOGA; Ryan Clark, Halff;
Anthony Simon, Secure Water Management; Douglas Melancon, ExxonMobil; Anna
Gilbert, Owen & White; Roy Waggenpack, Owen & White; Adrian Genre, West Baton
Rouge Parish; George Losonski – Losonski and Associates.
- VII. Amendments to the Agenda**
Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman
No amendments to the agenda.
- VIII. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, December 12, 2023 (action required)**
Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman
Motion by Mr. Means and second by Ms. Field to approve the minutes of the December
12, 2023, meeting. No objections. Motion passed.

IX. Executive Director's Report

Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director

A. New Well Permits (action required)

1. Westlake Vinyls Well No. 1 – Industrial
Gonzales – New Orleans Aquifer, 500 feet deep
Ascension Parish
1,000 gpm & 1,440,000 gpd

2. Westlake Vinyls Well No. 2 – Industrial
Gonzales – New Orleans Aquifer, 500 feet deep
Ascension Parish
1,000 gpm & 1,440,000 gpd

Wells 1 & 2 were considered together for approval. Both wells are south of the fault, 500 ft. with no impact on the saltwater intrusion in question. Motion by Mr. Dawson and second by Mr. Means to approve Westlake Vinyls – Well No. 1 & 2.

Some discussion of chloride level and use of this water. Mr. Hawley answers 250+ chloride levels, some cases up to 1000, and it is for industrial use.

Roll call vote: Dawson – y, Field – y, Leo – y, Means – y, Reonas – y, Savoy – y, Seagraves – y, Shaheen – y. Passed unanimously. Westlake Vinyls' wells 1 & 2 were approved.

3. Lion Copolymer Well No. 1 – Industrial
Gonzales – New Orleans Aquifer, 530 feet deep
Ascension Parish
1,500 gpm & 2,160,000 gpd

4. Lion Copolymer Well No. 2 – Industrial
Gonzales – New Orleans Aquifer, 530 feet deep
530 feet deep
Ascension Parish
1,500 gpm & 2,160,000 gpd

5. Lion Copolymer Well No. 3 – Industrial
Gonzales – New Orleans Aquifer, 530 feet deep
Ascension Parish
1,500 gpm & 2,160,000 gpd

Wells 3, 4, & 5 were considered together for approval. Mr. Seagraves noted that these three wells are almost the exact situation as the first two for Westlake.

Motion by Mr. Savoy and second by Mr. Reonas to approve Lion Copolymer's Wells No. 1,2, and 3.

Mr. Leo questioned if they would operate simultaneously and Mr. Hawley of CK Associates explained that two will operate simultaneously and the third is a back-up.

Roll call vote: Dawson – y, Field – y, Leo – y, Means – y, Reonas – y, Savoy – y, Seagraves – y, Shaheen – y. Passed unanimously. Lion Copolymer's wells 1, 2, & 3 were approved.

X. Chairman's Report

Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman
No report.

XI. Commissioner Agenda Items

Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director
No report.

XII. Old Business

Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director
West Baton Rouge Parish Natural Gas and Water Systems Water Well Application
Reconsideration – Adrian Genre (**action required**)
Arena Well No. 2 – Public Supply
2,000-Ft Sand, 2,060 feet deep
West Baton Rouge Parish
1,000 gpm & 1,000,000 gpd

Mr. Beard explained that the well being reconsidered would serve as a backup and allow WBR to meet DHH regulations. This well would be metered/monitored and WBR is working to move north of the Scotlandville fault for future water needs. WBR's withdrawal is not intended to increase by using this well.

Motion by Mr. Shaheen and second by Mr. Dawson to approve the West Baton Rouge well application.

Some discussion by commissioners Reonas, Leo, Dawson. Comments by Mr.

Waggenpack, Owen & White, with a few questions asked him by Mr. Shaheen.

Roll call vote: Dawson – y, Field – y, Leo – y, Means – y, Reonas – y, Savoy – y, Seagraves – y, Shaheen – y. Passed unanimously. WBR's Arena Well No. 2 was approved.

XIII. New Business

Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director
No new business.

XIV. Commissioner Comments

Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman
No comments.

XV. Announcements

Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman

XVI. Public Comment

Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman
Roy Waggenpack commented on future proposals and shallow sands. He asked about modeling south of the fault. He also talked about maxing out pumping levels and using shallow wells for drinking water.

XVII. Adjournment – (action required)

Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman
Motion by Mr. Dawson and second by Mr. Reonas to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.



Gary J. Beard, Executive Director