

**Minutes**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Capital Area Groundwater**  
**Conservation District**

*July 15, 2021*

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**I. Call to Order**

The Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District met for a regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. on July 15, 2021 at the Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room #3, 900 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman William Daniel.

**II. Roll Call**

The following members were present: Scott Bergeron, William Daniel, Cyril E. Vetter, Todd Talbot, Joey Normand, Hays Town, Matthew Reonas, Thomas Seagraves, Dennis McGehee, Ryan Scardina. The following members were absent: Mark Frey, Kenneth Dawson, Jesse Means, Rachel Lambert, Patrick Hobbins, Jens Rummeler, Paul Davidson and Karen Gautreaux.

Others attending the meeting were: Gary Beard, Executive Director, Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District; Hunter Odom; Marionneaux Kantrow and representatives of the Water Institute. Members of the public were in attendance.

**III. Establishment of a Quorum**

Chairman William Daniel declared a quorum with 10 members present.

**IV. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Gary Beard, Executive Director

**V. Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2021**

Motion made and second to approve the May 20, 2021 minutes. All in favor. Motion approved.

**VI. Executive Director's Report**

Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director

d. Chairman asked approval to start with Item D (Water Institute). Approval granted.

Water Institute representatives Alyssa Dausmann and Ryan Clark as well as a representative from Frees and Nicholls, proceeded with a presentation from the Water Institute.

Chairman Daniel asked Mr. Beard about response to the letter written. Mr. Beard informed the Board of approximately a quarter of the permit holders responded. Mr. Daniel asked Hunter Odom if we have the authority to compel responses. Mr. Normand suggested separate forums to go over these issues not a regular Board meeting. Board commented and made suggestions.

a. Development of a five-year spending plan process

Mr. Beard informed the Board of the 5 year plan spending plan process. He suggested going back and discussing plans moving forward to include costs and direction moving forward.

b. Policies and Procedures and By Laws

Mr. Beard informed the Board that he will have ready for the next Board meeting a marked up plan consolidating Policies and Procedures as requested.

c. Well Metering Priority List

Mr. Beard informed the Board of the 3 priorities of well metering and when completed, all wells will be metered and connected to SCADA monitoring system.

e. Legislative Report

Mr. Beard informed the Board of the list of Legislative bills passed.

**VII. By-Laws Revisions**

Chairman of the Administrative Committee, Joey Normand asked for comments regarding hiring and firing by the Executive Director. Board commented and agreed Gary Beard, Executive Director should be in charge of hiring and firing employees.

Mr. Normand called on Hunter Odom with Marinneaux/Kantrow law firm to advise his opinion and that of outside counsel, Jill Craft.

**Substitute motion** by Town and second by Vetter to vote one at a time individually. Vote: Normand – No, Daniel – No, Reonas – No, Talbot – No, Town – Yes, Vetter – Yes

**Original motion** by William Daniel and second by Matthew Reonas to defer all discussion of By Laws to the next meeting. Motion carried. Vote: Normand – Yes, Daniel – Yes, Reonas – Yes, Talbot – Yes, Town – No, Vetter – No.

**VIII. Chairman’s Report – Joey Normand**

Discussion on dates and time frame of Administrative, Technical and Board meetings. Suggestions to hold Administrative and Technical Committee meetings one month ahead of Board meetings.

**IX. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**X. New Business**

There was no new business.

**XI. Announcements**

No announcements.

**XII. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Talbot and second by William Daniel to Adjourn. Motion carried.

  
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Gary J. Beard, Executive Director