

Minutes
Administrative Committee Meeting
Capital Area Groundwater
Conservation District

July 15, 2021

I. Call to Order

The Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District met for a regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. on July 15, 2021 at the Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room #3, 900 N. 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Administrative Committee, Joey Normand.

II. Roll Call

The following members were present: Scott Bergeron, William Daniel, Cyril E. Vetter, Todd Talbot, Joey Normand, Hays Town and Matthew Reonas. The following members were absent: Mark Frey and Karen Gautreaux.

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

III. Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman of the Administrative Committee, Joey Normand, declared a quorum with 6 members present.

IV. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Gary Beard, Executive Director

V. Approval of Minutes – April 29, 2021

Motion by William Daniel and second by Cyril Vetter to approve the April 29, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

VI. Executive Director's Report

Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director

a. Development of a five-year spending plan process

Mr. Beard informed the Board of the upcoming plans to include monitoring wells along the fault line. Mr. Beard also informed the Board that there will be more information as the Water Institute and LSU are done with plans.

He also noted that he would seek more state and federal funding, including funds for infrastructure for reclamation.

b. Policies and Procedures and By Laws

Mr. Beard recommended to consolidate all into one document.

He noted communication protocols were not included and there were conflicts between the documents. Board made comments and suggestions.

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 Marionneaux/Kantrow law firm to advise his opinion and that of outside counsel, Jill Craft.

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. 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

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.



Gary J. Beard, Executive Director