

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission**  
**3074 Westfork Dr., Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA**  
**July 2, 2024, 10:00 am.**

**I. Call to Order**

Ken Dawson - Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission (CAGCC) Executive Committee Vice Chair

**II. Roll Call**

Gary Beard- CAGCD Executive Director

Members present: Ken Dawson, Patrick Hobbins, Matt Reonas and Glenn Shaheen.

Members absent: Karen Gautreaux (Ms. Gautreaux joined the Committee via zoom)

**III. Establishment of a Quorum**

Gary Beard - CAGCD - Executive Director

Mr. Beard declared the presence of a quorum with 4 members present.

**IV. Invocation**

Gary Beard- CAGCD Executive Director

**V. Pledge of Allegiance**

Gary Beard - CAGCD Executive Director

**VI. Recognition of Guests**

Ken Dawson - CAGCC Executive Committee Vice Chair

Guests present: William Patrick- Taylor Porter, Scott Bergeron, Lady Carlson - Together Louisiana

**VII. Amendments to the Agenda**

Ken Dawson-CAGCC Executive Committee Vice Chair

No amendments to the agenda.

**VIII. Approval of Minutes - June 20, 2024 - (action required)**

Ken Dawson - CAGCC Executive Committee Vice Chair

Motion by Mr. Shaheen and second by Mr. Reonas to approve the June 20, 2024 minutes as presented. No objection. Unanimous. Approved.

**IX. Executive Director's Report**

Gary Beard - CAGCD Executive Director

- a. **Executive Session:** Legal Strategy pursuant to LA RS 42:17A.(2): The Baton Rouge Water Works Company vs. The Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District and Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission N. 715795 Div. 31 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge (**action required**)

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Motion by Mr. Shaheen and second by Mr. Reonas to move into Executive Session. No objection. Moved into Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Reonas and seconded by Mr. Shaheen to exit Executive Session. No objection. Move out of executive session.

**X. Chairman's Report**

Ken Dawson - CAGCC Executive Committee Vice Chair  
No Chairman's report.

**XI. Member Agenda Items**

Ken Dawson - CAGCC Executive Committee Vice Chair  
No member agenda items.

**XII. Old Business**

Ken Dawson - CAGCC Executive Committee Vice Chair  
No old business.

**XIII. New Business**

Ken Dawson-CAGCC Executive Committee Vice Chair  
No new business.

**XIV. Commissioner Comments**

Ken Dawson - CAGCC Executive Committee Vice Chair  
No Commissioner Comments.

**XV. Announcements**

Ken Dawson - CAGCC Executive Committee Vice Chair  
No announcements.

**XVI. Public Comment (Non-agenda items only)**

Ken Dawson - CAGCC Executive Committee Vice Chair

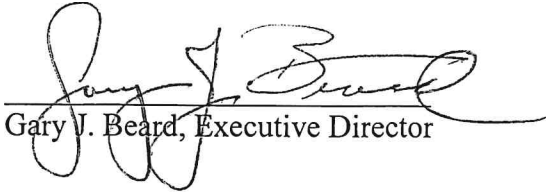
Mr. Dawson called on Lady Carlson to introduce herself and speak to the Committee. Lady Carlson said she is with Together Louisiana and their group is really concerned about saving the aquifer. This is our interest and we want to know how we can do this. She said, "We don't want to drink the water NOLA drinks, and we want to preserve our water our kids and our grandkids and so on." Together Louisiana is a nonpartisan national affiliation doing institutional organizing; institutions pay dues and have donations. It's a citizen led organization. She said their organization would like to meet with all the board members individually to become an expert on saving our groundwater and protecting the aquifer. A part of understanding these issues allows us to teach our leaders so that we can all speak intelligently about the issues.

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(0). 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.

**XVII. Adjournment**

Ken Dawson - CAGCC Executive Committee Vice Chair - **(action required)**

Motion by Mr. Shaheen and seconded by Mr. Hobbins. No objection. Meeting adjourned.



Gary J. Beard, Executive Director