

**Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District
3074 Westfork Dr., Suite A, Baton Rouge
July 30, 2024, 1:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

Ken Dawson – Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission (CAGCC) Vice Chair

II. Roll Call

Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director

Present: Ken Dawson, Bill Dawson, Patrick Engemann, Camile Manning-Broome, Jesse Means, Rachael Lambert, Glenn Shaheen, Patrick Kerr, Angela Machen, Cyril Vetter, Matt Reonas

Absent: Lane Ewing, Karen Gautreaux, Patrick Hobbins, Jonathan Leo, Greg Phares, Nolan Brown. 11 members present – a quorum.

III. Establishment of a Quorum

Ken Dawson – CAGCC Vice Chair

Vice Chair Dawson confirmed there was a quorum with 11 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 Vice Chair

John Milazzo – Taylor Porter, Brett Furr – Taylor Porter, Robert Sensley for Tara Wicker, Anthony Simon – self, David Mitchell – The Advocate.

VII. Amendments to the Agenda

Ken Dawson – CAGCC Vice Chair

Mr. Dawson wanted to add public comment under New Business and have Executive Director Gary Beard read the names of the Commissioners who were present at the Good Government Training (earlier today) for the record. Mr. Shaheen made the motion and Mr. Means seconded. Unanimous vote. Public comment opened – none.

VIII. Approval of Minutes – June 20, 2024, meeting (action required)

Ken Dawson – CAGCC Vice Chair

Mr. Means moved to approve the June 20, 2024, minutes. Mr. Vetter seconded the motion. No objection. Minutes were approved.

IX. Executive Director's Report

Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director

A. Discussion of Anticipated Budget for Public Hearing

Mr. Beard explained he is working with the Secretary/Treasurer on the budget and should have a draft ready for the next board meeting. He said he planned, as usual, to present it to the Executive Committee first.

X. Chairman's Report

Ken Dawson – CAGCC Vice Chair

Nothing to report.

XI. Administrative Committee Report

Ken Dawson – CAGCC Vice Chair

Nothing to report.

XII. Technical Committee Report

Glenn Shaheen – CAGCC Technical Committee Chair

A. Self-reporting Format and Resolution (**action required**)

Mr. Shaheen detailed the format and resolution, which included revisions.

Ms. Crawford with Boles Law Firm read the revised resolution. Discussion followed.

Motion to adopt resolution by Mr. Shaheen. Seconded by Mr. Kerr. Public comment opened – none. Unanimous vote.

B. Monitoring/Auditing Procedures

Mr. Beard discussed how well owners will respond to a letter he sent requesting how they will choose to meter/monitor, and then the commissioners will need to come up with auditing language and methodologies. Discussion continued.

XIII. Executive Committee Report

Ken Dawson – CAGCC Vice Chair

Nothing to report.

XIV. Member Agenda Items

Ken Dawson – CAGCC Vice Chair

Mr. Vetter commented that he was still concerned that the Board has people with a direct or indirect financial interest in extracting water from the aquifer and he thought that was a conflict of interest and should be made known with the individual recusing him/herself from voting.

Mr. Dawson welcomed the new commissioner Mr. Bill Dawson.

XV. Old Business

Ken Dawson – CAGCC Vice Chair
Nothing to report.

XVI. New Business

Ken Dawson – CAGCC Vice Chair
Attorney General training on Open Meetings Law was attended by the following commissioners: Mr. Ken Dawson, Mr. Patrick Engemann, Mr. Patrick Kerr, Ms. Karen Gautreaux, Mr. Patrick Hobbins, Mr. Jesse Means, Mr. Matthew Reonas, Mr. Bill Dawson, Mr. Cyril Vetter, Ms. Rachael Lambert.

XVII. Commissioner Comments

Ken Dawson – CAGCC Vice Chair
Mr. Shaheen noted that there were additional dates for AG Open Meetings Law training. Ms. Manda confirmed only September and October would be available and within the deadline of 120 days.
Mr. Vetter brought up other acknowledgements and disclosures and discussion ensued. Mr. Engemann asked about the meters that had already been purchased.
Mr. Beard said there are negotiations happening with SP currently trying to work out those details and he will keep the board updated.

XVIII. Announcements

Ken Dawson – CAGCC Vice Chair

XIX. Public Comment (Non-action items only)

Ken Dawson – CAGCC Vice Chair

XX. Adjournment – (action required)

Ken Dawson – CAGCC Vice Chair
Before adjournment, Mr. Kerr asked if the August 15th meeting was still scheduled. They had a discussion about the budget needing to be finalized. Commissioners decided to leave the meeting scheduled and cancel if necessary.
Mr. Kerr made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Reonas seconded. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned.



Gary J. Beard, Executive Director