

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District**  
**House Committee Room 4, Louisiana State Capitol**  
**September 15, 2022, 1:30 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order**  
William Daniel – Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District (CAGCD) Chairman
- II. Roll Call**  
Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director
- A. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Daniel, Ms. Gautreaux, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Hobbins, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Leo, Ms. Machen, Ms. Manning-Broome, Mr. Means, Mr. Reonas, Mr. Savoy, Mr. Seagraves and Mr. Vetter. MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Engemann, Mr. Huggins and Mr. Dawson.
- B. Chairman Daniel asked Mr. Beard to introduce the two new members. Mr. Beard introduced Mr. Ron Savoy and Mr. Lane Ewing and welcomed them to the Commission.
- III. Establishment of a Quorum**  
William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman  
Chairman Daniel declared the presence of a quorum with 13 members present.
- IV. Invocation**  
Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director
- V. Pledge of Allegiance**  
Chairman Daniel asked Ms. Lambert to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- VI. Recognition of Guests**  
William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman
- Roy Waguespack – Owen and White
  - Gina Brown and Karen LeBlanc – Legislative Auditor’s office
  - Beaux Jones – The Water Institute of the Gulf (TWIG)
  - Jessica Heinkel – TWIG
  - Soupy Dalyander – TWIG
  - Scott Hemmerling – TWIG
  - Andy Brown – LA Farm Bureau.
- VII. Amendments to the Agenda**  
William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman  
There were no amendments to the agenda. Mr. Beard requested that the TWIG presentation be moved to the end of his report. Chairman asked if there were any objections. No objections. TWIG presentation moved to the end of Mr. Beard’s report.
- VIII. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – 6/30/22- (action required)**  
William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman
- Mr. Reonas informed the Board he wants to be sure the vote was right on the budget with Ms. Lambert being a Yea vote added to the vote at the meeting on June 30, 2022.

- Motion by Mr. Means to approve the vote by Ms. Lambert as a Yea vote and second by Ms. Gautreaux. No public comments. Motion approved unanimously.

## IX. Executive Director's Report

Gary Beard - CAGCD Executive Director

- A. Update on accounting and audit – Mr. Beard informed the Board that the previous auditor, John McKowen, had retired and Postlethwaite & Netterville has been hired as the District's new auditors. They will have an audit prepared and ready by the end of the year.
- B. Legislative Auditor – Gina Brown  
Ms. Brown distributed a packet to the Board for review and her recommendations for the District. She informed the Board that she has been working with Mr. Beard and has gotten his input and recommendations to report the changes and progress since July 1, 2022.
- C. Water wells- (**action required**)  
East Feliciana Water Inc. Well Approval – Mr. Beard fielded several questions from Commissioners concerning the timing of the permit for this well that already exists. Discussions concerning the CAGCD, LDNR and LDHH notification, registration and permitting processes ensued.

Mr. Daniel asked for public comment. No public comment. Motion to approve East Feliciana well permit by Mr. Seagraves and second by Ms. Lambert. No objection. Motion passed.

- D. Update on state grant funding

Mr. Beard informed the Board the State grant money is available. The CAGCD has the matching funds and will be moving forward. He will let the Board know when they release the second lump sum of money.

- E. Nomination for Board membership

Mr. Beard advised the Board of Ms. Gautreaux's expiring term and her eligibility for renomination. Motion by Mr. Daniel and second by Ms. Manning-Broome to renominate Ms. Gautreaux on behalf of CAGCC. No objection. Motion passed. Ms. Gautreaux's name will be submitted to Governor's office.

- F. The Water Institute of the Gulf presentation – *Capital Area Groundwater Phase 2*  
Beaux Jones, Jessica Henkel, Soupy Dalyander, Scott Hemmerling

TWIG representatives provided background on the project, summarized the problems and presented on Phase 2 of the project. Commissioners, members of the public and representatives of TWIG held discussions on a variety of related topics.

## X. Chairman's Report

William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman

- A. Censure – Chairman Daniel informed the Board that we are looking into an amendment to By-laws for this item.
- B. Nothing additional to report.

- XI. Administrative Committee Report –**  
Karen Gautreaux – CAGCD Administrative Committee Chairman
- A. Modification of By-laws – There was no action required. Today’s meeting was only for comments and suggestions for changes to bring to the full Board.
  - B. Executive session regarding litigation update.
- XII. Technical Committee Report**  
Tom Seagraves – CAGCD Technical Committee Chairman – no report
- XIII. Executive Committee Report**  
William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman – no report
- XIV. Member Agenda Items**  
William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman -none
- XV. Old Business**  
William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman – none
- XVI. New Business**  
William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman – none
- XVII. Commissioner Comments**  
William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman – none
- XVIII. Announcements**  
William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman – none
- XIX. Public Comment (Non-action items only)**  
William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman – none
- XX. Adjournment – (action required)**  
William Daniel – CAGCD Chairman  
Motion by Jonathan Leo and second by Ms. Gautreaux to adjourn. Motion passed.



Gary J. Beard, Executive Director