

**MINUTES**  
*FORT BEND SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT*  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**IN PERSON AND VIA AUDIO/VIDEO CONFERENCE**  
*December 15, 2021*  
3:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:** Jay Anderson, Himesh Gandhi, Mark Gehringer, Quart Graves, Linda Harnist, Morris Mitchell, Stan Steele, Jon Strange, Lawrence Vaccaro, William Wallace, Gene Walton, B. T. Williams, Greg Wine, and Benny Wleczyk.

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT:** Bob DeForest and Richard Morrison.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Turco, Robert Thompson, Greg Ellis, Laura Kacal, Wanda Sebesta, Tina Peterson, Kelsey Seeker, and Daniel Newcomb.

**PRESIDING:** Greg Wine, Chairman.

Chairman Wine called the meeting to order in the sixth-floor meeting room of the Wm. B. Travis Building, in Richmond Texas, and announced the presence of a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. Chairman Wine led the pledges of allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

3. There were no comments from members of the public.
  - 3.1 Members of the public present were Christina Miller with the North Ft. Bend Water Authority, Merritt Nolte-Roth, with the City of Sugar Land, Nadia Morales, with the City of Rosenberg, and Catherine Smith and Doug Hebert with Savage Brands.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

4. Mr. Mitchell moved that the minutes of the regular meeting, November 17, 2021, be approved; it was seconded by Mr. Strange. Chairman Wine called for objections, and hearing none, Chairman Wine announced the motion carried unanimously.

**RECEIVE HEARING EXAMINER'S REPORT AND CONSIDER GRANTING, DENYING OR AMENDING APPLICATIONS FOR WATER WELL PERMITS HEARD AT THE DECEMBER 1, 2021, HEARING.**

5. Mr. Thompson presented the Hearing Examiner's Report from the December 1, 2021, Hearing. (Exhibit #1).
  - 5.1 Mr. Strange moved to approve the Hearing Examiner's Report from the December 1, 2021 Hearing; it was seconded by Mr. Wallace. Chairman Wine called for objections, and hearing none, Chairman Wine announced the motion carried unanimously.
  - 5.2 Mr. Gandhi now present.

**EMERGENCY APPROVAL**

6. Mr. Thompson stated that Emergency Approval had been granted by the General Manager for Van Slyke, Robert H. & Helen.
  - 6.1 Mr. Strange moved to ratify the action taken by the General Manager granting Emergency Approval to Van Slyke, Robert H. & Helen; it was seconded by Mr. Graves. Chairman Wine called for objections, and hearing none, Chairman Wine announced the motion carried unanimously.
  - 6.2 Mr. Wleczyk is now present.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE WATER CONSERVATION & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE RELATED TO DISTRICT BRANDING**

7. Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Seeker and Savage Brands (Catherine Smith & Doug Hebert) presented the recommendation from the Water Conservation & Communication Committee related to District branding.
  - 7.1 Mr. Graves moved to approve the recommendation from the Water Conservation & Communication Committee related to District branding; it was seconded by Mr. Wallace. Chairman Wine called for objections, and hearing none, Chairman Wine announced the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FORT BEND SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.**

8. Mr. Turco reviewed the resolution adopting a budget for the Fort Bend Subsidence District for the period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022.

CAPTION

RESOLUTION ADDOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FORT BEND SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

(This resolution is a record in Resolution Book VI of the Fort Bend Subsidence District being Resolution 21-443.)

- 8.1 Mr. Strange moved to approve the resolution adopting a budget for the Fort Bend Subsidence District for the period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, with a change to account 5731 (Legal Affairs), increasing budgeted amount to \$25,000; it was seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Chairman Wine called for objections, and hearing none, Chairman Wine announced the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT**

9. Mr. Turco reviewed the resolution amending the Interlocal Agreement with the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District.

CAPTION

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT

(This resolution is a record in Resolution Book VI of the Fort Bend Subsidence District being Resolution 21-444.)

- 9.1 Mr. Strange moved to approve the resolution amending the Interlocal Agreement with the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District; it was seconded by Mr. Anderson. Chairman Wine called for objections, and hearing none, Chairman Wine announced the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT-FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TO PROVIDE FOR A COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR THE COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION OF WATER RESOURCE AND SUBSIDENCE DATA FRO THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS**

10. Mr. Turco reviewed the resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint-Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey.

#### CAPTION

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(This resolution is a record in Resolution Book VI of the Fort Bend Subsidence District being Resolution 21-445.)

- 10.1 Mr. Strange moved to approve the resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint-Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey to provide for a cooperative research program for the collection and publication of water resource and subsidence data for the year ending December 31, 2022; and authorizing the expenditure of funds; it was seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Chairman Wine called for objections, and hearing none, Chairman Wine announced the motion carried unanimously.

#### **BRIEFING FROM DISTRICT STAFF ON THE JOINT REGULATORY PLAN REVIEW**

11. Dr. Petersen updated the Board on the status of the Joint Regulatory Plan Review.

#### **BREIFING FROM DISTRICT STAFF ON THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

12. Mr. Turco gave an overview of the monthly financial report.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

13. Mr. Turco updated the Board on pertinent operational and management issues that the District, its employees, or consultants have encountered since the last regular Board meeting.

#### **CONSULTATION WITH THE GENERAL COUNSEL ON RECENT LITIGATION AND GROUNDWATER ISSUES**

14. Mr. Ellis updated the Board on recent litigation and groundwater issues.

