

MINUTES
FORT BEND SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
IN PERSON AND VIA AUDIO/VIDEO CONFERENCE
January 26, 2022
3:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Richard Morrison and Benny Wleczyk.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Turco, Robert Thompson, Tina Petersen, Greg Ellis, Wanda Sebesta, and Dylan Jones.

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. B. T. Williams led the pledges of allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

3. There were no comments from members of the public.
 - 3.1 Mr. Steele now present.
 - 3.2 Members of the public present were Christina Miller and Matt Froehlich, with the North Ft. Bend Water Authority, Merritt Nolte-Roth, with the City of Sugar Land, and Nadia Morales, with the City of Rosenberg, and Hunter Blake.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

4. Mr. Strange moved that the minutes of the regular meeting, December 15, 2021, be approved; it was seconded by Mr. Williams. 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 JANUARY 6, 2022, HEARING.

5. Mr. Thompson presented the Hearing Examiner's Report from the January 6, 2022, Hearing. (Exhibit #1).
 - 5.1 Mr. Wallace moved to approve the Hearing Examiner's Report from the January 6, 2022, Hearing; it was seconded by Mr. Strange. Chairman Wine called for objections, and hearing none, Chairman Wine announced the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE INVESTMENT POLICY AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

6. Mr. Turco reviewed the resolution certifying the Investment Policy and Investment Strategies.

CAPTION

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE INVESTMENT POLICY AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

(This resolution is of record in Resolution Book VI of the Fort Bend Subsidence District being Resolution 22-446.)

- 6.1 Mr. Strange moved to approve the resolution certifying the Investment Policy and Investment Strategies; it was seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Chairman Wine called for objections, and hearing none, Chairman Wine announced the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR AUDIT SERVICES

7. Mr. Turco reviewed the resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for audit services.

CAPTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR AUDIT SERVICES

(This resolution is of record in Resolution Book VI of the Fort Bend Subsidence District being Resolution 22-448.)

- 7.1 Mr. Strange moved to approve the resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Audit Services with WhitleyPenn; it was seconded by Mr. Gandhi. Chairman Wine called for objections, and hearing none, Chairman Wine announced the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH GM ELLIS LAW FIRM, PC, TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN MATTERS BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE.

8. Mr. Turco reviewed the resolution approving an engagement letter with GM Ellis Law Firm, PC, to represent the District in matters before the legislature.

CAPTION

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH GM ELLIS LAW FIRM, PC, TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN MATTERS BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE

(This resolution is of record in Resolution Book VI of the Fort Bend Subsidence District being Resolution 22-447.)

- 8.1 Mr. Gandhi moved to approve the resolution approving an engagement letter with GM Ellis Law Firm, PC, to represent the District in matters before the legislature; it was seconded by Mr. Strange. 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

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

BREIFING FROM DISTRICT STAFF ON THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REQUEST FROM STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH PROJECT

11. Hunter Blake, a high school student, invited the Board to participate in his research project by completing a questionnaire on water resources in Ft. Bend County.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

12. 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

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

BY: 
Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary