

MINUTES
FORT BEND SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 10, 2025
3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Kirstin Burns, John Dorman, Melony Gay, Wilfred Green, Linda Harnist, Al Lawson, Allen Owen, C. Michael Scherer, Stan Steele, Jon Strange, Lawrence Vaccaro, William Wallace, Mark Gehringer, Greg Wine

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: J. M. Dinges, Richard Morrison, B. T. Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Turco, Veronica Osegueda, Bernie Smith, Dylan Jones, Ashley Johnson, Kristyan Gonzalez, Lizz Giglio

PRESIDING: Greg Wine, Chairman.

- A. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Wine called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 3:03 PM and noted the presence of a quorum.
- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag was recited.
- C. **ACCEPT COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** Mr. Barry Beard, Mr. Jack Moore, and Mr. Chad Nesvadba, Mayor of Needville, addressed the Board of Directors.
- D. **OATH OF OFFICE.** The Oath of Office was administered to Ms. Kirstin Burns, Ms. Linda Harnist, and Mr. William Wallace.
- E. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2025.** Mr. Owen moved that the minutes of the regular meeting be approved; it was seconded by Mr. Scherer. Chairman Wine put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
- F. **HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT.** Ms. Osegueda presented the Examiner's Report from November 2025 and prior. Mr. Strange moved to approve the Hearing Examiner's Report; it was seconded by Ms. Harnist. Chairman Wine put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
- G. **EMERGENCY APPROVALS.** The Board considered the General Manager's action in granting emergency permits to the Candela Residential Association. Mr. Owen moved to approve the emergency well permit; it was seconded by Mr. Wallace. Chairman Wine put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed. Mr. Strange abstained.
- H. **RESOLUTION SETTING PERMIT HEARING DATE ON JANUARY 8, 2026, AT 9:00 A.M.** Mr. Steele moved to approve setting the permit hearing date for January 2026 to January 8, 2026, instead of January 1, 2026, which is a holiday, and authorized the General Manager to move the date of future permit hearings from the first Thursday of the month,

to a different date as needed, providing proper notice is made to the public; it was seconded by Mr. Strange. Chairman Wine put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.

- I. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT-FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. 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, 2026, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS. Ms. Harnist moved to authorize the execution of the joint-funding agreement; it was seconded by Mr. Strange. Chairman Wine put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed.
- J. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 DISTRICT PLAN. Mr. Steele moved to adopt the 2025 District Plan as presented; it was seconded by Mr. Strange. After discussion, Mr. Gehringer moved to amend the original motion by setting the Area A conversion deadline to 2027 from 2030; it was seconded by Mr. Green. Chairman Wine put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion failed (FOR-5, AGAINST-9). Chairman Wine called for the vote on the original motion to adopt the 2025 District Plan as presented and, after the vote, announced the motion carried (FOR-10 AGAINST-4).
- K. RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2025 DISTRICT PLAN. Ms. Gay moved to approve the resolution calling for a public hearing; it was seconded by Mr. Dorman. Chairman Wine put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed
- L. RESOLUTION CONSIDERING A LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GM ELLIS LAW FIRM, P.C., FOR THE 2026-2027 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM AND THE 2027 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. Ms. Harnist moved to authorize the agreement with GM Ellis Law Firm; it was seconded by Mr. Strange. Chairman Wine put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried. None opposed
- M. RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM DISTRICT STAFF ON THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Newcomb presented an overview of the Monthly Financial Report through November 30, 2025. and discussion followed.
- N. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT. Mr. Turco updated the Board on pertinent operational and management issues that the District, its employees, and its consultants have encountered since the last regular Board meeting. (The General Manager's Report is in full in the official records of the Fort Bend Subsidence District as part of the Board's Agenda Packet.)
- O. CONSULTATION WITH GENERAL COUNSEL ON RECENT LITIGATION AND GROUDWATER ISSUES. Mr. Ellis updated the Board on recent litigation on groundwater issues and legislative matters.
- P. ADJOURNMENT. Mr. Owen moved to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Strange; the Chairman, Mr. Wine, put the question, and after the vote, announced the motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING
WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:07 PM.

BY: 
Chairman

ATTEST:

BY: 
Secretary