

Saratoga Underground Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Precinct 1: Chad Pechak

Precinct 2: Stan Wilson

Precinct 3: Paul Cline

At Large: Bob Chapman

Precinct 4: Laresa Yick

June 23, 2023
State of Texas
County of Lampasas

The Saratoga Underground Water Conservation District (SUWCD) conducted a called meeting in the Lampasas County Courthouse on June 23, 2023 at 10:12 AM. Directors present were Chad Pechak, Stan Wilson, Laresa Yick, Bob Chapman and Paul Cline. Director Pechack called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM. A Quorum was declared.

Item 1

Three Lampasas County Residences made public comments. Mr. Mike Watson had expressed several concerns about District groundwater availability and demand beginning with legislative restrictions on what local government can do to control groundwater usage, the striking increase in development within the District in which Mr. Watson named some specific developments, a request that we increase exempt lot size to 10 acres (this rule was changed in 2022 from 10 acres to 2 acres), that well and aquifer monitoring should be a priority for the District and that the District's website should contain information on meetings. Mr. Ralph Ramsey requested sources for well information be made available which lead to a discussion of the # of wells registered in the County versus the TCEQ plotted well count as well as Mr. Ramsey's interest and concern in the level of the Trinity Aquifer. Finally, Mrs. Araceli (Sally) Pedroza spoke on behalf of her desire to acquire a commercial well permit for a proposed RV Park in the County in the vicinity of Kempner.

Item 2

Meeting minutes from the March 31, 2023 meeting of the SUWCD were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

Item 3

Mrs. Aricali (Sally) Pedroza's commercial well application was tentatively approved by unanimous vote of the board with the following stipulations: thorough completion of a commercial well permit application be returned to the District; payment of the commercial well permit fee be received by the district; initial baseline for daily usage would be 3,000 gallons/day pending review of the applicant-provided well monitor; charged daily transport fee would apply to 40 gallons.

Item 4

- a. Drought status was reviewed for the county and state.
- b. An update on the status of well applications was provided by Director Wilson. Applications are 33% below the budgeted projection.
- c. A financial report was provided. The District account is solvent.
- d. There were no GMA8 activities to report.
- e. There were no Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts activities to discuss.
- f. Director Wilson has agreed to attend the Donalson Creek Wildlife Management Area meeting on 29 September. Future outreach is planned for Texas Farm Bureau meetings and other community organizations to share the mission and functions of the District.

Item 5

An increase to the GMA8 Desired Future Conditions Study was tentatively approved by a 4/1 vote by the Board pending a budget revision and review at the next meeting in the amount of \$15,000 annually.

Item 6

Director Wilson made a motion to adjourn at 11:12 am which was seconded by Director Pechak and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the board.

S. G. Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer, Director District 2,

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