

HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL  
AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 132

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
March 3, 2010

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COUNTY OF HARRIS §

The Board of Directors of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 132 met in special session at the designated meeting place of the Board, the Harris County W.C.I.D. No. 132 Water Plant, 4107 Evening Trail, Spring, Texas 77388, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2010, at 10:00 a.m. The roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to-wit:

Thomas Mancini	President
T. Gary Toll	Vice President
William R. Papp	Secretary
Mary Bonetati	Assistant Secretary
Cindy Daniel	Assistant Secretary

All members of the Board were present, except Dir. Mancini, thus constituting a quorum. Also present were Carol Fraser with Head, Inc.; John Ross, arborist; Liane Promfret; and Sherry Allard, recording secretary of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Vice President Toll, who announced all business to appropriately come before the Board at this time would be considered.

**DISCUSS WEBSITE, CUSTOMER COMMUNICATION AND AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES RELATED THERETO**

The Vice President recognized Ms. Pomfret, who stated that she is working on the website, as well as is Ms. Payne. Dir. Papp stated that he had discussed with Ms. Payne the official name of the site, WCID#132 Water Conservation Demonstration and Research Center” (“Center”), which is slightly different as stated in the brochures Ms. Payne prepared. Dir. Papp asked Ms. Allard to notify all persons involved with the District and Center of the official name of the Center and the importance of properly identifying it.

**DISCUSS LANDSCAPE GARDEN, APPROVE PROJECTS RELATED TO LANDSCAPE GARDEN AND AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

Ms. Fraser stated that she is working with the Attorney on the Policy Regarding Non-Invasive Plants. It was noted that the Attorney sent a draft of the Policy to the Board in advance of the meeting. Ms. Fraser stated that she is working on a list of invasive plants (prohibited plants) to attach to the Policy. Ms. Fraser stated that in accordance with the Policy she will conduct educational seminars with the Operator’s staff regarding invasive plants. She added that it would a good idea to give customers a list of alternatives to consider when the District is replacing plants. Customers will be notified of the new policy, *via* the billing statements and website, the Board agreed.

The Vice President recognized Dir. Papp, who questioned where non-invasive plants can be purchased. Ms. Fraser stated that the library will have this information. The Board discussed establishing a library at the District Administration Office. The Board selected as its resources: the Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Parks & Wildlife, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, and the US Department of Agriculture ("USDA"). The Board was asked to forward to Ms. Allard the names of books for the District library collection. Ms. Fraser agreed to look for an individual who might help the District set up its library.

The Board then discussed the display wall for photographs and other works. Ms. Fraser stated that the Cockerell Butterfly Museum Kids' wall is a perfect wall to view in connection with planning this display.

The Board then discussed the Sustainable Site Program ("SSP"). First the Board considered the documentation and location of trees on the Center's site. Mr. Ross, recognized by the Vice President, stated that he offers a program on native trees. He stated that he has worked for the State of Illinois Forest Service and most recently, with Burditt in Conroe, Texas for approximately twelve years. His primary expertise is trees, he stated. The Board thought that it would be a good idea for Mr. Ross to give a speech to HG CIA.

Relative to requirements of the SSP, Mr. Ross will collect data to chart and keep track of all trees on a Global Positioning System ("GPS"), the Vice President stated. Afterward, a report with photographs of each tree, its conditions, recommendations, and hazards, will be provided to the Board, it was noted. Mr. Ross will also meet with the landscapers regarding their ideas and plans for the Center. Dir. Papp stated that the District has been partnering with a number of people in the Center and would like to have Mr. Ross considered as a spokesman for the water board industry. His expenses will be coming from the District's Center Budget and Ms. Fraser's expense fund. Dir. Papp then discussed the donation policy with Mr. Ross.

Ms. Fraser then informed the Board that she had received a nice letter from a participant in the Merry Mulching Program. She stated that she spent \$40 on the paw paw trees and otherwise, there has been \$200 of her Budget spent. She would like to contact other participants in the Merry Mulching Program to see if they would like to participate again next season.

Ms. Fraser then shared with the Board copies of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service brochure "Texas Grazing Lands Important to Everyone" and "Proposal for Joint Turf Grass Irrigation Research and Education Project at Texas A&M University" ("A&M"), copies of which are attached hereto. She was pleased that the flyer addresses water as the basis of all life, she stated. A number of other MUDs are participating in the A&M project determining the best type of grass for various areas of Texas and how the grasses sustain growth with low water. Afterward, A&M will be in a position to make recommendations as to low water, efficient grass for various areas of the State. Ms. Fraser stated that A&M is in need of assistance in getting the project up and running. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded by Dirs. Papp and Daniel, respectively, the Board voted unanimously to approve making a minimum sponsor donation to the A&M grasses project. The Board asked Ms. Fraser to discuss with Ms. Payne insuring that the District is named in publications where the grass program is publicized. Ms. Fraser suggested that Ms. Payne issue a

press release as to the involvement of the District in the various water-conservation projects. It would also be wise to have this affiliation added to the business cards of the Board, it was noted.

Dir. Papp encouraged Ms. Fraser to use the resources the Board has made available to her to get the Center's work done as expediently as possible.

Dir. Toll suggested that Daniel Lozano at AEI Engineering, Inc., the District's Engineers, be consulted about getting run-off water from the aboveground tanks. Dir. Toll stated that he would like to use a pressurized tank for water storage to be able to water the entire Center. This would not be appropriate for residential emulation, Ms. Fraser stated, but it would demonstrate the water industry 'doing the right thing' to conserve water. It was mentioned that an old hydropneumatic tank would be ideal for such water storage.

Dir. Papp agreed to call Jim Payne regarding construction of the display for the rain garden.

The Homeowner's Association ("HOA") has asked the District to consider taking over the waste collection services, Dir. Papp noted. He would like to see the HOA use the DbLive devices to prevent over-sprinkling on esplanades, he stated.

#### **MODIFICATIONS TO THE MEETING PLACE, INCLUDING BRINGING THE BATHROOM INTO ADA COMPLIANCE**

The Vice President then asked Dir. Daniel to report on her progress regarding the building interior modifications. When she began discussing her recommendations, Dir. Papp became aware that he had not informed Dir. Daniel of the SSP requirements that every item be made of recyclable material and be itself recyclable. It was noted that Leeds provides a list of materials that would satisfy the SSP requirements. Such items would be listed as Leeds certified and meet SSP standards, Ms. Fraser stated. Dir. Daniel agreed to research the matter and prepare new recommendations.

#### **STATUS REPORT ON DBLIVE AND AUTHORIZE ACTION RELATED TO IRRIGATION SYSTEM**

Dir. Papp informed the Board that he had spoken with Jay Hartley regarding using the Wise Guys. So far there are fewer than 10 participants in the DbLive pilot program, he stated. Dir. Papp stated that it would be prudent to have the same person install the DbLive device that performs the sprinkler evaluation. Back-flow preventers must be present and working, he stated. The Director also stated that he does not feel the District should set standards for the way the customer waters his lawn. The DbLive apparatus will not tell the customer when to sprinkle. Dir. Toll motioned that the Wise Guys who do the sprinkler evaluation(s) also perform the installation of the DbLive devices, noting that all backflow preventers must be operational. Dir. Bonetati seconded, after which the Board voted its unanimous consent.

#### **APPROVE SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR LIANE POMFRET**

Ms. Pomfret stated that she feels the Board's approach to documentation is in keeping with the requirements of the SSP requirements. There may be some grant writing required of Ms. Pomfret

in the future, Dir. Papp noted. During discussion, it was decided that Ms. Pomfret would work on the SSP as project manager, as well as perform SSP tracking, any grant solicitation and application where requested. Some work may be done on the project and other matters on the website, Dir. Papp stated. She stated that her work thus far has provided much interesting history of the site. She feels history has gone from near raping of the land to the ultimate green treatment of it by the District. The Board asked her to try to have her proposal ready by the third Monday in March.

THE VICE PRESIDENT ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN, as there was no other business to conduct at this time. Dir. Papp's motion, seconded by Dir. Bonetati, to adjourn the meeting at 1:01 p.m., carried by common consent.

PASSED AND APPROVED

March 15, 2010  
Date

Bill Papp  
Bill Papp  
Secretary of the Board of Directors