

HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL  
AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 132

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
April 7, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 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. Daniel, thus constituting a quorum. Also present were Carol Fraser with Head, Inc.; Liane Promfret, Water Conservation Demonstration And Research Center (“Center”) assistant; and Sherry Allard, recording secretary of the Board.

Vice President Toll called the special meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:07 a.m.

DISCUSS WEBSITE, CUSTOMER COMMUNICATION AND AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES RELATED THERETO

The Vice President asked that this item be tabled at this time.

REPORT ON STATUS SUSTAINABLE SITE PROGRAM APPLICATION AND TAKE ACTION RELATED THERETO

Ms. Fraser, next recognized by the Vice President, handed out 3-ring notebooks to the Board for recording information related to the Sustainable Site Program (“SSP”). The tabs corresponded to the five phases of the SSP, she noted. Ms. Fraser stated that she saw on their website where applicants will be informed of their acceptance status within the next month.

DISCUSS WATER CONSERVATION DEMONSTRATION AND RESEARCH CENTER (“CENTER”), APPROVE PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

It was noted that the National Geographic Magazine for April 2010 was dedicated to water and its conservation, entitled “Water”.

Phase I Native Lawns

The President, who had just arrived, then recognized Ms. Fraser, who began reviewing

matters related to Phase I of the SSP, native lawns. She noted that some of the plantings are started to come back now that spring has begun. Butterflies are already attracting to the verbena, she noted. She noted that the Turfalo is not working with its neighboring plants and will be planted elsewhere. She was concerned that perhaps she should have gotten all male or female selections. She was pleased that the front light had been replaced. The weeping yaupons may be having difficulty, she stated. The parsley is doing great but will be affected by summer's heat, she added. The bronze fennel is not invasive. The gulf muhly grass is doing well, she informed the Board.

Ms. Fraser then discussed the mulch displays. One-inch hardwood and pecan shells mulches are installed. The shells are very easy to maintain, she stated. Pine needles are a little harder to manage, she noted.

Ms. Fraser informed the Board that Brian Tarbox was looking for a summer job, and she would like to have him again work at the Center. The Board concurred.

Coral berries and Barbados berries were not well planted by the worker, she noted. The Turks caps are coming on, she added.

Annual vines are at the 90° corner of the fence, Ms. Fraser stated. They are not native but have great color and will die after summer. A wildflower mix will be planted at the end of the long driveway garden, she informed the Board. The air conditioner is now dumping into the rain barrel for collection, she stated.

### Phase II Treescape

The treescape is being moved to between the sign at the entranceway. We should make sure the entrance is handicap accessible, she noted. She stated that some of the posts are wobbly. Sabino could dig them up and do them the same as the other sign, Dir. Papp stated. We will be getting excess soil away from trees, which will protect them, Ms. Fraser stated. Afterward, we will address termites. We need to keep up to 2" of the concrete slab of the building visible, Dir. Toll stated. That makes tunnels visible should termites try to infest. Drainage is important for the remainder of the garden plantings. Ms. Fraser stated that she is trying to redirect standing water to the bog area. Ben stated earlier that he would have his men help with trash removal, Dir. Papp stated. She noted that all previously used, reusable material has been saved.

It was agreed that Ms. Pomfret will, after her research, discuss recycling possibilities with Dir. Papp and Scott. Dir. Papp stated that he would check with the County regarding their resources and report same to Ms. Pomfret.

Under the arbor will be planted clematis, a native perennial, Ms. Fraser stated. Sea oats will be at the edge of the drive. Ms. Fraser stated that she would get sweet gum trees at the entranceway.

### Phase III Sitting area

Three (3) tables built by Mr. Payne have been delivered, Ms. Fraser stated. Ways of preventing their theft was discussed. It was agreed that Dirs. Papp and Toll would stake them to the

ground in concrete. Dir. Papp agreed to get EDP workers to help dig the holes for the flag posts. Ms. Fraser was asked to designate the location of the 3 tables first.

#### Phase IV Children's area

This area has received a simple gazebo from a donor, Ms. Fraser stated. It will be covered with vines, she added. It was formerly the teaching area. At the native habitat area (the treed area along the fence line) all ligustrum have been taken out, Ms. Fraser informed the Board.

#### Phase V Butterfly Project

Ms. Fraser was disappointed to tell the Board that the Univ. of Kansas has estimated that 50-60% of the breeding population of butterflies that goes to Mexico has been devastated. Our plantings survived and are doing well, she noted. Mr. Stockton has been having health problems and will not be able to assist the District with the butterfly project, she informed the Board. Ms. Fraser is looking for another individual to help with the butterfly project. Drip system irrigation is needed in that area in the very near future, she stated. The Board talked about acquiring a quick connector or adaptor to water wherever needed. Dir. Papp stated that he would try to speak with Mr. Bill Lester in that regard. They discussed using a soaker hose and manually turning it on and off when needed.

Ms. Fraser stated that they are taking out pipe in the area where the trees are. It would be a good idea to have a water spigot in that area, Dir. Toll stated. He agreed to undertake that project.

Ms. Fraser then asked the Board for authority too use the District's sales tax exemption number for purchases for the Center. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Ms. Fraser to use the District's tax-exempt number for Center purchases.

Dir. Papp disseminated and reviewed with the Board a list of biodegradable items for use at the meeting place, including plates and utensils. After consideration, Dir. Papp motioned to purchase 50- 10" round plates, utensils and a 10-ounce sleeve of cold cups from biodegradablestore.com. Dir. Toll seconded, after which the Board voted its unanimous consent.

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

Dir. Papp informed the Board that six (6) sprinkler controller devices were sent to Jay Hartley for installations. Dirs. Mancini, Papp and Daniel and the HOA club have undergone inspections to date, he reported. Pres. Mancini stated that he was concerned about the damage caused to residents' sprinkler system infrastructures for this project. DbLive has now turned on the signal regulating the controllers, Dir. Papp stated.

#### APPROVE ORDER AUTHORIZING POLICY RELATING TO NON-INVASIVE PLANTS

The Board discussed approving policy for use of non-invasive plants in the District. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the Order approving Policy for use of non-invasive plants in the District.

## APPROVE SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR LIANE POMFRET

Pres. Mancini recognized Ms. Pomfret, whose scope of work with related fees was disseminated to the Board prior to the meeting. Discussion ensued. The board did determine that it would be easier if there were a single rate she would charge for her services. After consideration, the Board approved the contract with Ms. Pomfret at \$31 per hour, motion having been made by Dir. Papp, seconded by Dir. Toll, and unanimously carried.

## REPORT ON STATUS OF BURDITT CONTRACT PROJECT AND TAKE ACTION RELATED THERETO

Ms. Fraser related that Mr. Ross had informed her that he was somewhat overworked at this time and would let her know when he is coming to the District to begin inventorying the trees.

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

The President asked Dir. Papp to update the Board on activities related to modifying the meeting place to comply with ADA standards. Dir. Papp showed the Board a drawing prepared by architect Dick Weiler with modifications primarily related to accommodate for an ADA bathroom and front door. Changes will require new countertops, as there will be a portion of the wall and floor cabinets moved to the SW wall. A plug will be added to the SW wall also, Dir. Papp stated. The exterior approaching sidewalk will need to be graded to avoid a hump when going over the threshold, Dir. Papp stated. A new front door will be installed, and all locks will use levers. One of the vents between the 2 bathrooms (fore and aft) will be removed. Dir. Daniel was able to obtain an ADA sink for the project, the Director stated. The cords on the floor between the bathroom and office space on the East wall will be relocated to the SW wall. The project will need to be bid out, Dir. Papp stated. They will lower the soffitt in the bathroom due to security monitoring wiring in the ceiling. Dir. Papp stated that he would like to get a bar-type sink (not a 2-sided sink) and re-use the existing faucet. Tile will be used as flooring from the front door about 5' wide into the office, bathroom and kitchen area to the water fountain. Carpet tiles selected by Dir. Daniel will be used on the remainder of the floor. The Engineer recommended against pursuing LED certification, because of its complexity and time-consuming work.

## USE OF MEETING PLACE

Dir. Papp informed the Board that he would like to have the Board's approval to allow the HOA Board of Cypresswood Place to use the meeting place for its annual meeting on May 19, 2010. After consideration, the Board authorized the use of this facility for the Cypresswood Place HOA Board meeting on May 19, 2010, motion having been made by Dir. Papp, seconded by Dir. Bonetati, and unanimously carried.

ABSENT ANY FURTHER BUSINESS TO CONDUCT AT THIS TIME, the President asked for a motion to adjourn. Dir. Bonetati's motion, seconded by Dir. Toll, to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m., carried by common consent.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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Date

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Bill Papp  
Secretary of the Board of Directors