

HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL  
AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 132

MINUTES OF MEETING OF

June 1, 2010

STATE OF TEXAS §  
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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 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, thus constituting a quorum. Also present were Carol Fraser with Head, Inc.; Ben Connelley of Environmental Development Partners ("EDP"), the District's Operator ("Operator"); and Sherry Allard, recording secretary of the Board.

**APPROVE CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**

The President asked that the Board first consider approval of the Water Quality report. Dir. Papp motioned approval of the Consumer Confidence Report as prepared for dissemination to District customers. Dir. Toll seconded the motion, which garnered unanimous support from the Board.

**DISCUSS REPAIRS TO WATER WELL AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION RELATED THERETO**

The President recognized the Operator, who informed the Board that the well test was held on May 26, 2010, but the pump did not produce any water. The pump was to be replaced, reinstalled, and re-tested today, he stated. Discussion ensued. There was no further action taken thereupon.

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

The President recognized Dir. Papp, who stated that he had spoken with Ms. Payne, and they determined to put together a plan of how to entice greater participation in the sprinkler pilot program. Dir. Papp stated that he would contact the HOAs to offer the devices for use on the esplanades. He then stated that he had received a note from the Attorney, stating that should a homeowner not wish to continue using the device after the pilot program is over, the District should be able to disassemble and reclaim the device. Dir. Papp stated that he would contact Ms. Payne to develop a marketing campaign for the Center.

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

President Mancini then recognized Ms. Fraser for a progress report on the Center. Ms. Fraser began her presentation by showing a brief video entitled "Stuff", that shows how bottled water, in this case, was marketed by first manufacturing a public need, demoting the taste and value of tap water, even when many times tap water is the product being bottled for sale, and promoting the recyclable containers of the bottled water. The video noted that in taste tests nationwide the public has selected tap water as better tasting than bottled water. The Board suggested that Dir. Papp contact Ms. Payne to use the video for placement on the website to show customers how we have been conditioned to use the product. Dir. Papp informed the Board that he had received the biodegradable plates and cups for use at the meeting place. Ms. Fraser stated that she would check on obtaining glass thermal pitchers.

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1. Ms. Fraser addressed the status of certain plantings in the garden at the Center. She stated that the sidewalk plants are in recovery mode after the installation of the new ADA sidewalk. She had a new idea for a sign: Citizen Scientist report that could be used to identify invasive plants by GIS. When Dir. Bonetati stated that the schools would be unable to help with the signs due to impending summer vacation, Ms. Fraser stated that she had seen a sign using bamboo sticks, inserting signs in slits at the top of the sticks. The Board agreed with that idea.

3. Ms. Fraser stated that recycling water from the air conditioners has been working great. The Board asked her to speak with Ms. Payne and Carol Baker regarding changes in the EPA water code(s) to be able to make air conditioning condensate recyclable. Ms. Fraser stated that an engineer in Austin is converting all buildings to allow collection of air conditioning condensate. Dir. Papp stated that he would speak with a representative of Pulte Homes to try to have them offer that capability in their homes for sale. Ms. Fraser then stated that they may have to re-design the water harvesting barrels for 'show'. Dir. Toll stated that he would try to get a copy of the webcast "Removing barriers to re-use Water" showing reclamation and reuse of water.

6. The mulch samples are complete, Ms. Fraser reported. She noted that the signage would be generic, stating how much mulch benefits plants, the earth, etc. Details of each type of mulch will be on the website, she stated. The Board concurred. It would be a good idea to have someone test the temperature and moisture level of each mulch bed.

Ms. Fraser stated that Mr. Hartley had given the District a proposal for laying out the bed and cordoning off with purple pipe. That work should be undertaken this Thursday, she informed the Board. Dir. Papp stated that he and Dir. Toll would place stakes at the easement line.

III. 15. The Board discussed with Ms. Fraser having Sabino's helpers work with him for several days at a time. It is important to have the same individuals to avoid constant training, it was noted. The Board suggested the Texas Work Force might be of assistance for workers.

17. Energy/Water nexus. Ms. Fraser stated that she would like to have a sign by the power poles but is concerned about the easement necessary therefor. She was asked to discuss the matter with Ms. Payne.

19. Jim Payne built a case for the rainwater model, Ms. Fraser stated. He will also build a concrete base upon which the appearance of the aquifer strata will be constructed with stones.

The Board then discussed having protocols for certain SSP procedures. Ms. Pomfret was asked to do that, it was noted, but they are not yet complete. The President stated that he would speak with the Attorney about going forward with formation of a 501(c)3 corporation to benefit the Center.

The Board reviewed with Ms. Fraser her expenses to date, which is attached hereto as a part of these minutes. The "Welcome to the Center" sign is being made by Ms. Payne, Ms. Fraser reminded the Board. It will be placed at the side of, but not connected to, the meeting place building, she noted.

The President asked when the Center would be ready for visitors. He stated that the Ponderosa Forest Garden Club is anxious to view the Center. Ms. Fraser stated that Phase I would be complete in September and Phase II should have most of the treescape project complete.

#### **REPORT ON STATUS OF BUTTERFLY GARDEN, COMPOST PROJECT, APPROVE PROJECT AND EXPENDITURES RELATED THERETO**

The landscapist then discussed the composting project. Dir. Bonetati was asked to find a student who would train and keep up the project throughout the summer.

#### **REPORT ON SUSTAINABLE SITE APPLICATION AND TAKE ACTION RELATED THERETO**

The President asked Ms. Fraser for an update. She informed the Board that the District had indeed been selected as one of the 150 international sites for the Sustainable Site Program. The Board was quite pleased and wished to have the award letter framed for the meeting place wall. Dir. Daniel was asked to manage that project. The Board discussed whether to attempt to achieve certification or not. The consensus was to work toward certification.

#### **DISCUSS AND APPROVE NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter has been delivered to customers and was well received, Dir. Papp stated.

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

The President recognized Dir. Daniel, who informed the Board that most of the work is complete, except the installation of the front door and threshold. She stated that she agreed to paint the front door. Dir. Papp stated that there would be three (3) bookcases, one (1) of which may go in the office. Dir. Toll stated that he would address covering the wires near the water cooler. During discussion of the yard, Ms. Fraser was asked to locate an animal waste container.

#### **STATUS OF BURDITT CONTRACT PROJECT AND TAKE ACTION RELATED THERETO**

Ms. Fraser then reported on the results of the Burditt inventory of trees on site. She stated that the report was adequate but felt there were mistakes. It identified 54 trees on the Center site and referred pruning to an arborist. Ms. Fraser stated that her inventory was 56 trees. She was asked to price the cost of adding those trees to the Burditt report. The 6 trees cited for removal need not be taken out immediately, she stated.

CITING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS TIME,  
Dir. Papp's motion to adjourn at 1:10 p.m., duly seconded by Dir. Daniel, carried without dissent.

PASSED AND APPROVED

July 19, 2010  
Date

Bill Papp  
Bill Papp  
Secretary of the Board of Directors