

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
September 16, 2011

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011, at 10:30 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. Toll, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brown and Ms. Marjorie Meier, representing the State historical cemetery adjacent to rear of the District's Garden; Ben Connelley, Operator of the District; and Sherry Allard, recording secretary of the Board.

President Mancini called the Garden meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

**Historic Texas Cemetery/Strack Cemetery**

The President welcomed the Browns and Ms. Meier to the meeting. Mr. Brown informed the Board that the Strack Cemetery ("Cemetery") has been designated an Historic Texas Cemetery. The Strack Cemetery Association, Inc. 501(c) 3 ("Strack") maintains the Cemetery. The Board advised the Browns, that the District would be interested in partnering with Strack for the preservation/maintenance of the Cemetery in consideration for allowing the District to develop the surrounding grounds as a water conservation/demonstration garden. Mr. Brown stated that the Strack Board of Directors would consider such a proposal so long as the Strack retained title to the Cemetery and Cemetery grounds. The Board concurred.

Ms. Brown stated that they would like to fence in the area around the Cemetery, with the additional portion [approximately ¼ acre] maintained by the District. Strack's concern is the continuing maintenance of the Cemetery. Director Bonetati will coordinate with the Browns the proposal under consideration.

Mr. Brown stated that the Cemetery deed, which includes a site map, allows for relocation of a certain road on the Cemetery property. It would, however, be the expense of the third party to relocate the road, with the stipulation that the Browns retain the right of ingress/egress.

**Activities in the Garden**

The President recognized Dir. Papp who noted that certain brochures, etc. may need to undergo a name change from the "Center" to the "Garden".

Dir. Daniel informed the Board that she will make the changes requested by the Board to the signs. She anticipates the sign(s) will cost \$160. Some of the information on the map drawing by Cindy Huey, such as the entities with which the District is affiliated, should be on the signs, the Board noted. The sign of the full map of the Garden should also contain the Garden logo, the Board specified. The Board asked that Dir. Daniel and Ms. Fraser make any decisions that may arise in the production of the signs, in order to facilitate their completion by October 8, 2011.

Ms. Fraser stated that she would like for Alfonso to construct a walkway to the fountain. A sign for the treed area should be two sided, larger than 14" x 14" and contain the appropriate logos, it was noted.

Ms. Fraser then discussed various items. It was agreed that 30 stackable chairs plus a storage cart would be purchased. Ms. Fraser stated affiliation with the Texas Audubon Society would be a good idea, once the criteria for membership is met. She recommended certain seeds from the "Wild Birds Unlimited" store.

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

No action.

**DISCUSS AND APPROVE NEWSLETTER**

No action.

**STATUS REPORT ON DBLIVE AND AUTHORIZE ACTION RELATED TO IRIGATION SYSTEM**

No action.

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

It was noted that wording associated with the logo, containing a butterfly and the water drop, needs to change to the "Garden" rather than the "Center".

**REPORT ON STATUS OF SUSTAINABLE SITE APPLICATION AND TAKE ACTION RELATED THERETO**

Ms. Fraser stated that after the Ponderosa Garden Club meeting at the Garden, she will be working on the details for the Sustainable Site Program Initiative ("SSPI").

Dir. Papp stated that the Board has engaged Linn Smyth as the technical person for the website, making recommendations as to raising funds and putting together documents to attract potential donors.

**NORTH HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY ("RWA")**

The President recognized Dir. Papp, who reported that he and the President had attended a RWA workshop, during which various brochures were distributed. They thought the literature would be ideal to have on hand at the meeting place when visitors come to the Garden. Dir.

Bonate agreed to obtain 100 copies of such brochures on behalf of the District.

Dir. Papp continued, noting that a meteorologist from Harris County Flood Control District ("Flood Control") spoke at the RWA meeting. He talked about the history of droughts in Texas and the relationship with the "la niña" weather conditions. He described the degree of drought conditions on a scale of 1 to 800, noting that Bastrop, Texas recently registered a 756. The speaker stated that he fears drought conditions will continue through the winter.

Jay Hartley made a presentation at the workshop on the use of irrigation systems efficiently. His suggestions included (1) new irrigation heads (rotors), and (2) setting sprinkler systems to run twice daily, with each area receiving no more than five (5) minutes' sprinkling.

**CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO THE DISTRICT**

No action.

CITING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS TIME, Dir. Papp's motion to adjourn at 12:30 p.m., duly seconded by Dir. Bonetati, carried without dissent.

PASSED AND APPROVED

November 21, 2011

Date

Bill Papp

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Secretary of the Board of Directors