



SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.

Webster Parish Police Jury Annex
Minden, La

MINUTES/ MEETING NOTES

CALL TO ORDER: The October 2022 meeting of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission was called to order by Mr. Rick Buckner at 2:00 PM at the Webster Parish Police Jury Annex in Minden, LA, in Webster Parish. Members present and not present can be found on the attendance list. It was determined that there was a quorum. (Sign-in sheets are available upon request]).

The **Invocation** was given by Mr. Keith Jeselink. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mr. Jimmy Hand.

Welcome and Comments: Mr. Buckner, welcomed special guests including legislative representatives, agency, and other elected officials. Guest sign in sheets are available upon request.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Ben Bridges and seconded by Mr. Jack Clampit that the Minutes of the July 13 , 2022 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Mr. Jeselink, presented the treasurer's report. The current bank balance being \$144,440.01 as of 10.6.22. Detailed financial statement was submitted for review to the commissioners and the floor was opened for questions and discussion. It was moved by Mr. Keith Jeselink and seconded by Mr. Ben Bridges to approve the treasurers report. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reports:

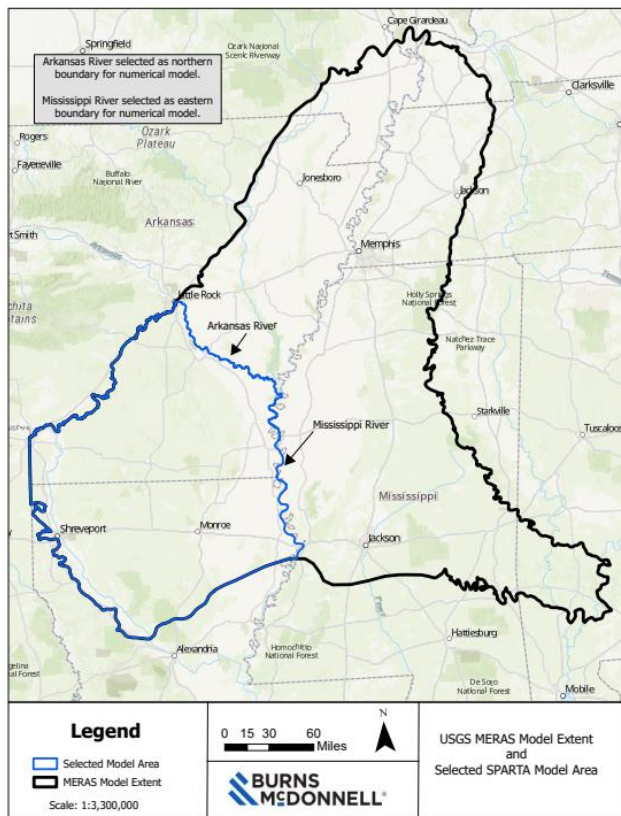
Sparta Foundation – Executive Director, Jimmy Hand, discussed the upcoming Legends Festival to be held in Homer, LA on October 22. Mr. Hand proposed setting up a booth at the 'Louisiana Legends Festival' to share information about the Sparta Aquifer to the public. A motion was made and passed unanimously in July for Mr. Hand to spend no more than \$1000 on promotional and educational information to be available for the Legends Festival. Due the unscheduled office cleanout at Louisiana Tech, Mr. Hand was able to acquire a plentiful selection of previously ordered WaterFest paraphernalia. The current Sparta Foundation bank balance is \$8,811.68 as of 10.6.22.

Executive Director's Report: Executive Director, Lindsay Gouedy, provided her quarterly update.

USGS Update – Water Use Data Project

Year	Expected Publication Dates		
	Data Releases		USGS Series Report
	Site-Specific Categories	Aggregate Categories	
	Public supply, industrial, power generation	livestock, aquaculture, irrigation, domestic	
2020	December 2022		
2021	September 2023	December 2023	December 2023
2022	September 2024	December 2024	December 2024
2023	September 2025	December 2025	December 2025
2024	September 2026	December 2026	December 2026

- Originally, the completed report was projected to be published in summer 2022 but a supplemental publication from LSU that used to make estimates for the aggregate categories (livestock, aquaculture, and irrigation) has experienced a delay. We have spoken to our contact at LSU who ensured us that the data was collected, it is just delayed. With that, to provide data as soon as possible, we have decided to publish water use from the Sparta aquifer by category, in a USGS data release of similar format to our 2014–2015 water use data release (Collier, 2018).
- Data collection for years 2020 and 2021 are currently in progress. For the 2020 data collection, an option for entry using a newly developed online application was presented, providing potential for an optional, alternative method of correspondence. To date, about 19 percent of the state's total respondents for 2020 data used the online application and, similarly, 21 percent of users who withdraw from the Sparta aquifer used the online application for the method of response. It is hoped that use of the online application will increase in future years, especially during periods of concurrent annual data collection.
- **EDA Project Update**
 - Compiled and coordinated GIS files for the MERAS model structure
 - Evaluated hydrologic boundaries for the north and eastern extent of the Sparta GCD model
 - Began review of well logs provided through the Gulf Coastal Plain Drillers Logs
 - Portal link provided by Frank Tsai to evaluate geology and stratigraphic separation of layers.
 - Developed GIS framework for model construction and cropped files to proposed Sparta model boundaries.
 - Imported MERAS model to extract hydrogeological model settings and structure.
 - Began Sparta model setup in Groundwater Vistas/MODFLOW.
 - Performed administrative tasks (project management, accounting, project status report preparation).



Paul McCormick, Project Manager for Burns and McDonnell provided a brief update followed by a question-and-answer session with the commissioners and public.

General Business:

Nomination for Officers 2023:

Regina Rowe nominated Jamie Harrell to serve as Secretary for 2023. Motion made by Jimmy Hand. Second by Keith Jeselink. Motion accepted unanimously. Ben Bridges motioned that all other current officers be accepted as the nominated slate of officers for 2023 by acclamation. Reggie Skains seconded that motion. Motion unanimously carried.

President – Nick Cox

Vice Chairman – Rick Buckner

Treasurer – Keith Jeselink

Ben Bridges motioned that nominations be closed. Milton Melton seconded that motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Election of Officers 2023:

The nominated slate of officers were elected unanimously.

Approval of 2023 Budget:

The proposed 2023 budget was presented by Keith Jeselink and Lindsay Gouedy. The draft can be viewed upon request or at www.spartaaquifer.com. Keith Jeselink moved to accept the proposal as presented. Jack Clampit seconded that motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Comment was extended to all in attendance.

Commissioner comments were offered to all commissioners in attendance.

Next meeting October 12, 2022, in Webster Parish, LA.

Meeting Adjourned just before 4:00 PM.

Nick Cox

Nick Cox, President.

Regina Rowe, Secretary