

SPARTA

Ground Water Commission

SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.
Lincoln Parish Library Events Center
Ruston, LA

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Nick Cox, Rick Buckner, Keith Jeselink, Reggie Skains, Regina Rowe, Jamie Harrell, Jack Clampit, Jimmy Hand, Ronnie Turner, Milton Melton, Mike Carpenter, Sam Little

Sparta Groundwater Commission Executive Director: Lindsay Gouedy

Call to Order: Nick Cox, Chairman.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Rick Buckner and Jimmy Hand

Public Comments – None

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Milton Melton, second by Keith Jeselink – Motion approved

Welcome and Comments by Nick Cox.

Approval of Minutes: October 13, 2021 Meeting - Motion made by Reggie Skains, second by Jimmy Hand – Motion Approved

Treasurer's Report – Keith Jeselink, Commission financial statement handed out. Discussed donations not received. Bank Balance \$81,883.68. Note: \$28,333 will be added from EDA for contract fees

Approval of Treasurer's Report - Motion by Regina Rowe, second by Rick Buckner– Motion Approved

Sparta Foundation Report – Jimmy Hand; *Foundation Account Balance: \$6550.19*. Discussed the “Gift for Giving” fundraiser to be held May 3, 2022. He would like to challenge each member to donate \$100.

Approval of Sparta Foundation Report - Motion by Jack Clampit, second by Keith Jeselink- Motion Approved

Union County Water Conservation Board – *Sherrel Johnson-Absent Unable to attend but sent a report. Discussed the Thatcher dam repair in Union County.*

Executive Director's Report - Lindsay Gouedy

- 2022 donations are being sent out next week
- Discussed the LWRA virtual meeting that took place on December 1, 2021
- Discussed La. Water Code Committee meeting held on January 28, 2022 via zoom.
- Gave a very informative update on the EDA Grant

General Business:

- **Approval on CPA to complete 2021 Report for Legislative Auditor** - Motion by Reggie Skains, second by Jimmy Hand, motion approved
- **Approval of Bill Carter as Legal Counsel** - Motion by Rick Buckner, second by Regina Rowe, motion approved
- **Approval on LRWA and ORVA membership** - Motion by Rick Buckner, second by Ronny Turner, motion approved

2022 Goals – Nick Cox

- Discussed the future of where we are going.
- **Commission's Main Goal:**
 - Strategic long-term plan for data collection to keep the groundwater models updated after the grant has been completed.
- **Commissioner's Main Goal:**
 - Keep our governing bodies updated about current efforts of the SGWC
- **Executive Director's Main Goal:**
 - Managing the grant process and working with the grant contractor to make sure the project keeps moving forward successfully.

2022 Committee Appointments

- **Executive Committee**
 - Nick Cox; Rick Buckner; Keith Jeselink; Regina Rowe; Jimmy Hand
- **Technical Committee**
 - Nick Cox; Lindsay Gouedy; Ben McGee; Keith Jeselink

Approve 2022 Authorized Bank Signers

- Nick Cox, Rick Buckner, Keith Jeselink, Regina Rowe, Jimmy Hand, Lindsay Gouedy
 - Motion by Milton Melton, seconded by Mike Carpenter, motion passed

Motion to approve Executive Director's Contract (Lindsay Gouedy). Specifics changes to include a monthly stipend of \$4,250. Approved for a 24-month term cover the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

- Motion by Reggie Skains, seconded by Jack Clampit, motion passed

Public Comments - None

Commissioner Comments

- Jimmy Hand working with Nick Cox on talking points for members
- USGA working from home, working as normal
- Discussed and went over proposal

Next Meeting: April 13, 2022 @ 2:00 P.M., Winnfield, LA

Adjournment

Motion by Regina Rowe, second by Keith Jeselink. Motion approved.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Cox". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The "N" and "C" are prominent, and the "x" is formed with two loops.

Nick Cox, Chairman