

# SPARTA

Ground Water Commission

## SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.

Lincoln Parish Park, L-6 Pavilion

211 Parish Park Rd.

Ruston, LA

### MINUTES/ MEETING NOTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** The October 12 meeting of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission was called to order by Mr. Zack Spivey at 2:00 PM at the Lincoln Parish Park, L-6 Pavilion in Rustin, LA, in Lincoln 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. Lynn Treadway. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mr. Zach Spivey

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Zach Spivey moved to add to the agenda a report from Courtney Hall & Joe Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

**Welcome and Comments:** The following Legislators, Other Elected Officials and Agency Officials: Rob Shadoin – Representative District 12, Richard Durrett, Ron Hudson, Joe Anderson, Nadel & Gussman, Courtney Hall- Lincoln Parish Police Jury, Sherrel Johnson - UCWCB, Naveen Adusumilli, Barry Huggins, Tony Duplichin, John Barr, Nancy Bergeron, Bill Branch, Stacia Davis

**Public Comments:** None

**Motion:** It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the July 20, 2017 April 2017 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jack Clampit gave the Treasurer's Report. The expense report was handed out to the commission members. Mr. Clampit stated that the travel expenses had increased due to Education Coordinator, Lindsay Gouedy, having to travel to Baton Rouge several times on behalf on the S.G.W. Commission.

#### Commissioner Reports:

- **Sparta Foundation** – Rick Buckner reported that the Sparta Foundation had received the following funds: Money received from Sparta Shoot, Foster Farms, U.S. Forestry Service Grant, Westrock Mill. We had expenses from the Sparta Waterfest.
- Louisiana Water Resources Commission

**Louisiana Water Resources Commission** – Lindsay Gouedy reported on the September 22 meeting of the Louisiana Water Resources Commission in Baton Rouge. Gouedy explained that at the meeting, Ben McGee From the USGS gave an update on the Sparta's Water levels are. He declared that we have achieved sustainability. Also discussed at this meeting in great length was Act 425. The development of a work group to research surface water sales was introduced.

**Report:** Courtney Hall, Lincoln Parish Police Jury. Mr. Hall explained the 27 Arce lake is used to draw water out of for oil and gas industries' needs. The money it raises, directly benefits the Park and it saves the industry for tapping into the Sparta for their water needs. The director of the Lincoln Parish Park, James Ramsaur, Explained how great an asset the park is to the area citizens. Joe Anderson reported on how much water the Oil and Gas industry has been able to get from the Lincoln Parish Park Lake.

**Conservation Educator's Report** – Lindsay Gouedy, Education Coordinator, presented a report about the great weeks we have had with Waterfest. Participation from Westrock was especially noted and appreciated. Right at 2,000 students participated in Waterfest. Appreciation was given to Mr. Ron Hudson with the U.S. Forrest Service for his help getting us the grant. Mrs. Gouedy also highlighted all the people who contribute and support the Waterfest event.

**USGS Update** – Ben McGee explained his new added responsibilities and the cuts in their budget and how that would effect the Sparta Ground Water Commission.

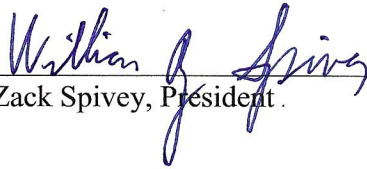
**Act 425 and Other legislative discussions** – Representative Rob Shadoin explained the details Act 425, how to handle the reporting requirements, and how to move forward. He also explained how the process evolved and his plans for assisting us in the future.

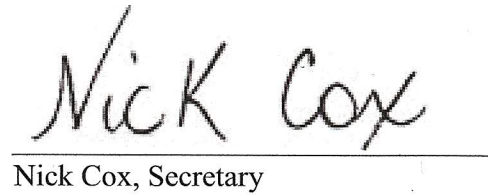
#### **General Business:**

- **Standing Committee's and Officer Appointments** Mr. Zach Spivey made standing committee appointments:  
Nominating Committee: Charles Hughes (Chairman), Jackie Perritt and Ann Marie Anderson  
Executive Committee: Zach Spivey (Chairman), Charles Hughes, Nick Cox, Jack Clampit, Rick Buckner  
Technical Committee: Rick Buckner, Terry Emory, Susan Robbins, and Gary Hanson  
Administration Committee: Jackie Perritt (Chairman), Jerry Taylor, Sam Little, Lynn Treadway  
Financial Committee: Jack Clampit (Chairman), Dewayne Woodard, Lindsey Vincent
- **Nomination's for Officers 2018** the following Committee members were nominated:  
Secretary – Nick Cox, Treasurer – Jack Clampit, Vice Chairman – Charles Hughes, Chairman – Zach Spivey
- **Election of Officers 2018** – The following Committee members we elected by acclamation:  
Secretary – Nick Cox, Treasurer – Jack Clampit, Vice Chairman – Charles Hughes, Chairman – Zach Spivey
- **Review and Amend 2017 budget** Treasurer Jack Clampit handed out and explained the amended 2017 budget. Motion made we and passed unanimously
- **Review of Proposed 2018 budget** Treasurer Jack Clampit handed out and explained the amended 2017 budget.
- **Approval of 2018 budget** Motion made that we accept the 2018 budget. Motion passed unanimously
- **Review and approve Act 425 Semi-Annual Report due November 1** A draft of the Report was provided to the commission members with an explanation from Mr. Zach Spivey. Motion was made and passed unanimously that we approved the Semi-Annual Report
- **Consideration of Contract renewal** motions were made to enter executive session and then motion was made to exit executive session
- **Motion** was made to change Lindsay Gouedy's job title to Executive Director and to revise her contract to reflect an increase in her monthly salary by \$250 a month, and to retain the bonus clause from last year. Motion passed unanimously

Next meeting: January 10, 2017 at 2 p.m., Winnfield, LA

Meeting Adjourned at 3:31 PM.

  
Zack Spivey, President

  
Nick Cox, Secretary

Note: Associated documents are filed and available upon request.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Tammy Singleton (Bienville)	Dwaine R. Woodard (Claiborne)	W. Lynn Treadway (Jackson)	Lindsey Vincent (Lincoln)
Hon. Samuel Little (Morehouse)	Jack Clampit (Ouachita)	Jerry Taylor (Union)	Nick Cox (Webster)
TBA (Winn)	TBA (Rotating (Caldwell))	TBA (Arcadia)	TBA (Homer)
TBA (Jonesboro)	Rick Buckner (Minden)	Zack Spivey (Ruston)	Terry Emory (W. Monroe)
Ann Marie Anderson (Agriculture)	Charles Hughes (Wood Products)	Jackie Perritt (Other Industries)	

Ex Officio Members: Dr. Gary Kennedy (La Tech University); Ben McGee (USGS); Gary Hanson (LSUS); Susan Robbins (La Rural Water Assoc.)  
Jim York (LDNR)