



## SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 2:00PM

West Monroe Convention Center

West Monroe, La

### MINUTES/ MEETING NOTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** The April 20 meeting of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission was called to order by Mr. Zack Spivey at 2:00 PM at the Convention Center in West Monroe, LA, in Ouachita Parish. Refreshments were provided by the center officials. 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** were given by Mr. Lynn Treadway. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was given by Zack Spivey.

**Welcome and Comments:** Mr. Spivey, welcomed special guests including legislative representatives, agency, and other elected officials. Lindsay Gouedy introduced special guests Ron Hudson and Joe Anderson.

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Lindsay Gouedy delivered the treasurer's report on behalf of Treasurer Jack Clampit and noted an increase in income of \$8500 from 2016 to 2017. Meeting guest and retired Sparta Member, Rick Hohlt, commented positively on the increase in funding levels. Mr. Spivey established that the obligation set for Mrs. Gouedy to increase income by \$5000 in order to receive a \$2500 bonus had been met and she would receive her bonus for 2017 in a lump sum check.

**Commissioner Reports – Sparta Foundation and Conservation Educator's Report** – Lindsay Gouedy, Conservation Educator discussed the upcoming events that are on the calendar for 2017. The Sparta shoot is scheduled for Saturday, June 3 at the Ouachita Parish Shooting Range. Sparta WaterFest dates are being set and will include two new parishes, Jackson and Winn, fifth grades for 2017. The Sparta Foundation has been selected to receive \$34,000 in grant funds to pay for the WaterFest events for 2017, three months of Lindsay's salary, and provides funds for an assistant to help in the coordinating of six waterfest events.

**Grant Funds from U.S. Forest Service** – Mr. Ron Hudson, District Ranger for the Kisatchie National Forest, Caney Ranger District talked briefly about the grant that was submitted with and for the Sparta Foundation. The Forest Service selected our grant proposal to fund WaterFest event for 'recently graduated fourth graders' to the tune of \$34,000. Mr. Hudson is very excited to be involved in this project. Mrs. Gouedy and Mr. Hudson are currently working through paperwork but funds should be available soon.

**Presentation of surface water use by Nadel and Gussman** – Mr. Joe Anderson discussed the efforts that Nadel and Gussman takes to use surface water in north Louisiana in order to not draw from the Sparta Aquifer.

#### General Business:

- **Review and Approval of Meeting time and cycle of places** – a digital poll was conducted prior to the meeting that indicated a change in preference for our meeting days. It was decided that we would change our scheduled meeting times to the second Wednesday of the quarterly month following a rotation in order beginning with Bienville Parish in July 2017...Lincoln, Winn, Jackson, Union, Webster, Claiborne, and Ouachita before repeating the order. It was agreed that the meetings in October may fluctuate to accommodate WaterFest events each year.
- **Approval of Groundwater Report** – Mr. Spivey presented his draft of the Annual Groundwater Report which is required by law Act 790 of 2012. It was established we are not in full compliance due to our inability to obtain

certain information based on funding. We will submit a one page report with minutes from each our quarterly meetings from 2016 attached.

- **Commissioner Appointment letters** – Mr. Zack Spivey, Mr. Rick Buckner, and Mr. Charles Hughes term will end in 2017. A replacement or a reappointment letter must be submitted by July 1, 2017 to the Office of Boards and Commission and a copy to Lindsay Gouedy.
- **Completion of Ethics Report**
- **Sparta Recharge Enhancements** – Rick Buckner gave a presentation about his plan to enhance water conservation in the western Sparta region through a three phase project. Phase 1, Restore existing water plant at Camp Minden. This could produce up to four million gallons of water per day. Phase 2, Create a lake west of Sibley by dredging and widening the bar pit areas around Sibley. Build a dam with locks for traffic and install a spillway at the south end of the new lake to regulate water flow. Phase 3, Dredge the Bayou Dorcheat and create a lake north of Dixie Inn. A public meeting will be held in June to discuss further with regional stakeholders. Mr. Rick Hohlt not optimistic of changes proposed, Lincoln/Union initiative should be focus. Mr. Hohlt suggested prioritizing water conservation projects in order 1) Lincoln Union Initiative 2) 2.5 mgd waste water in West Monroe, LA 3) Webster Parish project.

Next meeting (S): July 12, 2017- Arcadia, LA

The meeting was **Adjourned** just after 4:35 p.m.

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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)
Tim Howell (Winn)	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.)

\*Pending re-appointment or replacement appointment