

# **SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

December 12, 2006

The Sparta Groundwater Conservation District met on December 12, 2006 at 4:00 P.M. at the Claiborne Parish Police Jury Office Complex located at 507 W. Main Street Homer, Louisiana.

**Commission Members Present:** John Van Bennett, Herbert Byars, Mack Calhoun, Gary Carlisle, Gene Coleman, Todd Culpepper, Edward Dayton, Samuel P. Little, Olevia McDonald, Jackie Perritt, George W. Rolfe, Jr., and Alice Stewart

**Commission Members Absent:** Kim Brantley, Don Essmeier, George H. Jacob, Dan Morgan, Bobby E. Price, Dennis E. Woodward

The meeting was officially called to order by Chairman Gene Coleman.

The invocation was given by Herb Byars.

### **Agenda Approval**

It was moved by Sam Little and seconded by John Van Bennett to approve the agenda with additions which included establishing the next meeting place and discussion of funds for providing storage for Sparta documents to be placed at the Tech Library. The motion was approved unanimously. (See Attachment I)

### **Minutes**

Although the minutes were emailed or fax to members prior to the meeting, the secretary brought amended copies to the meeting. The amended minutes listed the members present as well as the absent members. This recommendation was made by Dennis Woodward. It was moved by Jackie Perritt and seconded by Alice Stewart that the amended minutes be approved. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Treasurer Report**

A Treasurer report was given. Contributions from Claiborne Parish, Town of Homer, and Webster Parish have been committed. A representative from Claiborne Parish was on hand to make the contribution.

It was moved by Mack Calhoun and seconded by Sam Little to accept the treasurer report. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Budget Approval**

Gary Carlisle presented the proposed budget. (See Attachment II). It was moved by Herb Byars and seconded by Mack Calhoun to accept the budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Committee Appointments**

The following committees were appointed:

<b><u>Finance</u></b>	<b><u>Public Relations/Education</u></b>	<b><u>Long-Term Planning</u></b>
Dennis Woodward, Chair	Jackie Perritt, Chair	Alice Stewart, Chair
Gary Carlisle	Alice Stewart	Bobby Price
Kim Brantley	Dennis Woodward	Herbert Byars
Herbert Byars	Dan Morgan	George W. Rolfe, Jr.
Olevia McDonald	Sam Little	Bobby Culpepper

It was moved by George W. Rolfe, Jr. and seconded by Van Bennett to approve the committee appointments. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Presentations**

Ben McGee presented the group with update on USGS activity on Sparta and requested funding to continue Sparta aquifer monitoring program. Ben also discussed the need to monitor water levels on a 'real-time' basis and publish water quality data. Ben will inform the commission of the cost associated with these requests.

Richard Durrett, former chairman of the Sparta Commission, addressed the group and provided information on the history of the commission and other needed information.

### **Public Comment**

Public comment included questions on the status of industry use of the Sparta Aquifer. There was also a discussion on the need to provide incentives and alternate sources of water and the limited authority of the Sparta Commission.

### **Other Business**

Alice Stewart informed the committee that Louisiana Tech had agreed to accept and archive the Sparta documents. She requested funds to purchase document boxes for storage. The commission gave her a budget of up to \$150.00. It was moved by Alice Stewart and seconded by Van Bennett to make the necessary funds available. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The commission also discussed the need for a portable recorder for recording the meeting. It was moved by Sam Little and seconded by Todd Culpepper to purchase a portable recorder (up to \$200.00). The commission voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Herb Byars recommended that the next meeting be held in Webster Parish. After a discussion by members it was decided that the next meeting will be held in Minden, Louisiana on January 11, 2007 at 3PM. It was moved by Herbert Byars and seconded by Edward Dayton to meet in Minden. The motion was approved unanimously.

The commission also agreed to hold meetings on the second Thursday of the month when meetings are scheduled.

It was moved by Alice Stewart and seconded by Sam Little that the Sparta Commission meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM.

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Gene Coleman, Chairman

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Olevia McDonald, Secretary