

**Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission**  
**3074 Westfork Drive, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816**  
**April 25, 2024, 2:30 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order**  
Tom Seagraves – Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission (CAGCC)  
Technical Committee Chairman
  
- II. Roll Call**  
Gary Beard – Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District (CAGCD) Executive  
Director  
Members present: Mr. Brown, Ms. Field, Mr. Means, Mr. Seagraves, and Mr. Shaheen.  
Members absent: Mr. Dawson, Mr. Reonas, Mr. Leo and Mr. Savoy.
  
- III. Establishment of a Quorum**  
Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman  
Chairman Seagraves declared a quorum with 5 members present.
  
- IV. Invocation**  
Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director
  
- V. Pledge of Allegiance**  
Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director
  
- VI. Recognition of Guests**  
Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman  
Anthony Simon – Secure Water, Dennis McGehee – BRWW, John Milazzo – Taylor  
Porter, Douglas Melancon – Exxon, George Losonsky, Dr. Tsai – LSU, Sarah Paine –  
Exxon, Rory Denicola – Exxon, Meg Mahoney – Exxon, Anna Gilbert- Owen & White,  
Brett Furr – Taylor Porter.
  
- VII. Amendments to the Agenda**  
Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman  
There were no amendments to the agenda.
  
- VIII. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, February 20, 2024 (action required)**  
Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman  
Motion by Mr. Means and second by Ms. Gautreaux to approve the February 20, 2024  
minutes as presented. No objections. Motion passed.

**IX. Executive Director’s Report**

Gary Beard – CAGCD Executive Director

A. New well permit – Ethos (**action required**) Mr. Seagraves discussed the permit application and noted it would be a replacement well for well 1309, which had been out of service for “some time”. Mr. Seagraves wanted to recommend the well to the full board with condition that the combination of Ethos wells (7) not exceed the maximum take, which according to our records was a little over 3 million a day in 2018. Motion by Ms. Gautreaux and second by Mr. Shaheen to approve the new well permit for Ethos and send to the full Board for approval. Roll call: Mr. Brown – Yes, Mr. Seagraves – Yes, Ms. Gautreaux – Yes, Mr. Means – Yes, Mr. Shaheen – Yes, Ms. Field – Yes. Roll call unanimous.

B. New well permit – BRWC Istrouma (**action required**)

Mr. Seagraves explained that the resubmission of Istrouma and Hurricane Creek were described to us as capacity increase, but not additional volume take. He said Dennis McGehee described a few instances where this new well might be used as a backup. Dr. Tsai had 24 hours to work on four scenarios with 0.5 million gallons per day pumping rate and he presented the impacts. Dennis McGehee stated BRWW manages water demand and said many of their wells are over 46 years old. Mr. Seagraves recommended that Dr. Tsai use the shutdown volumes on the new well proposed and see that result. Mr. Means suggested the Committee develop some sort of standards; more science based. Chairman Seagraves agreed and said we need something to manage the conditions in the aquifer. He said we need more data and recommended Dr. Tsai bring additional information to the next meeting. Mr. Means suggested we get some sort of mechanism to see if they are staying in line with the parameters that the users state it will be. Mr. Shaheen asked if he could clarify the Chairman’s recommendation and look at a combination of flows from the well.

C. New well permit – BRWC Hurricane Creek (**action required**)

Ms. Gautreaux asked if the Committee should do the same for the Hurricane Creek permit. Chairman Seagraves said yes. He said Dr. Tsai didn’t have enough time to run the models, therefore, these permits would be reviewed at the next Technical Committee meeting and no action was taken.

**X. Chairman’s Report**

Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman  
Nothing to report.

**XI. Commissioner Agenda Items**

Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman  
No Commissioner agenda items.

**XII. Old Business**

Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman  
No old business.

**XIII. New Business**

Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman  
No new business.

**XIV. Commissioner Comments**

Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman  
Mr. Shaheen had a question for Doug Melancon with Exxon – he asked if Exxon was replacing their well. Mr. Melancon said yes, it was a replacement well. Mr. Shaheen asked if the old well was being abandoned. Mr. Melancon replied that the well will be plugged. Ms. McNamara clarified DNR’s requirement for a replacement, as soon as it’s drilled, the clock will start.

**XV. Announcements**

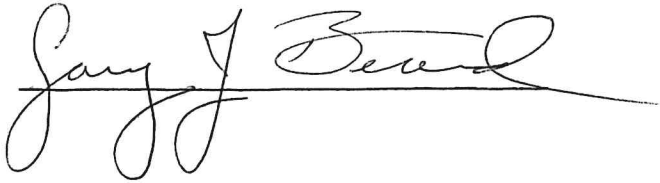
Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman  
There were no announcements.

**XVI. Public Comment**

Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman  
There was no public comment.

**XVII. Adjournment – (action required)**

Tom Seagraves – CAGCC Technical Committee Chairman  
Motion by Mr. Means and second by Ms. Gautreaux to adjourn. No objections. Meeting adjourned.



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