

**Ash Creek Water Control District  
Board of Directors  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, May 4, 2023  
7:00 A.M.**

**MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of minutes: April 6, 2023 – Regular Meeting
4. Audience Comments
5. Director Comments
6. Reports
  - A. Finance: Monthly Report
  - B. Phone
  - C. Nutria: Monthly Report
  - D. Engineer's Report
  - E. Subcommittee Report(s):
    - a. Outreach
7. Unfinished Business
  - A. Legislative Advocacy
8. New Business
9. Miscellaneous Business/Information Items
  - A. Correspondence
  - B. Task Log
10. Adjourn

**Notice of Regular Meeting**

The Board of Directors of Ash Creek Water Control District will hold a Regular Meeting at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023. The meeting will be conducted via video conference. To provide comments in advance or to get videoconference attendance information, email the District Secretary at [DistSec@ashcreekwcd.com](mailto:DistSec@ashcreekwcd.com), no later than 5:00 pm, May 3, 2023.

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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 6, 2023**

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 a.m. by Chair Dan Farnworth.

**2. Roll Call:** Dan Farnworth, Madeline Fisher, Andrea Melendy, Donna Schuyler, Ed Matteo, Mancil Russell. **Others Present:** Anne Scheck, Kristen Larson (phone), Jennifer Ward, Todd Whitaker

**3. Approval of the Minutes:** **Madeline** noted several minor errors in the minutes. **Ed** moved to accept the minutes as corrected. **Donna** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Director Comments:** **Madeline** reported the March precipitation was 4.33 inches, as compared to Last year's March rainfall was 5.44 inches. She has seen the first bat of the season. She has purchased a copy of the Central High School Book, **Where the Fish Live and Breathe**. She is impressed that the students are concerned about the trash in the Creek and supports our efforts to get more students involved with the **Grant Program** as well as the Garbage Bins. **Mancil** and **Ed** have seen many deer. **Dan** mentioned an OSHA report regarding workplace incidents. He will check with Karin about a potential requirement to our Board concerning the keeping of a log of injuries.

**5. Audience Comments:** **Jennifer Ward** explained that the Jacob's Study regarding the Ash Creek Mill Site area met yesterday, and explained the ideas on the Mill Site project. The Ash Creek tributary East of Mack Metals had been historically diverted. There is the potential to create a Storm basin in that area. The next meeting of this Study Group will be May 31 to present a final project. The meeting will be held at Dallas City Hall at 9:30. **Madeline** asked what costs were associated with the study. **Jennifer** responded with \$200,000.

**Todd** said that he has been in contact with this group and will follow-up with Jacob Engineering. He recommends that the Board wait until the final study before we make any decisions regarding our role. He suggests implementing the Godsey Road project and the Holman tributary improvement. **Donna** commented that since ACWCD had not been involved with the Study earlier, any partnering with Dallas could take place at a later stage of the project. **Madeline** indicated that she will try to get to the meeting if her farm chores are completed. **Todd** will also try to attend the meeting on May 31.

**Kristen** mentioned that the Bird Walk planning is progressing nicely and participants can gather, June 3, at Colonial Amistad for discussion and some food. Since parking is limited there, participants should plan to park at one of the schools and walk over. There will be two sessions: 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Sign up will be online with LWC or they could call LWC.

**6. Reports: Finance:** Andrea reported that the LGIP balance is \$409,621.43, and the PTB balance is \$5,249.72. There were five checks written: two checks to Ascension Accounting (March 6 and April 5), Ed Matteo reimbursement, Tom Wilson, reimbursement, and LWC for the Bird Walk.

**Phone:** **Mancil** has received one call in Spanish.

**Nutria:** Ed reported that 4 nutria were caught last month, one in Old Town, and three at the orchard south of town.

**Engineer: Todd** reported that the Dallas Hydraulic Study has had input from our records. He said that he had visited the planting site at Riverview Park to see how the plantings had taken to the area. The upper portion of the area seems to have taken well, but erosion in the lower portion has removed some of the plantings. **Todd** contacted Silvi Pi about the drone flight. He encouraged them to get the flight completed before the trees leaf out. **Dan** asked about debris Clean up along the Creek. **Madeline** mentioned that she found a bicycle in the Creek by the Riddell Road bridge. **Todd** indicated that he has been in contact with the Jacob Site Study, and will follow up with Jacob Engineering for further information. He will then email all the Board members.

**Subcommittee Outreach Report:** The mailing has been sent. Tom emailed Dan regarding any responses. He received one from Tami Ross on Log Cabin St regarding Spraying blackberries and putting in a culvert. **Mancil** volunteered to make a visit, as he has done in the past, to speak with the individuals in order to decide if the Board can do something for them. **Donna** suggested that we start keeping a list of people who have made contact with us in some way. Maybe Tom could set that up.

**Andrea** suggested that Pat would be willing to go door to door to explain the flyer and personally ask for new Board members. **Dan** was unsure if we needed to do some preliminary things before we had a volunteer. He would ask Karin when she returns.

**7. Unfinished Business:** **Dan** reported that he had attended the Webinar last month regarding the new DEQ TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) revisions. The new revisions are to be put into place in order to encourage fish populations. The ACWCD must have a plan in place by 2026. It could involve Input and Output measuring, as well as a shading model, including trees, hillsides, etc. to block sunlight. **Dan** is not sure how we can fit into this required plan. **Todd** indicated that he isn't sure how much we will be responsible for. He believes that we already have incorporated many of the changes needed. The nutria trapping program, plantings, debris clearing. It may just be a matter of documenting. **Madeline** asked if retention basins could help with this, and **Todd** mentioned that they are only full in the winter. **Kristen** responded that partnering will make our money go farther.

**Dan** asked what ideas we had for the shrinking Board. **Mancil** voiced a question about what our Board will look like as we have several members leaving. There was much discussion following. There are options available to us. **Mancil** noted that Anne Scheck could write up an article for the paper, and **Anne** responded that she would work on one for next publication. **Todd** mentioned that he would check with Polk County Legal Services. He can check on how to file with the County Clerk. He said he will email all of us when he has finished researching. Please don't reply to all if you have any questions, only reply to **Todd**, otherwise it could be considered a public meeting.

**Mancil** motioned for an adjournment, and **Ed** Seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 8:25

ACWCD Board of Directors Tracking Log 2022 -23

Project	Assigned	Person Assigned	Status		Comments
			Pending	Completed	
Buy laptop	05/07/2020	Karin	x		Purchase laptop & Office 365
Website, records	11/04/2021	Karin/Tom/Andrea			Go to storage unit/Karin to put agenda packets & minutes on website
Take old laptop to Tom	11/04/2021	Karin			
Vegetation survey	12/2/2021	Board	x		Report reviewed 01-19-2023
Update Policy Manual	01/06/2022	Board			Ongoing
Outreach subcommittee	06/02/2022	committee	x		ONGOING
File Report in Lieu of Audit	9/1/2022	Karin		x	File no later than Sept 30th
Create Outreach Comm. Activity Log	9/1/2022	Tom	x		Ongoing
Associate Directors, add'l information	12/1/2022	Tom		x	Not applicable to our district
Legislative Advocacy	10/6/2022	Dan	x		Future meeting discussion
Correct RILOA	1/5/2023	Karin		x	Amended report filed with state; closed 01/20/2023
Approved minutes to Tom for website	1/5/2023	Karin	x		