

Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District

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Gary Westbrook, General Manager

June 16, 2009

Brazos G RWPG
Mr. Trey Buzbee
Brazos River Authority
P.O. Box 7555
Waco, TX 76714

Dear Mr. Buzbee,

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Please receive my packet to apply for the Water Districts position on the Brazos G RWPG. Included in my packet are the following items:

1. Completed application
2. Resume
3. Copy of the draft minutes of our most recent District Board of Directors meeting where my Board approved my application for this position. Please see item 11.
4. Letter of support from the Honorable Mike Sutherland, County Judge of Burleson County
5. Letter of support from the Honorable Frank Summers, County Judge of Milam County
6. Letter of support from Clearwater GCD, administrative agent for GMA 8
7. Letter of support from Lost Pines GCD
8. Letter of support from Brazos Valley GCD
9. Letter of support from the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Some of these items are delivered by me today, and some have already been sent to you under separate cover. Please let me know if there is anything further you would like to receive, or if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Gary Westbrook

General Manager

Post Oak Savannah GCD

BRAZOS G

WATER PLANNING GROUP

VOTING MEMBER APPLICATION

(Solicitation for Municipalities & Water Districts Interest Categories)

Announced April 17, 2009

Please print or type applicable information and return by 5:00 PM, Friday, June 19, 2009

to: Brazos G RWPG, Attn: Trey Buzbee, Brazos River Authority, P.O. Box 7555, Waco, Texas 76714-7555;
or via facsimile at (254) 761-3204; or via electronic email at info@brazosgwater.org.

For questions, call Trey Buzbee at (254) 761-3168.

Full Name:	W. G. (Gary) Westbrook, Jr.						
Home Address:	P.O. Box 127	City:	Milano	State:	TX	Zip:	76556
Telephone:	Home: 512-455-7917	Business:	512-455-9900	Cell:	979-571-5761		
E-mail Address:	posgcd@tconline.net			Fax:	512-455-9909		
Current Position/Title:	General Manager				# years employed:	6	
Company Name:	Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District						
Company Address:	P.O. Box 92						
City:	Milano	State:	TX	Zip:	76556		

Briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Brazos G RWPG:

To represent groundwater districts while working cooperatively with representatives of all water user groups within the Region G Planning Group to accomplish the goals of the Group.

Applicants may have qualifications that fit more than one Interest Category sought. Place an 'X' in the box(s) for each Interest Category that you want to be considered for:

If you marked both boxes, then place an 'X' in one of the boxes to the right of each Interest Category to state your preference.

	1. Municipalities	→	1st Choice:		2nd Choice:		No Preference
X	2. Water Districts	→	1st Choice:		2nd Choice:		No Preference

If applicable, describe your qualifications and/or skills that represent the 'Municipalities' Interest Category :

If applicable, describe your qualifications and/or skills that represent the 'Water Districts' Interest Category :

Leadership- past president of state organization; successfully grew organization to meet needs
 Management- 6 years POSGCD, central and hosting district in GMA 12
 Cooperative- successfully work closely with TWDB and legislative staff on groundwater rules and laws past 6 years, and other districts in 2 GMAs on DFC issues

If applicable, describe your qualifications and/or skills that might represent other Interest Categories for future voting member vacancies that are not being solicited for in this application.
(see last page of this application for a list of definitions for all twelve (12) voting member Interest Categories)

Agriculture Interests- graduated from Sam Houston St. Univ. with B.S. in Ag. Ed., owner of ranching operation currently for past 7 years, and operation and management of agriculture related businesses most of my life.

If you could achieve one goal during your term as a Brazos G RWPG member, what would it be?

To serve my fellow citizens by raising awareness for needs for conservation of all water resources of the state while successfully accomplishing the goals of the Brazos G RWPG.

List current and/or past positions held on other boards or committees (professional or otherwise)

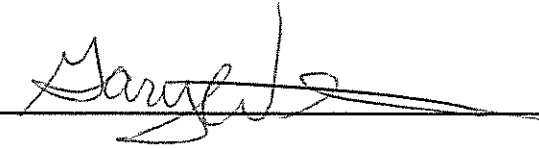
Past President of Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) for 1 term, 2005-2007
 TAGD Executive Committee, Central-Upper Carizzo area representative (2005-current)
 POSGCD representative to GMA 8 (2005-current)
 POSGCD alternate representative to GMA 12 (2005-current)
 Milano ISD School Board of Trustees through 2009 (13+ years) including office of Vice President
 Pastor of Bedias United Methodist Church (June 2004-current)
 Board Member- Milam Community Foundation (2007-current)

Checklist (✓) of Required Materials to be included in Applicant's Packet

- ✓ Application form
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Support Letters (maximum of 6 recommended)

The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) requests this information for the purpose of facilitating the review process of candidates to fill voting member vacancies within the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group. Applications will be reviewed by the Brazos G Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will make a recommendation to the Brazos G Group as to which applicant should be appointed to fill the vacancies.

By signing the application below, you are requesting to be nominated for a voting member position on the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group; and, understand the responsibilities associated with being a voting member, agree to abide by the Brazos G Bylaws, and have adequate time to serve if appointed.

Signature:  Date: 6-15-09

If not selected this time, keep me on the list for consideration for four (4) years. YES → NO →

Gary Westbrook

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(512) 455-7917

EDUCATION

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas
Bachelor of Science with certification to teach

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District

General Manager; June 2003-Current

Oversight and management of all aspects of the District including:

Full time employees- Administrative Assistant and Water Resource Management Specialist

Part time employees- interns training for full time positions in water resource management

Current Budget in excess of \$1.9 million

Development and implementation of District Rules and Groundwater Management Plan

Development and implementation of District Desired Future Conditions

Development and implementation of District Groundwater Conservation Grant Program

Development and implementation of District Well Plugging Program

Development and implementation of District Well Monitoring Network

Development and implementation of District Education Program

Prior to HB1763, which implemented the DFC process, our District developed an innovative approach to management of our groundwater resources in this District which is similar to the DFC process. The District adopted trigger levels for drawdown in each of the management zones of the District, allowing for maximum use of the groundwater resources of the District while still providing protection for property owners and existing users.

My duties require me to have a good understanding of the water budgets and modeling of groundwater, as well as the concerns of all stakeholders in our District and our GMAs.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

President, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) 2005-2007

(The Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts is a state wide organization established to provide groundwater conservation districts the opportunity to exchange ideas and develop or influence programs for the management, conservation, protection, and development of groundwater within Texas. TAGD is active as a source of information and education to the GCDs of Texas, as well as the State and Federal Legislatures in matters concerning groundwater management.

82 of the 95 GCDs in Texas are members.)

Effectively led the Alliance in restructuring its membership to include associate members and its administration to employ an Executive Director and Administrative Assistant to enable to continue to grow and accomplish its goals into the future.

Work closely with TAGD Legislative Committee, Texas Water Development Board staff, and legislative staff during session and interim on policy, rules, and laws affecting groundwater, including testimony at hearings.

TAGD Executive Committee Central-Upper Carrizo Representative 2005-Current
Representing 11 Districts on this committee.

Post Oak Savannah GCD Representative to Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8) – participating in the State’s water planning process. GMA 8 encompasses 10 GCDs, including 45 counties, extending from northern Milam County to the Red River, and including the Dallas, Fort Worth, and Waco areas, and including the central and upper areas of the Trinity aquifer.

Post Oak Savannah GCD Alternate Representative to Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12) – participating in the State’s water planning process. GMA12 encompasses 5 GCDs, including 12 counties, extending from Bastrop and Fayette Counties in the southwest to Freestone, Leon, and Madison Counties in the northeast, and including the central portion of the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer system in Texas. POSGCD is also leading the efforts to work cooperatively with the other GCDs in GMA 12 and the Texas Water Development Board to improve the Central Carrizo Groundwater Availability Model with respect to more accurate predictions of impacts and surface water- groundwater interactions.

GMA’s provide information to the Texas Water Development Board to use in determining water availability for use in the Regional Water Planning process in development of the State Water Plan.

Pastor, Bedias United Methodist Church, Bedias, TX June 2004 to current

Owner, Westbrook Angus Farms, Milano, TX, founded by myself and my father, the late W. G. Westbrook, Sr. in 1971

School Board of Trustees, Milano I.S.D., (13 + years of service most recently through 2009)

Vice-President, Milam County Community Foundation

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Milano Community Center
120 West Avenue J
Milano, Texas 76556
May 12, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.
MINUTES

Members Present

Entity

Carroll Glaser	POSGCD
Jim Hodson	POSGCD
Jay Tumlinson	POSGCD
Dwayne Jekel	POSGCD
Robert Ware	POSGCD
Lee Alford III	POSGCD
Andy Hovorak	POSGCD
Kerry Starnes	POSGCD
Jay Wilder	POSGCD
Gary Westbrook	POSGCD
Elaine Gerren	POSGCD
Drew Gholson	POSGCD
Barney Knight	Knight & Partners

Board Members Absent

None

Nathan Ausley	POSGCD
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Others Present

Entity

Jackie Scott	BRA
Dwight Mahoney	BRA
Scott Carlson	Metropolitan Water
Curtis Chubb	Cameron Herald
Ross Cummings	Blue Water System L.P.
Ken Hall	Southwest Milam WSC
James Miller	City of Bastrop
Erin Zoch	Aqua WSC
Bill Graham	Landowner
Bob Barrie	BVWA

BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order

Board Vice-President, Dwayne Jekel called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Minutes of April 14, 2009 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Director Jim Hodson to approval the minutes of the April 14, 2009 Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Director Jay Wilder. The motion carried unanimously

4. Request from Grant Recipients for amendments to scope of work and pledged participation contained in their 2009 Groundwater Conservation Grant applications, awards, and contracts with the District

- a. **Lyons WSC** - Reduced Scope of Work by % equal to grant amount only
- b. **Clay WSC** - Reduced Scope of Work by % equal to grant amount only
- c. **Cooks Point WSC** - Reduced Scope of Work by % equal to grant amount only
- d. **City of Rockdale** – Reduced Scope of Work by \$ 20,000.00 and applicant portion from \$ 31,915.39 to \$ 16,887
- e. **Marlow WSC** – Reduced Scope of Work by 1/2
- f. **Gause WSC**– Reduced Scope of Work by 1/2
- g. **Minerva WSC**– Reduced Scope of Work by 1/2
- h. **Cade Lakes WSC**- Reduced Scope of Work by % equal to grant amount only
- i. **Deanville WSC** – No Amendment at this time
- j. **City of Snook** – Reduced to just full amount requested in Project A of application.

All entities listed except for Deanville had requested to amend their scope of work in the application and the contract to be summarized as follows:

General Manager, Gary Westbrook addressed the Board and stated that a percentage of the Budgeted Grant amounts were given at this time. A motion was made by Director Jay Tumlinson to approve the requested amendments. The motion was 2nd by Director Jim Hodson. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Authorization to general manager to maintain TCDRS plan provisions

A motion was made by Director Jay Tumlinson to maintain the current TCDRS plan percentages. The motion was 2nd by Director Jim Hodson. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Enforcement actions and direction to the general manager regarding violations of the District Rules by James Eugene Luce for drilling water wells without a license and for drilling water wells for persons without appropriate Certificates To Proceed With Drilling for drilling water wells from the District, and failing to file well logs and completion forms with the District.

General Manager, Gary Westbrook gave a brief overview of the violation. The board discussed this item and instructed General Manager, Gary Westbrook to discuss penalties with Mr. Luce and to return to the Board at the next meeting with a settlement offer.

7. Request for waiver of spacing under District Rule 4.1.1 from Willie Newton

General Manager, Gary Westbrook gave a brief overview of the violation. The board discussed this item and instructed General Manager, Gary Westbrook to instruct Mr. Newton to get a letter of waiver from the neighboring landowner and to return to the Board at the next meeting with this request.

8. Convene into executive session pursuant to Sec. 551.071, Tex. Gov't. Code, and Rule 1.05, Tex. Rules of Professional Conduct, to consider District legal claims against Blue Water Systems, L.P. and potential litigation with Blue Water Systems, L.P.

Vice-President, Dwayne Jekel introduced item # 8 and the Board convened into executive session

at 5:45 p.m.

9. **Reconvene from executive session and take action, if any, as deemed appropriate in the discretion of the Board regarding legal claims, and potential litigation with Blue Water Systems, L.P.**

The Board reconvened from executive session at 6:23 and moved to item # 10.

10. **Consider compliance of Blue Water Systems, L.P. with the terms and requirements of Permit No. POS-D&O-0001 and POS-T-0001, set a hearing date and direct the General Manager to give all required notices and take other action necessary for a properly noticed hearing on such date on the issue of considering cancellation of Permit No. POS-D&O-0001 and POS-T-0001.**

A motion was made by Director Jim Hodson to direct the General Manager to give all required notices and take other action necessary for a properly noticed hearing on July 12, 2009 on the issue of considering cancellation of Permit No. POS-D&O/A&M-0001 and POS-T-0001A. The motion was 2nd by Director Lee Alford. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group Groundwater District Voting Member Vacancy**

A motion was made by Director Jay Tumlinson for General Manager, Gary Westbrook to apply for the Region G Voting Member Vacancy. The motion was 2nd by Director Robert Ware. The motion carried unanimously.

12. **Received report from District Manager Report on recent District activities and take appropriate actions.**

- A. **Permit applications filed with the District and possible Hearing Dates for those applications**

No permits were filed that required hearings.

- B. **Emergency Permits Granted, well recordings, & new well applications and completions**

District GM Gary Westbrook reported no emergency permits issued, 5 wells recorded, 7 new applications for exempt wells, and 2 exempt wells completed.

- C. **Recent and future District presentations and activities**

1. **Legislation filed during current session of State Legislature**

General Manager, Gary Westbrook gave an overview of the situation on some of the legislation that had been filed during the current session of the State Legislature.

2. **Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts meeting in Austin April 28-29, 2009**

General Manager, Gary Westbrook stated that he had attended the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts meeting in Austin April 28-29, 2009 and gave an overview of the meeting.

3. **Texas Water Conservation Association conference June 17-19, 2009**

General Manager, Gary Westbrook reported that he would attend the Texas Water Conservation Association conference June 17-19, 2009 and he has asked to be a presenter at the conference.

4. **South Central Texas Water Conservation Conference October 3, 2009**

General Manager, Gary Westbrook has been asked along with the Burleson County Judge Sutherland to give presentations on the groundwater management and strategies at the October 3, 2009 meeting in Brenham.

5. GMA 12 Future Meeting

General Manager, Gary Westbrook stated that the next scheduled GMA 12 meeting will be June 24, 2009 at the Milano Civic Center at 10:00 a.m.

13. Bills received and current financial status.

A motion was made by Director Jim Hodson to approve payment of the bills as presented. The motion was 2nd by Director Kerry Starnes. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings.

Vice-President Dwayne Jekel announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be June 9, 2009, at the District's offices at 5:30 p.m.

15. Adjourn Board Meeting

Vice-President Dwayne Jekel adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON MAY 12, 2008 WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON JUNE 9, 2009.

Nathan Ausley, President

Attest:

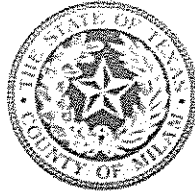
Kerry Starnes, Secretary/Treasurer

Date _____

A meeting recording of this meeting is available on CD.

Milam County Judge

Frank Summers
102 South Fannin Ave.
Cameron, Texas 76520



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June 15, 2009

Brazos G RWPG
Attn: Trey Buzbee,
Brazos River Authority,
P.O. Box 7555,
Waco, Texas 76714-7555


To Whom it May Concern;

This letter is being sent in support of Gary Westbrook being selected as a voting member the Brazos G RWPG in the Water District Interest category. Gary currently serves as the manager for the Post Oak Savannah Ground Water Conservation District.

Gary has served as manager of the district since its creation. He has done an excellent job in his position. I feel his experience, and knowledge of water and water issues in Central Texas provides him with the expertise to make a valuable addition to the board.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Frank Summers
Milam County Judge

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Mike Sutherland
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Attn: Trey Buzbcc, Brazos River Authority,
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Dear Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group:

I am writing this letter to support Gary Westbrook's application for nomination to the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group. I have known Gary for over six years and I feel he would be a great resource to add to the group for many reasons. He has a vast knowledge of groundwater which he has accumulated in six years as General Manager of the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District (POSGCD). During those six years he has dealt with considering the demands not only of the landowners and producers of groundwater in this District, but also the needs of our neighbors within the Central Carrizo Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12). Gary very well understands the delicate balance of groundwater budgets, flows, and availabilities as our district is at the very center of GMA 12 and all of its concerned parties.

Under his management, the District has developed management strategies that are innovative, while also being appropriate and effective. Prior to the current GMA and DFC process becoming law, POSGCD had pioneered and adopted a very similar approach by dividing the District into management zones and adopting trigger levels for drawdowns in each of those zones. This approach allows for maximum production of groundwater for much needed uses, while also providing protection for existing users and landowners in the District and GMA 12.

Under Gary's management, POSGCD is also leading an effort to work cooperatively with the other districts in GMA 12 and the Texas Water Development Board to improve the Central Carrizo Groundwater Availability Model so that the predictive results of modeling in this most important area of the state might be improved as soon as possible. Included in this effort will be improvements to the GAM in areas of groundwater-surface water interactions.

Further, Gary was elected to serve as President of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) in 2005 for two years. During this term, he was very successful in leading this organization and continues to serve on the organization's Executive Committee. While in office, and since, he has worked closely with staff at the Texas Water Development Board and legislators in areas of groundwater policy and law.

Gary is a very positive person who is effective in leading others through cooperative efforts and has served the citizens of Burlson County and this District well. Therefore, I whole heartedly recommend Gary Westbrook to serve on the Brazos G.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Sutherland", is written over a horizontal line.

Mike Sutherland
Burlson County Judge

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Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Frank Summers
Milam County Judge



Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District

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www.clearwaterdistrict.org

Horace Grace, President

Wallace Biskup

Leland Gersbach

Judy Parker

John Mayer

May 26, 2009

Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Region G)
Brazos River Authority
4600 Cobbs Drive
Waco, TX 76710

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Gary Westbrook

Dear Region G Members:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support regarding Gary Westbrook's application for nomination to the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group as a voting member.

Gary has accumulated a vast amount of water knowledge which he gained by serving as a Committee Member of Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8), General Manager of the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District, and as President of Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD).

I have known Gary for over five years and have found him to be a person who pursues a cooperative rather than adversarial relationship when working in a group. This trait is very effective and leads to continuing cooperation between all parties. He is a thorough planner who waits for all available facts are in before making a decision or recommendation.

As an ordained minister, Gary would make a fine addition to the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group. I am happy to give him my whole-hearted endorsement.

Sincerely,

Horace Grace
Clearwater Board President
GMA8 Administrator

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

www.texasgroundwater.org

Janet Adams, President
Jim Conkwright, Vice President

Kirk Holland, Secretary
Kathy Jones, Treasurer

Lloyd Behm, Parliamentarian

June 6, 2009

Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Region G)
Brazos River Authority
4600 Cobbs Drive
Waco TX 76710

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Appointment of Gary Westbrook

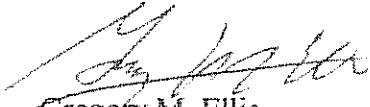
Dear Region G Members:

I am writing to express my support for appointing Gary Westbrook, General Manager of the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District, to the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group as a voting member.

Mr. Westbrook is very well versed in water planning both through his employment and his participation in the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD). He served as President of TAGD from 2006-2007. His duties as President meant that he had to guide the organization through internal decisions such as budgets, fees, bylaw changes and strategic planning. His experience will make him an asset to the regional planning process as a member of the Region G RWPG.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Gregory M. Ellis

Executive Director