

PREFACE: *The Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission does not have a legislatively enacted revenue stream, but rather relies on the voluntary contributions of interested parties; therefore, it has no personnel resources with which to comply with the mandates of Act 425. This May 2018 Compliance Report was compiled and drafted by volunteer Commissioners and thus may have data omissions or not be as comprehensive as Act 425 requires.*

May 2018 Act 425 Compliance Report
From the
SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION

Decades-long declining Sparta Aquifer water levels led the Louisiana Legislature, in 1999, to establish the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission. The Commission's mission statement states: ***The guiding purpose and primary objective of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission is to conserve, protect, restore, and maintain the Sparta Formation Aquifer as a continuing source of high quality, potable water for current and future consumers by promoting conservation measures and the development of alternate sources of fresh water, pursuant to the authority and responsibility granted by the State of Louisiana.***

The Commission has one part-time paid associate. Although we have revised her duties and now she is the executive director, her contract with the Sparta Commission is paid with funds contributed by supporters for preservation of the Sparta. 2017 was the seventh consecutive year in which the Groundwater Commission has obtained funding for WaterFest Conservation Awareness Programs. These WaterFests are the prime focus toward accomplishing our mission of promoting conservation measures

It is the goal of the Commission to teach water conservation to each fifth grader within the Commission's service area. For a school district to participate in such an activity, a significant commitment on the part of the school is required. The school district allows the children to be dismissed from a regular day of class and assumes the responsibility of transporting the children to and from a location suitable for staging such an event.

A. Members of the Sparta Groundwater Commission are as follows:

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| Tammy Singleton (Bienville) | Dwayne R. Woodard (Claiborne) |
| W. Lynn Treadway (Jackson) | Lindsey Vincent (Lincoln) |
| Hon. Samuel Little (Morehouse) | Jack Clampit (Ouachita) |
| Jerry Taylor (Union) | Nick Cox (Webster) |
| Mike Carpenter (Winn) | TBA (Rotating (Caldwell)) |
| TBA (Arcadia) | TBA (Homer) |
| Devin Flowers (Jonesboro) | Rick Buckner (Minden) |
| Zack Spivey (Ruston) | Terry Emory (W. Monroe) |
| Ann Marie Anderson (Agriculture) | Charles Hughes (Wood Products) |
| Jackie Perritt (Other Industries) | |

Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Richland and Sabine Parishes have a commissioner serving a one year term on a rotating basis. This position has been filled

infrequently because of delays in nominating and appointing a commissioner for the rotating seats.

- B. The Commission did meet twice during the reporting period as required by law. The executive committee met once. The minutes of these meetings are included in appendix 1.
- C. During the six month period July 2017 through December 2017 the Sparta Groundwater Commission applied for and received a U.S. Forestry Service Grant to the Sparta Foundation to assist in funding the WaterFest program.
- D. The Sparta Groundwater Commission has no funding to contract for saltwater intrusion into the aquifer. No such information is available for the six months period covered by this report. The Sparta Groundwater commission has no funding to contract for scientific investigations. No investigations have been funded or completed during the period covered by this report. Other agencies have ongoing projects to replace or supplement water withdrawn from the Sparta.
 - a. The Union Lincoln Initiative is a project funded by grants and Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Farmerville and Union Parish to establish a water treatment plant on Lake D'arbonne to supply water in Phase 1 to Union Parish and in Phase 2 to Lincoln Parish. The Union-Lincoln Initiative could supply around 6 million gallons per day. The project is on hold awaiting a funding mechanism
 - b. A project in the Webster-Minden area is being considered. The project concept is to 1) clean and expand pits where sand has been excavate. The idea is to enhance Sparta recharge and to 2) build as series of lakes on Dorcheat to provide water supply for Bossier Parish and towns within Bossier Parish. No work has been done to date as the project is still in the conceptual stage.
 - c. The Ouachita Parish Sewer District has the capability to provide around 1.5 million gallons per day to be treated for use as industrial water. The Ouachita Parish Police Jury is seeking state funds for this project.
 - d. The City of Ruston discharges around 3 million gallons per day in treated effluent from the City's sewer treatment plan. The concept is to construct a pipeline to an industry and treat the water for industrial use. No funds have been expended. This project is still in the conceptual stage.
- E. The Sparta Groundwater Commission does not have the authority or resources to collect data on the volume of out of state sales by entities located within the State of Louisiana. The Sparta Aquifer is extensive. It underlies parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee. The Sparta is a major source of water for Eldorado and Union County, Arkansas
- F. As stated in the above **PREFACE**, the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission did not collect any data on the amount of water used for residential, commercial or industrial or agricultural purposes during the period January 2017 through June 2017 as required by Act 425. The Sparta Groundwater Commission has neither the staff nor financial assets required to collect this data. Some of the data required by this act is collected by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Conservation Commission under Order AGC-1-05 dated August 15, 2005.

APPENDIX I



SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.

Bienville Parish Courthouse

100 Courthouse Dr.,

Arcadia, La

MINUTES/ MEETING NOTES

CALL TO ORDER: The July 12 meeting of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission was called to order by Mr. Zack Spivey at 2:00 PM at the Bienville Parish Courthouse in Arcadia, LA, in Bienville Parish. 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** was given by Mr. Lynn Treadway. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Nick Cox.

Additions to the agenda: Treasurer Jack Clampit moved that Ouachita River Valley Association Membership be added to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Welcome and Comments: Mr. Spivey, welcomed special guests including legislative representatives, agency, and other elected officials.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jack Clampit gave the Treasurer's Report. It was moved and seconded that our Contracted Education Coordinator's, Lindsay Gouedy, compensation be deposited via direct deposit on a once monthly basis. After some discussion on the convenience of automatic direct deposit, and what day the transaction would occur, the motion passed unanimously. Motion was made and seconded that Sparta would renew it's membership in the Ouachita River Valley Association for an annual amount of \$200. Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Reports:

Sparta Foundation – Rick Buckner reported on the public presentation of the Sparta Recharge Enhance Project that was held Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Minden Community House. There was a presentation on the current condition of the aquifer along with a three-phase plan to relieve the problems. The main speaker for this meeting was Ben McGee (USGS) followed by additional information on the plan to improve the recharge. Mr. Buckner said a future meeting will be held for the purpose of addressing some misconceptions.

Louisiana Water Resources Commission – Lindsay Gouedy the main focus was HB 689.

Meeting with Capital Area Groundwater Commission – Zach Spivey reported on a meeting held on June 21, 2017 in Ruston between members of the Sparta Groundwater Commission, and Capital Area Groundwater Commission. The meeting was held to strengthen our relationships between the two commissions and to discuss and layout our common objectives and needs. Meeting guest and Louisiana Representatives Rob Shadoin and Gene Reynolds explained HB 689 and how it came to be passed through the legislation and signed by the Governor. They expressed their intentions to help Sparta Groundwater Commission with this and any future legislation. Sam Little encouraged the representatives to "Kill the Bill!" Jack Clampit explained our need for our commission to have more authority. Zach Spivey encouraged the commission to be thinking about the upcoming

officer nominations in October. Barry Huggins and Tony Duplechin from the Capital Ground Water Commission explained their objections with HB 689.

Conservation Educator's Report: Lindsay Gouedy, Conservation Educator, discussed the upcoming events that are on the calendar for 2017. Sparta WaterFest dates are being set and will include two new parishes, Jackson and Winn, fifth grades for 2017. The 7th annual Sparta Shoot Sporting Clay Competition for 2018 will be held on June 2, 2018. \$1250 was received from Jackson Parish.

Ouachita Parish Topics: Jack Clampit explained that 3 water systems in Ouachita Parish maybe moving back to using ground water instead of surface water. It is unclear which aquifer they will pull water from. The estimated water needed would be approximately 2 million gallons per day. Mr. Clampit also explained that Brain eating Amoeba came from surface water and enters in through the nasal passage.

General Business:

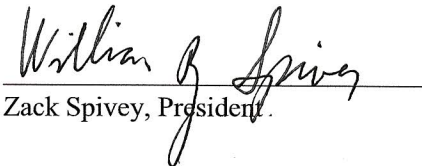
Commissioner Appointment letters - Zack Spivey, Rick Buckner, and Charles Hughes term will end in-2017. A replacement or a reappointment letter must be submitted to the Office of Boards and Commission and a copy to Lindsay Gouedy.

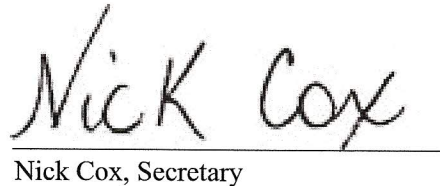
Sparta Recharge Enhancements - Rick Buckner reported on the public presentation of the Sparta Recharge Enhance Project that was held Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Minden Community House. He stated that public support for the project is increasing.

Motion: made that our next meeting would be moved to Thursday October 12, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Lincoln Parish Park L6 Pavilion to coincide with Spartafest. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting October 12, 2017 – Lincoln Parish, LA.

Meeting Adjourned just before 3:25 PM.


Zack Spivey, President


Nick Cox, Secretary

Note: Associated documents are filed and available upon request.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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| 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

SPARTA

Ground Water Commission

SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.

Lincoln Parish Park, L-6 Pavilion

211 Parish Park Rd.

Ruston, LA

MINUTES/ MEETING NOTES

CALL TO ORDER: The October 12 meeting of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission was called to order by Mr. Zack Spivey at 2:00 PM at the Lincoln Parish Park, L-6 Pavilion in Rustin, LA, in Lincoln Parish. 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** was given by Mr. Lynn Treadway. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mr. Zach Spivey

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Zach Spivey moved to add to the agenda a report from Courtney Hall & Joe Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

Welcome and Comments: The following Legislators, Other Elected Officials and Agency Officials: Rob Shadoin – Representative District 12, Richard Durrett, Ron Hudson, Joe Anderson, Nadel & Gussman, Courtney Hall- Lincoln Parish Police Jury, Sherrel Johnson - UCWCB, Naveen Adusumilli, Barry Huggins, Tony Duplichin, John Barr, Nancy Bergeron, Bill Branch, Stacia Davis

Public Comments: None

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the July 20, 2017 April 2017 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jack Clampit gave the Treasurer's Report. The expense report was handed out to the commission members. Mr. Clampit stated that the travel expenses had increased due to Education Coordinator, Lindsay Gouedy, having to travel to Baton Rouge several times on behalf on the S.G.W. Commission.

Commissioner Reports:

- **Sparta Foundation** – Rick Buckner reported that the Sparta Foundation had received the following funds: Money received from Sparta Shoot, Foster Farms, U.S. Forestry Service Grant, Westrock Mill. We had expenses from the Sparta Waterfest.
- Louisiana Water Resources Commission

Louisiana Water Resources Commission – Lindsay Gouedy reported on the September 22 meeting of the Louisiana Water Resources Commission in Baton Rouge. Gouedy explained that at the meeting, Ben McGee From the USGS gave an update on the Sparta's Water levels are. He declared that we have achieved sustainability. Also discussed at this meeting in great length was Act 425. The development of a work group to research surface water sales was introduced.

Report: Courtney Hall, Lincoln Parish Police Jury. Mr. Hall explained the 27 Arce lake is used to draw water out of for oil and gas industries' needs. The money it raises, directly benefits the Park and it saves the industry for tapping into the Sparta for their water needs. The director of the Lincoln Parish Park, James Ramsaur, Explained how great an asset the park is to the area citizens. Joe Anderson reported on how much water the Oil and Gas industry has been able to get from the Lincoln Parish Park Lake.

Conservation Educator's Report – Lindsay Gouedy, Education Coordinator, presented a report about the great weeks we have had with Waterfest. Participation from Westrock was especially noted and appreciated. Right at 2,000 students participated in Waterfest. Appreciation was given to Mr. Ron Hudson with the U.S. Forrest Service for his help getting us the grant. Mrs. Gouedy also highlighted all the people who contribute and support the Waterfest event.

USGS Update – Ben McGee explained his new added responsibilities and the cuts in their budget and how that would effect the Sparta Ground Water Commission.

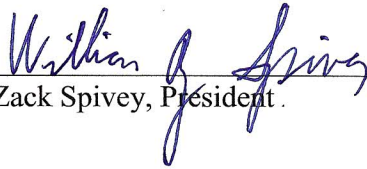
Act 425 and Other legislative discussions – Representative Rob Shadoin explained the details Act 425, how to handle the reporting requirements, and how to move forward. He also explained how the process evolved and his plans for assisting us in the future.

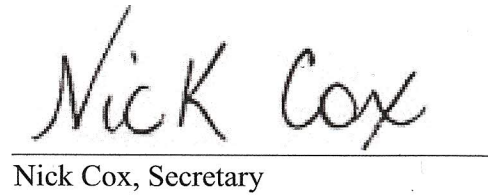
General Business:

- **Standing Committee's and Officer Appointments** Mr. Zach Spivey made standing committee appointments:
Nominating Committee: Charles Hughes (Chairman), Jackie Perritt and Ann Marie Anderson
Executive Committee: Zach Spivey (Chairman), Charles Hughes, Nick Cox, Jack Clampit, Rick Buckner
Technical Committee: Rick Buckner, Terry Emory, Susan Robbins, and Gary Hanson
Administration Committee: Jackie Perritt (Chairman), Jerry Taylor, Sam Little, Lynn Treadway
Financial Committee: Jack Clampit (Chairman), Dewayne Woodard, Lindsey Vincent
- **Nomination's for Officers 2018** the following Committee members were nominated:
Secretary – Nick Cox, Treasurer – Jack Clampit, Vice Chairman – Charles Hughes, Chairman – Zach Spivey
- **Election of Officers 2018** – The following Committee members we elected by acclamation:
Secretary – Nick Cox, Treasurer – Jack Clampit, Vice Chairman – Charles Hughes, Chairman – Zach Spivey
- **Review and Amend 2017 budget** Treasurer Jack Clampit handed out and explained the amended 2017 budget. Motion made we and passed unanimously
- **Review of Proposed 2018 budget** Treasurer Jack Clampit handed out and explained the amended 2017 budget.
- **Approval of 2018 budget** Motion made that we accept the 2018 budget. Motion passed unanimously
- **Review and approve Act 425 Semi-Annual Report due November 1** A draft of the Report was provided to the commission members with an explanation from Mr. Zach Spivey. Motion was made and passed unanimously that we approved the Semi-Annual Report
- **Consideration of Contract renewal** motions were made to enter executive session and then motion was made to exit executive session
- **Motion** was made to change Lindsay Gouedy's job title to Executive Director and to revise her contract to reflect an increase in her monthly salary by \$250 a month, and to retain the bonus clause from last year. Motion passed unanimously

Next meeting: January 10, 2017 at 2 p.m., Winnfield, LA

Meeting Adjourned at 3:31 PM.


Zack Spivey, President


Nick Cox, Secretary

Note: Associated documents are filed and available upon request.

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Jim York (LDNR)

SPARTA

Ground Water Commission

SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, December 18, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.
Reese Hall Conference Room
Louisiana Tech University

MINUTES/ MEETING NOTES

CALL TO ORDER: The December 18 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission was called to order by Mr. Zack Spivey at 10:00 A.M. at the Louisiana Tech University in Rustin, LA, in Lincoln Parish. All Executive Members were present

The **Invocation** was given by Mr. Nick Cox. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Lincoln Parish Police Juror, Skip Russell.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved unanimously.

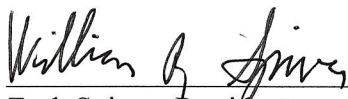
Welcome and Comments: The following guest were in attendance: Mr. Courtney Hall- Lincoln Parish Police Jury, Mr. Tony Duplichin- Capital Area Groundwater C.C., Ms. Stacia Davis- LSU Ag Center, Ms. Nancy Bergeron- Ruston Daily Leader, Mr. Jim York- DNR, Mr. Charles Sawyer- Union Parish Police Jury President, and Mr. Skip Russell- Lincoln Parish Police Jury.

Public Comments: None

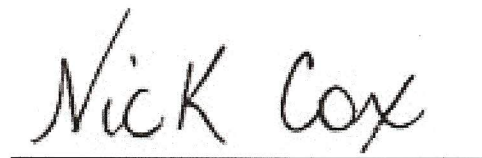
Act 425: Mr. Zack Spivey explained the History of Act 425 and how the reporting is now prepared. Mr. Tony Duplichin explained how Act 425 effected the Capital Ground Water's reporting process. He said the reporting process is now very long, approximately 220 pages of reports. A lot of technical information is now being require such as half a year's pumping records, and water sells out of their district. Mr. Zack Spivey stated that Sparta Groundwater Commission is pro-business, and that we pull out approximately 57 million gallons a day, at a recharge rate of approximately 54 million gallons. Mr. Jack Clampit along with comments from Mr. Skip Russell discussed the Union Lincoln Initiative as a groundwater conservation effort, and also discussed a collaboration of Police Jurors across Sparta's 16 parishes.

Sparta Commission's Establishing Legislation: Mr. Zack Spivey discussed changes to our current Legislation. 1st He recommended that we make the 6 rotating commission seats permanent for 3 years. 2nd that our commissioners can stay on the commission until they are either reappointed or replaced. Mr. Jack Clampit stated he felt we need the ability to regulate who pulls out of the Sparta and we need the ability to generate revenue. All committee members were given a copy of our commission's original legislation, Act. No 1228, to review. A Motion was made that a set of recommendations for future legislative consideration be prepared by Ms. Lindsay Gouedy and Mr. Zack Spivey. The motion was made by Mr. Jack Clampit and seconded by Mr. Charles Hughes.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:23 AM



Zack Spivey, President.



Nick Cox, Secretary

Committee Members: Zack Spivey(Ruston) Jack Clampit (Ouachita) Rick Buckner (Minden)
Nick Cox (Webster) Charles Hughes (Wood Products)