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Randal O'Brien
Superintendent
Goose Creek Independent School District
PO Box 30
Baytown, Texas 77522

Re: Certificate for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations taxes by and between Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District and Covestro, LLC, Application 1232

Dear Superintendent O'Brien:

On April 18, 2018 the Comptroller issued written notice that Covestro, LLC (applicant) submitted a completed application (Application 1232) for a limitation on appraised value under the provisions of Tax Code Chapter 313.¹ This application was originally submitted on February 13, 2018 to the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (school district) by the applicant.

This presents the results of the Comptroller's review of the application and determinations required:

- 1) under Section 313.025(h) to determine if the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter B; and
- 2) under Section 313.025(d), to issue a certificate for a limitation on appraised value of the property and provide the certificate to the governing body of the school district or provide the governing body a written explanation of the Comptroller's decision not to issue a certificate, using the criteria set out in Section 313.026.

Determination required by 313.025(h)

Sec. 313.024(a) Applicant is subject to tax imposed by Chapter 171.
Sec. 313.024(b) Applicant is proposing to use the property for an eligible project.

¹ All Statutory references are to the Texas Tax Code, unless otherwise noted.

Sec. 313.024(d) Applicant has committed to create the required number of new qualifying jobs and pay all jobs created that are not qualifying jobs a wage that exceeds the county average weekly wage for all jobs in the county where the jobs are located.

Sec. 313.024(d-2) Not applicable to Application 1232.

Based on the information provided by the applicant, the Comptroller has determined that the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter B.

Certificate decision required by 313.025(d)

Determination required by 313.026(c)(1)

The Comptroller has determined that the project proposed by the applicant is reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the school district's maintenance and operations *ad valorem tax* revenue lost as a result of the agreement before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period, see Attachment B.

Determination required by 313.026(c)(2)

The Comptroller has determined that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state, see Attachment C.

Based on these determinations, the Comptroller issues a certificate for a limitation on appraised value. This certificate is contingent on the school district's receipt and acceptance of the Texas Education Agency's determination per 313.025(b-1).

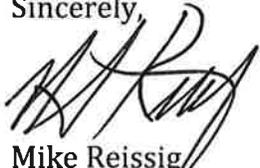
The Comptroller's review of the application assumes the accuracy and completeness of the statements in the application. If the application is approved by the school district, the applicant shall perform according to the provisions of the Texas Economic Development Act Agreement (Form 50-826) executed with the school district. The school district shall comply with and enforce the stipulations, provisions, terms, and conditions of the agreement, applicable Texas Administrative Code and Chapter 313, per TAC 9.1054(i)(3).

This certificate is no longer valid if the application is modified, the information presented in the application changes, or the limitation agreement does not conform to the application. Additionally, this certificate is contingent on the school district approving and executing the agreement within a year from the date of this letter.

Note that any building or improvement existing as of the application review start date of April 18, 2018 or any tangible personal property placed in service prior to that date may not become "Qualified Property" as defined by 313.021(2) and the Texas Administrative Code.

Should you have any questions, please contact Will Counihan, Director, Data Analysis & Transparency, by email at will.counihan@cpa.texas.gov or by phone toll-free at 1-800-531-5441, ext. 6-0758, or at 512-936-0758.

Sincerely,



Mike Reissig
Deputy Comptroller

Enclosure

cc: Will Counihan

Amended Attachment A – Economic Impact Analysis

The following tables summarize the Comptroller’s economic impact analysis of Covestro, LLC (project) applying to Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (district), as required by Tax Code, 313.026 and Texas Administrative Code 9.1055(d)(2).

Table 1 is a summary of investment, employment and tax impact of Covestro, LLC.

Applicant	Covestro, LLC
Tax Code, 313.024 Eligibility Category	Manufacturing
School District	Goose Creek CISD
2016-2017 Average Daily Attendance	22,014
County	Chambers
Proposed Total Investment in District	\$907,752,985
Proposed Qualified Investment	\$588,223,790
Limitation Amount	\$100,000,000
Qualifying Time Period (Full Years)	2023-2024
Number of new qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	25
Number of new non-qualifying jobs estimated by applicant	0
Average weekly wage of qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	\$1,211
Minimum weekly wage required for each qualifying job by Tax Code, 313.021(5)(B)	\$1,211
Minimum annual wage committed to by applicant for qualified jobs	\$62,387
Minimum weekly wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$1,181
Minimum annual wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$61,387
Investment per Qualifying Job	\$36,310,118
Estimated M&O levy without any limit (15 years)	\$104,280,731
Estimated M&O levy with Limitation (15 years)	\$45,500,210
Estimated gross M&O tax benefit (15 years)	\$58,780,521

Table 2 is the estimated statewide economic impact of Covestro, LLC (modeled).

Year	Employment			Personal Income		
	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total
2021	470	570	1,040	\$23,500,000	\$54,029,000	\$77,529,000
2022	2000	2,389	4388.53	\$100,000,000	\$242,536,000	\$342,536,000
2023	2025	2,566	4591	\$101,574,275	\$288,976,725	\$390,551,000
2024	350	688	1038	\$17,824,275	\$112,385,725	\$130,210,000
2025	25	166	191	\$1,574,275	\$53,201,725	\$54,776,000
2026	25	(11)	14	\$1,574,275	\$29,708,725	\$31,283,000
2027	25	(93)	-68	\$1,574,275	\$15,566,725	\$17,141,000
2028	25	(104)	-79	\$1,574,275	\$9,184,725	\$10,759,000
2029	25	(74)	-49	\$1,574,275	\$8,023,725	\$9,598,000
2030	25	(27)	-2	\$1,574,275	\$10,121,725	\$11,696,000
2031	25	24	49	\$1,574,275	\$13,958,725	\$15,533,000
2032	25	71	96	\$1,574,275	\$18,416,725	\$19,991,000
2033	25	109	134	\$1,574,275	\$22,953,725	\$24,528,000
2034	25	139	164	\$1,574,275	\$27,177,725	\$28,752,000
2035	25	149	174	\$1,574,275	\$29,558,725	\$31,133,000
2036	25	158	183	\$1,574,275	\$31,762,725	\$33,337,000
2037	25	161	186	\$1,574,275	\$33,331,725	\$34,906,000
2038	25	160	185	\$1,574,275	\$34,348,725	\$35,923,000
2039	25	156	181	\$1,574,275	\$34,982,725	\$36,557,000

Source: CPA REMI, Covestro, LLC

Table 3 examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the region if all taxes are assessed.

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O	Tax Rate*	Goose Creek CISD I&S Tax Levy	Goose Creek CISD M&O Tax Levy	Goose Creek CISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Chambers County Tax Levy	Lee Junior College District Tax Levy	Cedar Bayou Navigation District Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
2022	\$26,017,173	\$26,017,173	0.2619	\$68,136	\$304,401	\$372,537	\$131,921	\$63,820	\$7,805	\$568,279
2023	\$123,281,428	\$123,281,428		\$322,862	\$1,442,393	\$1,765,254	\$625,105	\$302,409	\$36,984	\$2,692,768
2024	\$252,966,916	\$252,966,916		\$662,495	\$2,959,713	\$3,622,208	\$1,282,681	\$620,528	\$75,890	\$5,525,417
2025	\$665,439,226	\$665,439,226		\$1,742,719	\$7,785,639	\$9,528,358	\$3,374,143	\$1,632,322	\$199,632	\$14,534,823
2026	\$651,429,979	\$651,429,979		\$1,706,030	\$7,621,731	\$9,327,761	\$3,303,108	\$1,597,958	\$195,429	\$14,228,827
2027	\$637,420,732	\$637,420,732		\$1,669,341	\$7,457,823	\$9,127,164	\$3,232,074	\$1,563,593	\$191,226	\$13,922,830
2028	\$623,411,486	\$623,411,486		\$1,632,652	\$7,293,914	\$8,926,567	\$3,161,039	\$1,529,228	\$187,023	\$13,616,834
2029	\$609,402,239	\$609,402,239		\$1,595,964	\$7,130,006	\$8,725,970	\$3,090,005	\$1,494,864	\$182,821	\$13,310,838
2030	\$595,392,992	\$595,392,992		\$1,559,275	\$6,966,098	\$8,525,373	\$3,018,970	\$1,460,499	\$178,618	\$13,004,842
2031	\$581,383,745	\$581,383,745		\$1,522,586	\$6,802,190	\$8,324,776	\$2,947,935	\$1,426,134	\$174,415	\$12,698,845
2032	\$567,374,498	\$567,374,498		\$1,485,897	\$6,638,282	\$8,124,179	\$2,876,901	\$1,391,770	\$170,212	\$12,392,849
2033	\$553,365,251	\$553,365,251		\$1,449,208	\$6,474,373	\$7,923,582	\$2,805,866	\$1,357,405	\$166,010	\$12,086,853
2034	\$539,356,004	\$539,356,004		\$1,412,519	\$6,310,465	\$7,722,985	\$2,734,832	\$1,323,040	\$161,807	\$11,780,857
2035	\$525,346,758	\$525,346,758		\$1,375,831	\$6,146,557	\$7,522,388	\$2,663,797	\$1,288,676	\$157,604	\$11,474,860
2036	\$511,337,511	\$511,337,511		\$1,339,142	\$5,982,649	\$7,321,791	\$2,592,762	\$1,254,311	\$153,401	\$11,168,864
2037	\$497,328,264	\$497,328,264		\$1,302,453	\$5,818,741	\$7,121,194	\$2,521,728	\$1,219,946	\$149,198	\$10,862,868
2038	\$483,319,017	\$483,319,017		\$1,265,764	\$5,654,832	\$6,920,597	\$2,450,693	\$1,185,582	\$144,996	\$10,556,871
2039	\$469,309,770	\$469,309,770		\$1,229,075	\$5,490,924	\$6,720,000	\$2,379,659	\$1,151,217	\$140,793	\$10,250,875
			Total	\$23,341,949	\$104,280,731	\$127,622,680	\$45,193,219	\$21,863,302	\$2,673,865	\$194,679,201

Source: CPA, Covestro, LLC

*Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

Table 4 examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the school district and Chambers County, with all property tax incentives sought being granted using estimated market value from the application. The project has applied for a value limitation under Chapter 313, Tax Code and tax abatement with the county.

The difference noted in the last line is the difference between the totals in Table 3 and Table 4.

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O	Tax Rate*	Goose Creek CISD I&S Tax Levy	Goose Creek CISD M&O Tax Levy	Goose Creek CISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Chambers County Tax Levy	Lee Junior College District Tax Levy	Cedar Bayou Navigation District Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
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2023	\$123,281,428	\$123,281,428		\$322,862	\$1,442,393	\$1,765,254	\$625,105	\$302,409	\$36,984	\$2,729,753
2024	\$252,966,916	\$252,966,916		\$662,495	\$2,959,713	\$3,622,208	\$1,282,681	\$620,528	\$75,890	\$5,601,307
2025	\$665,439,226	\$100,000,000		\$1,742,719	\$1,170,000	\$2,912,719	\$0	\$1,632,322	\$199,632	\$4,744,673
2026	\$651,429,979	\$100,000,000		\$1,706,030	\$1,170,000	\$2,876,030	\$0	\$1,597,958	\$195,429	\$4,669,417
2027	\$637,420,732	\$100,000,000		\$1,669,341	\$1,170,000	\$2,839,341	\$0	\$1,563,593	\$191,226	\$4,594,160
2028	\$623,411,486	\$100,000,000		\$1,632,652	\$1,170,000	\$2,802,652	\$0	\$1,529,228	\$187,023	\$4,518,904
2029	\$609,402,239	\$100,000,000		\$1,595,964	\$1,170,000	\$2,765,964	\$0	\$1,494,864	\$182,821	\$4,443,648
2030	\$595,392,992	\$100,000,000		\$1,559,275	\$1,170,000	\$2,729,275	\$0	\$1,460,499	\$178,618	\$4,368,392
2031	\$581,383,745	\$100,000,000		\$1,522,586	\$1,170,000	\$2,692,586	\$0	\$1,426,134	\$174,415	\$4,293,135
2032	\$567,374,498	\$100,000,000		\$1,485,897	\$1,170,000	\$2,655,897	\$0	\$1,391,770	\$170,212	\$4,217,879
2033	\$553,365,251	\$100,000,000		\$1,449,208	\$1,170,000	\$2,619,208	\$0	\$1,357,405	\$166,010	\$4,142,623
2034	\$539,356,004	\$100,000,000		\$1,412,519	\$1,170,000	\$2,582,519	\$0	\$1,323,040	\$161,807	\$4,067,367
2035	\$525,346,758	\$525,346,758		\$1,375,831	\$6,146,557	\$7,522,388	\$2,663,797	\$1,288,676	\$157,604	\$11,632,464
2036	\$511,337,511	\$511,337,511		\$1,339,142	\$5,982,649	\$7,321,791	\$2,592,762	\$1,254,311	\$153,401	\$11,322,265
2037	\$497,328,264	\$497,328,264		\$1,302,453	\$5,818,741	\$7,121,194	\$2,521,728	\$1,219,946	\$149,198	\$11,012,066
2038	\$483,319,017	\$483,319,017		\$1,265,764	\$5,654,832	\$6,920,597	\$2,450,693	\$1,185,582	\$144,996	\$10,701,867
2039	\$469,309,770	\$469,309,770		\$1,229,075	\$5,490,924	\$6,720,000	\$2,379,659	\$1,151,217	\$140,793	\$10,391,668
			Total	\$23,341,949	\$45,500,210	\$68,842,159	\$14,648,347	\$21,863,302	\$2,673,865	\$108,027,673
			Diff	\$0	\$58,780,521	\$58,780,521	\$30,544,872	\$0	\$0	\$86,651,528

Assumes School Value Limitation and Tax Abatements with the County.

Source: CPA, Covestro, LLC

*Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

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Attachment B – Tax Revenue before 25th Anniversary of Limitation Start

This represents the Comptroller’s determination that Covestro, LLC (project) is reasonably likely to generate, before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period, tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of the agreement. This evaluation is based on an analysis of the estimated M&O portion of the school district property tax levy directly related to this project, using estimated taxable values provided in the application.

	Tax Year	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Generated (Annual)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Generated (Cumulative)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Loss as Result of Agreement (Annual)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Loss as Result of Agreement (Cumulative)
Limitation Pre-Years	2022	\$304,401	\$304,401	\$0	\$0
	2023	\$1,442,393	\$1,746,794	\$0	\$0
	2024	\$2,959,713	\$4,706,507	\$0	\$0
Limitation Period (10 Years)	2025	\$1,170,000	\$5,876,507	\$6,615,639	\$6,615,639
	2026	\$1,170,000	\$7,046,507	\$6,451,731	\$13,067,370
	2027	\$1,170,000	\$8,216,507	\$6,287,823	\$19,355,192
	2028	\$1,170,000	\$9,386,507	\$6,123,914	\$25,479,107
	2029	\$1,170,000	\$10,556,507	\$5,960,006	\$31,439,113
	2030	\$1,170,000	\$11,726,507	\$5,796,098	\$37,235,211
	2031	\$1,170,000	\$12,896,507	\$5,632,190	\$42,867,401
	2032	\$1,170,000	\$14,066,507	\$5,468,282	\$48,335,682
	2033	\$1,170,000	\$15,236,507	\$5,304,373	\$53,640,056
	2034	\$1,170,000	\$16,406,507	\$5,140,465	\$58,780,521
Maintain Viable Presence (5 Years)	2035	\$6,146,557	\$22,553,064	\$0	\$58,780,521
	2036	\$5,982,649	\$28,535,712	\$0	\$58,780,521
	2037	\$5,818,741	\$34,354,453	\$0	\$58,780,521
	2038	\$5,654,832	\$40,009,286	\$0	\$58,780,521
	2039	\$5,490,924	\$45,500,210	\$0	\$58,780,521
Additional Years as Required by 313.026(c)(1) (10 Years)	2040	\$5,327,016	\$50,827,226	\$0	\$58,780,521
	2041	\$5,163,108	\$55,990,334	\$0	\$58,780,521
	2042	\$4,999,200	\$60,989,534	\$0	\$58,780,521
	2043	\$4,835,292	\$65,824,825	\$0	\$58,780,521
	2044	\$4,671,383	\$70,496,209	\$0	\$58,780,521
	2045	\$4,507,475	\$75,003,684	\$0	\$58,780,521
	2046	\$4,343,567	\$79,347,251	\$0	\$58,780,521
	2047	\$4,179,659	\$83,526,910	\$0	\$58,780,521
	2048	\$4,015,751	\$87,542,660	\$0	\$58,780,521
	2049	\$3,851,842	\$91,394,503	\$0	\$58,780,521

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Analysis Summary

Is the project reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the M&O levy loss as a result of the limitation agreement?

Yes

NOTE: The analysis above only takes into account this project's estimated impact on the M&O portion of the school district property tax levy directly related to this project.

Source: CPA, Covestro, LLC

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Attachment C – Limitation as a Determining Factor

Tax Code 313.026 states that the Comptroller may not issue a certificate for a limitation on appraised value under this chapter for property described in an application unless the comptroller determines that “the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state.” This represents the basis for the Comptroller's determination.

Methodology

Texas Administrative Code 9.1055(d) states the Comptroller shall review any information available to the Comptroller including:

- the application, including the responses to the questions in Section 8 (Limitation as a Determining Factor);
- public documents or statements by the applicant concerning business operations or site location issues or in which the applicant is a subject;
- statements by officials of the applicant, public documents or statements by governmental or industry officials concerning business operations or site location issues;
- existing investment and operations at or near the site or in the state that may impact the proposed project;
- announced real estate transactions, utility records, permit requests, industry publications or other sources that may provide information helpful in making the determination; and
- market information, raw materials or other production inputs, availability, existing facility locations, committed incentives, infrastructure issues, utility issues, location of buyers, nature of market, supply chains, other known sites under consideration.

Determination

The Comptroller has determined that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the Covestro LLC's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state. This is based on information available, including information provided by the applicant. Specifically, the comptroller notes the following:

- Per Covestro LLC in Tab 5 of their Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value:
 - A. “Covestro LLC (formerly Bayer Material Science) has a rich tradition of good corporate citizenship in the Baytown community aiming to spark curiosity, to envision what could be and to help create it. As an active member in the Baytown community, Covestro has made sustainable and lasting impacts with its projects. For example, Covestro donated 14 “smart” solar-powered trash and recycling bins which notify the city when they are full –reducing truck emissions while keeping the city parks clean. Covestro also established the i3 STEM Center at the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center bringing hands-on science education to nearly 1,700 Goose Creek Independent School District fifth graders annually through its Microscope Lab program. The company recently collaborated with the Wetlands Center donating funds to create a state-of-the-art traveling exhibit designed to educate the public about sustainable energy. Called “Cleaner energy – Brighter world,” the 48-foot-long trailer is outfitted with interactive displays that highlight the science behind diverse sources of renewable energy and will travel throughout the state. They also donated to help Goose Creek CISD build an industrial maintenance lab to help high school students gain hands-on experience and learning in craft and industrial fields.”
 - B. “While these examples illustrate just a portion of Covestro's financial contributions to a multitude of non-profits and educational outreach in the area, the largest impact is in its employee volunteerism by leveraging the skills of its workforce to strengthen the community. Covestro started the ‘Girls in STEM’ mentoring program for the district's three high schools after identifying that only 2 percent of the students were enrolled in the STEM program versus the state average of 19 percent. This program is a hands-on work session and one-on-one mentoring for young women to envision the possibilities that come from STEM education. Covestro also brought hundreds of middle school young women in a partnership with Greenlight for Girls and SpaceCenter Houston for an all-day interactive workshop to excite them about STEM fields. Volunteers take STEM students on a number of fields trips including to the Energy Museum, Art

Museum and TV studios for students to discover the many uses of a STEM education. It's not just workers from the Baytown facility that make the community a priority, so does the company's Chief Executive Officer Patrick Thomas who spoke to more than 800 students last year, talking about sustainability, STEM fields and fielding questions from the audience. In addition, the company re-imagined the way employees engage with non-profits by pairing them in non-profits for three months working on projects that utilize our workforce's specialized skills - giving the non-profits unique access to professional skills allowing for more effective outcomes not available simply through donations. Through innovative philanthropic strategies that combine both human and financial resources, Covestro continues to build stronger communities through our people and passion to make the world a brighter place."

- C. "Globally Covestro has manufacturing sites across Europe and in China. In North America, Covestro has manufacturing sites in West Virginia, Massachusetts, Ohio and Santa Clara, Mexico. The decision to invest in a particular country or state depends on the economics of the investment in the particular jurisdiction. For Baytown, the decision will be based on a number of commercial and financial considerations, including the ability to obtain relief regarding local property taxes, which is why we are pursuing the Chapter 313 value limitation."
- D. "Chapter 313 is a necessary part of the economic analysis for investment in Texas. Additionally, Covestro highly considers the availability of a qualified workforce and the ability to replenish via manufacturing type training programs in local schools and colleges."
- E. "No engineering, procurement or construction contracts have been negotiated or signed to support the project. No regulatory permit applications have been filed. No public announcements of a definitive intent to have been made."
- F. "Obtaining the Chapter 313 value limitation is a necessary part of the economic analysis for investment in Texas. Without the Chapter 313 value limitation, siting the project in Baytown, Texas will be cost prohibitive."
- According to the Regular Board Meeting of Goose Creek CSD dated December 11, 2017, "The Board accept the application from Covestro LLC for a Chapter 313 Appraised Value Limitation on qualified property to Goose Creek CISD and authorize the superintendent of schools to review the application for completeness and submit the application to the Comptroller for review; authorize the superintendent to approve an extension of time to review the application as may be required."
- According to the West Chambers County EDF news release dated December 15, 2017, "Goose Creek CISD has accepted a Chapter 313 application from Covestro for possible future expansion that could invest millions into the school district. Attorney Sara Leon said this was essentially an expansion of Covestro's existing plant. Leon added that it could result in \$650 million in new investments within Goose Creek CISD boundaries, with a projected total property value at the end of the construction phase of \$580 million."
- A March 7, 2018 *Press Release CSRwire.com* states that, "Covestro LLC Donate \$150,000 [to Goose Creek CSD] to Support STEM Education and Training in Baytown, Texas."
- According to the Regular Meeting of the Chambers County Commissioners Court dated April 24, 2018, "Public Hearing at 10am regarding the Covestro, LLC 2018 Reinvestment Zone. Discuss and consider Order designating the Covestro, LLC Reinvestment Zone."

Supporting Information

- a) Section 8 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value
- b) Attachments provided in Tab 5 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value
- c) Additional information provided by the Applicant or located by the Comptroller

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Supporting Information

Section 8 of the Application for
a Limitation on Appraised Value

SECTION 6: Eligibility Under Tax Code Chapter 313.024

1. Are you an entity subject to the tax under Tax Code, Chapter 171? Yes No
2. The property will be used for one of the following activities:
 - (1) manufacturing Yes No
 - (2) research and development Yes No
 - (3) a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001, Water Code Yes No
 - (4) an advanced clean energy project, as defined by Section 382.003, Health and Safety Code Yes No
 - (5) renewable energy electric generation Yes No
 - (6) electric power generation using integrated gasification combined cycle technology Yes No
 - (7) nuclear electric power generation Yes No
 - (8) a computer center that is used as an integral part or as a necessary auxiliary part for the activity conducted by applicant in one or more activities described by Subdivisions (1) through (7) Yes No
 - (9) a Texas Priority Project, as defined by 313.024(e)(7) and TAC 9.1051 Yes No
3. Are you requesting that any of the land be classified as qualified investment? Yes No
4. Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under a capitalized lease? Yes No
5. Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under an operating lease? Yes No
6. Are you including property that is owned by a person other than the applicant? Yes No
7. Will any property be pooled or proposed to be pooled with property owned by the applicant in determining the amount of your qualified investment? Yes No

SECTION 7: Project Description

1. In **Tab 4**, attach a detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a minimum, the type and planned use of real and tangible personal property, the nature of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other relevant information.
2. Check the project characteristics that apply to the proposed project:

<input type="checkbox"/> Land has no existing improvements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land has existing improvements <i>(complete Section 13)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of existing operation on the land <i>(complete Section 13)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Relocation within Texas

SECTION 8: Limitation as Determining Factor

1. Does the applicant currently own the land on which the proposed project will occur? Yes No
2. Has the applicant entered into any agreements, contracts or letters of intent related to the proposed project? Yes No
3. Does the applicant have current business activities at the location where the proposed project will occur? Yes No
4. Has the applicant made public statements in SEC filings or other documents regarding its intentions regarding the proposed project location? Yes No
5. Has the applicant received any local or state permits for activities on the proposed project site? Yes No
6. Has the applicant received commitments for state or local incentives for activities at the proposed project site? Yes No
7. Is the applicant evaluating other locations not in Texas for the proposed project? Yes No
8. Has the applicant provided capital investment or return on investment information for the proposed project in comparison with other alternative investment opportunities? Yes No
9. Has the applicant provided information related to the applicant's inputs, transportation and markets for the proposed project? Yes No
10. Are you submitting information to assist in the determination as to whether the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in Texas? Yes No

Chapter 313.026(e) states "the applicant may submit information to the Comptroller that would provide a basis for an affirmative determination under Subsection (c)(2)." If you answered "yes" to any of the questions in Section 8, attach supporting information in Tab 5.

Supporting Information

Attachments provided in Tab 5
of the Application for a
Limitation on Appraised Value

Tab 5

Documentation to assist in determining if limitation is a determining factor.

Covestro LLC (formerly Bayer Material Science) has a rich tradition of good corporate citizenship in the Baytown community aiming to spark curiosity, to envision what could be and to help create it. As an active member in the Baytown community, Covestro has made sustainable and lasting impacts with its projects. For example, Covestro donated 14 “smart” solar-powered trash and recycling bins which notify the city when they are full –reducing truck emissions while keeping the city parks clean. Covestro also established the i3 STEM Center at the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center bringing hands-on science education to nearly 1,700 Goose Creek Independent School District fifth graders annually through its Microscope Lab program. The company recently collaborated with the Wetlands Center donating funds to create a state-of-the-art traveling exhibit designed to educate the public about sustainable energy. Called “Cleaner energy – Brighter world,” the 48-foot-long trailer is outfitted with interactive displays that highlight the science behind diverse sources of renewable energy and will travel throughout the state. They also donated to help Goose Creek CISD build an industrial maintenance lab to help high school students gain hands-on experience and learning in craft and industrial fields.

While these examples illustrate just a portion of Covestro’s financial contributions to a multitude of non-profits and educational outreach in the area, the largest impact is in its employee volunteerism by leveraging the skills of its workforce to strengthen the community. Covestro started the ‘Girls in STEM’ mentoring program for the district’s three high schools after identifying that only 2 percent of the students were enrolled in the STEM program versus the state average of 19 percent. This program is a hands-on work session and one-on-one mentoring for young women to envision the possibilities that come from STEM education. Covestro also brought hundreds of middle school young women in a partnership with Greenlight for Girls and SpaceCenter Houston for an all-day interactive workshop to excite them about STEM fields. Volunteers take STEM students on a number of fields trips including to the Energy Museum, Art Museum and TV studios for students to discover the many uses of a STEM education. It’s not just workers from the Baytown facility that make the community a priority, so does the company’s Chief Executive Officer Patrick Thomas who spoke to more than 800 students last year, talking about sustainability, STEM fields and fielding questions from the audience. In addition, the company re-imagined the way employees engage with non-profits by pairing them in non-profits for three months working on projects that utilize our workforce’s specialized skills – giving the non-profits unique access to professional skills allowing for more effective outcomes not available simply through donations. Through innovative philanthropic strategies that combine both human and financial resources, Covestro continues to build stronger communities through our people and passion to make the world a brighter place.

Determining Factor Considerations

Globally Covestro has manufacturing sites across Europe and in China. In North America, Covestro has manufacturing sites in West Virginia, Massachusetts, Ohio and Santa Clara, Mexico.

The decision to invest in a particular country or state depends on the economics of the investment in the particular jurisdiction. For Baytown, the decision will be based on a number of commercial and financial considerations, including the ability to obtain relief regarding local property taxes, which is why we are pursuing the Chapter 313 value limitation. Chapter 313 is a necessary part of the economic analysis for investment in Texas. Additionally, Covestro highly considers the availability of a qualified workforce and the ability to replenish via manufacturing type training programs in local schools and colleges.

No engineering, procurement or construction contracts have been negotiated or signed to support the project. No regulatory permit applications have been filed. No public announcements of a definitive intent to have been made.

Obtaining the Chapter 313 value limitation is a necessary part of the economic analysis for investment in Texas. Without the Chapter 313 value limitation, siting the project in Baytown, Texas will be cost prohibitive.

Supporting Information

Additional information
provided by the Applicant or
located by the Comptroller

Meeting of the Board of Trustees
GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Baytown, Texas

December 11, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Trustees and the Administrative Staff of the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017, 6:31 p.m., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 4544 Interstate 10, with the following Board members present:

PRESENT: Mr. Al Richard, President; Mr. Pete Pape, Vice President; Mr. Agustin Loredo, Secretary; Mrs. Jessica Woods, Assistant Secretary; Mr. Howard Sampson, Mr. Ben Pape, and Mr. Richard Clem

ABSENT: None

Mr. Agustin Loredo arrived at approximately 6:33 p.m. and Mr. Ben Pape at 7:04 p.m.

OPENING EXERCISES

The opening exercises for the December 11, 2017, Board of Trustees meeting were provided by students from Austin Elementary School. Board Vice President Pete Pape gave the prayer and the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags were led by student Lillian Woolard and Asana Gordon.

Students listed below performed the following *Baytown Song*, written by Carol Colvin, and *It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas*.

Ashlee Acker	Bree Hildenbrand
Jaylee Anderson	Grace McLain
Arely Avila	Jadah Menard
Caroline Carsey	Rebekah Patterson
Ava Casarez	Kaylee Potts
Sara Cedillo	Kendyl Seago
Delaney Dobbs	Mylie Wood
Asana Gordon	Lillian Woolard

Students were under the direction of Carol Colvin and Principal Michelle Duhon.

Change Agenda Order

RECOGNITIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

TASBO Purchasing Award of Merit

Goose Creek CISD's application for the TASBO Award of Merit for Purchasing and Operations was approved. The award is provided to school districts and education service centers statewide that are committed to following professional standards in the acquisition of goods and services. TASBO will recognize our district on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 6:00 PM at the awards reception at the TASBO 72nd Annual Conference in Fort Worth.

In determining the Award of Merit designees, TASBO reviewed various procedures and practices including: organization, policies & procedures, contract operations, staff training and certification, use of technology, communication and management of co-operative programs, plus where applicable p-card systems and warehousing. Each application was reviewed by a team of reviewers.

American Legion Bluebonnet Girls State 2017

The following students have received recognition for their nomination to the 2017 American Legion Bluebonnet Girls State. Bluebonnet Girls State provides participants the opportunity to experience government at all levels. Females in their junior year of high school are nominated by their school faculty, and then interviewed and selected by representatives of the American Legion.

Goose Creek Memorial High School

Lainy Andrade

Ross S. Sterling High School

Bryn Benoit
Casey Benskin

Robert E. Lee High School

Kayla Contreras
Nile Stewart

The students were under the direction of Shirley Dyer of the American Legion Auxiliary.

American Legion Boys State

The following students have received recognition for their nomination to the 2017 American Legion Boys State. American Legion Boys State provides participants the opportunity to experience government at all levels. Males in their junior year of high school are nominated by their school faculty and then interviewed and selected by representatives of the American Legion.

Goose Creek Memorial High School

Anthony Brindza

Ross S. Sterling High School

Andrew Beck

Robert E. Lee High School

Drayton Sherrill
Christopher Fontenot

The students were under the direction of Shirley Dyer of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Campus Six Weeks Attendance Recognitions

Attendance is an important factor for our district; not only for funding from the state but for the benefit of students to receive instruction. Each six weeks an attendance report is generated to identify the attendance percentage for every campus. Campuses that meet the district attendance goal during the six weeks are recognized.

Our top two elementary campuses for the second six weeks are Victoria Walker Elementary having 97.52 percent and Dr. Antonio Bañuelos Elementary School with 97.12 percent. George H. Gentry Junior School is the top junior school with 97.02 percent, and our top high school is Robert E. Lee with 94.51 percent. POINT Alternative Center met their attendance goal with 82.56 percent.

PUBLIC HEARING

Annual Texas Academic Performance Report 2016-2017

The Board of Trustees held a Public Hearing regarding the Annual Texas Academic Performance report 2016-2017.

Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Melissa Duarte discussed and presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Annual Texas Academic Performance Report 2016-2017.

No one in the audience requested to address the Board and Administration regarding this subject. The Public Hearing was adjourned and immediately convened into the regular meeting.

Return to Agenda Order

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees regarding School Start Times:

1. Brian Walenta
2. Leslie Cushman
3. Yen Rabe
4. Kyle Hopper

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent's Report

1. Goose Creek CISD Demographic Update

Population and Survey Analysts Director of Demographic Projections Justin Silhavy and Data Manager Dr. Stacey Tepera presented a demographic update indicating that the student population is expected to increase. The overall projected student population over the next 10 years is expected to go from 23,899 (.77 percent) in 2018 to 26,626 (0.98 percent) in 2027. This includes a projected student population growth over the next 10 years north of Interstate 10 with more than 700 students projected in elementary schools, more than 375 in junior schools and more than 275 in high schools. The numbers are similar, but the area north is smaller than south of I-10, with a more concentrated growth and fewer schools stated Dr. Tepera. Transportation improvements are helping to drive new housing construction. This includes areas around the Grand Parkway, or Highway 99, the northeast quadrant of the East Freeway to the Eastex Freeway, along with the Highway 146 interchange improvements. Local road improvements on San Jacinto Boulevard, Hunt Road and the Kilgore Parkway also contribute. They also discussed housing trends. The most impactful housing developments in the 10-year projection, is mostly north of I-10 on west side of Garth. The projected new housing occupancies totals from September 2017 to October 2027 are 8,109. Employment and economic trends were also discussed. Also, mentioned are other possible manufacturing and logistics growth possibilities with the addition of distribution centers such as Vinmar, Ravago and IKEA. In addition, the LyondellBasell is undergoing a \$2.4 billion expansion for their Channelview plant, bringing jobs to Baytown and increasing the housing as well as the student population.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

October 30, 2017, Board Workshop

Mr. Loreda moved and Mr. Pete Pape seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 30, 2017, BOARD WORKSHOP AS PRESENTED.** The motion passed with Mr. Richard, Mr. Pete Pape, Mr. Loreda, Mrs. Woods, Mr. Sampson and Mr. Clem voting for the motion. Mr. Ben Pape abstained.

November 13, 2017, Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Pete Pape moved and Mr. Loredó seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 13, 2017, REGULAR BOARD MEETING AS PRESENTED.** The motion passed with Mr. Richard, Mr. Pete Pape, Mr. Loredó, Mrs. Woods, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Ben Pape and Mr. Clem voting for the motion.

CLOSED MEETING

At approximately 8:14 p.m., President Al Richard recessed the Board Meeting into Closed Session with the following statement:

“This Board will now recess into a Closed Session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Openning Meetings Act: 551.071, Private consultation with the Board’s Attorney.

Board Reconvenes into Regular Session

At approximately 8:59 p.m., the Board reconvened into Regular Session with President Al Richard presiding. No action was taken while in Closed Session.

ACTION ITEMS

8982. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GOOSE CREEK CISD UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2017

Mr. Pete Pape moved and Mr. Ben Pape seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD APPROVE AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GOOSE CREEK CISD UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2017; SETTING CERTAIN PARAMETERS FOR THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO APPROVE THE AMOUNT, THE INTEREST RATE, PRICE, INCLUDING THE TERMS THEROF AND CERTAIN OTHER PROCEDURES AND PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.** The motion passed with Mr. Richard, Mr. Pete Pape, Mr. Loredó, Mrs. Woods, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Ben Pape and Mr. Clem voting for the motion.

8983. CONSIDERATION OF INTEREST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

No Board action required. Board members are asked to review District policy regarding the disclosure of conflicts of interest and acknowledge whether a conflict of interest disclosure must be made in connection with the application for value limitation agreement from Covestro. Board members will be asked to initial the attached acknowledgment at the meeting; the acknowledgment form will be entered into the minutes of the meeting. No conflict from all seven Board members.

8984. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ITEMS RELATING TO RETAINING ATTORNEYS/CONSULTANTS TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT IN THE REVIEW AND PROCESSING OF THE APPLICATION FOR VALUE LIMITATION AGREEMENT FROM COVESTRO PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 313 OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE

Mr. Pete Pape moved and Mrs. Woods seconded the **motion THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH POWELL & LEON, LLP FOR LEGAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR A VALUE LIMITATION AGREEMENT WITH COVESTRO PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 313 OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE.** The motion passed with Mr. Richard, Mr. Pete Pape, Mr. Loredo, Mrs. Woods, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Ben Pape and Mr. Clem voting for the motion.

8985. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ITEM RELATING TO AN APPLICATION FOR VALUE LIMITATION AGREEMENT FROM COVESTRO LLC PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 313 OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

Mr. Pete Pape moved and Mr. Clem seconded **THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FROM COVESTRO LLC FOR A CHAPTER 313 APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY TO GOOSE CREEK CISD AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION FOR COMPLETENESS AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO THE COMPTROLLER FOR REVIEW; AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION AS MAY BE REQUIRED.** The motion passed with Mr. Richard, Mr. Pete Pape, Mr. Loredo, Mrs. Woods, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Ben Pape and Mr. Clem voting for the motion.

8986. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Goose Creek CISD Money Purchase Pension Plan and Trust Audit Report**
- 2. Donation of Robert E. Lee High School**
- 3. Donation from Covestro**
- 4. 2017-2018 Texas Rural Education Association (TREA) Legal Services Program Agreement with Powell & Leon, LLP**
- 5. Imagine Learning Software Licenses**
- 6. Adoption of Resolution to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement Between the Central Texas Purchasing Alliance (CTPA) and the Goose Creek CISD**
- 7. Final Option to Extend CSP for Awards, Trophies, Plaques & Related Items**
- 8. Final Option to Extend CSP for Athletic Supplies/Equipment, Sporting Goods & Related Items**
- 9. Final Option to Extend CSP for Meat, Food Processing Supplies/Products & Grocery Items**
- 10. Second Option to Extend CSP for Maintenance & Building Supplies**
- 11. Develop Rezoning Maps for High School**
- 12. School Start Times as Recommended by Administration**

Item 11 was pulled from Consent Agenda.

Mr. Loredo moved and Mr. Pete Pape seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD APPROVE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10 AND 12 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.** The motion passed with Mr. Richard, Mr. Pete Pape, Mr. Loredo, Mrs. Woods, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Ben Pape, and Mr. Clem voting for the motion.

- 1. Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Goose Creek CISD Money Purchase Pension Plan and Trust Audit Report**
The Board approved the 2016-2017 Goose Creek CISD Money Purchase Pension Plan and Trust Audit Report.
- 2. Donation to Robert E. Lee High School**
The Board approved the donation from an anonymous donor for Robert E. Lee High School; \$1,000 to be allocated for the AVID program and \$4,000 to the campus to be used at the principal's discretion.
- 3. Donation from Covestro**
The Board approved the donation from Covestro in the amount of \$5,000, this donation will support the high cost of equipment and supplies in the CTE department.
- 4. 2017-2018 Texas Rural Education Association (TREA) Legal Services Program Agreement with Powell & Leon, LLP**
The Board Approved the Texas Rural Education Association Legal Services Program retainer agreement with Powell & Leon, LLP for legal services for the 2017-2018 school year.
- 5. Imagine Learning Software Licenses**
The Board approved the software license and implementation services provided by Imagine Learning as a campus intervention with at-risk students.
- 6. Adoption of Resolution to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement Between the Central Texas Purchasing Alliance (CTPA) and the Goose Creek CISD**
The Board approved adopting the resolution to join the Central Texas Purchasing Alliance (CTPA) by means of an interlocal agreement.
- 7. Final Option to Extend CSP for Awards, Trophies, Plaques & Related Items**
The Board approved the final option to extend CSP for Awards, Trophies, Plaques & Related Items for one (1) additional year.
- 8. Final Option to Extend CSP for Athletic Supplies/Equipment, Sporting Goods & Related Items**
The Board approved the final option to extend CSP for Athletic Supplies/Equipment, Sporting Goods & Related Items for one (1) additional year.
- 9. Final Option to Extend CSP for Meat, Food Processing Supplies/Products & Grocery Items**
The Board approved the final option to extend CSP for Meat, Food Processing Supplies/Products & Grocery Items for one (1) additional year.

10. Second Option to Extend CSP for Maintenance & Building Supplies

The Board approved the second option to extend CSP for Maintenance & Building Supplies for one (1) additional year.

12. Budget Amendments

The Board approved Budget Amendment Nos. 10-13 as stated in Section 23.47 of the Texas Education Code and reflect the amendments in the official minutes of the Board of Trustees.

Amend the 2017-18 Food Service Budget as follows:

- Donation from Dairy Max
- Reallocation of funds for unexpected costs for equipment inspections and repairs

Amend the 2017-18 Debt Service Budget as follows:

- Remarketing of Series 2014B Bonds
- Refund due to an overpayment from Series 2014B Bond remarketing on 8/15/2015.

11. Developing Rezoning Maps for High School

Mr. Loredo moved and Mrs. Woods seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF REZONING MAPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFIGURATION OPTIONS AS RECOMMENDED IN THE RATIONALE; THREE EQUAL SIZE HIGH SCHOOLS OR ONE CONSOLIDATED.** The motion failed. Mr. Ricard, Mrs. Woods, and Mr. Clem voted for. Mr. Pete Pape, Mr. Loredo, Mr. Sampson and Mr. Ben Pape voted against.

8987. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT ON BOARD TRAINING CREDIT HOURS

Board President Al Richard read into the record each Board Member's accumulated Credit Hours for this year.

2017 BOARD TRAINING

BOARD MEMBER	TIER 1 HOURS (Texas Education Code)	TIER 2 HOURS Team-Building	TIER 3 HOURS Continuing Education	TOTAL HOURS
Richard Clem	3.0	3.0	12.75	18.75
Ben Pape	3.0	3.0	13.50	19.50
Agustin Loredo III	2.0	3.0	8.25	12.25
Pete Pape	2.0	3.0	23.25	28.25
Al Richard	2.0	3.0	14.25	19.25
Howard Sampson	2.0	3.0	2.0	7.0
Jessica Woods	2.0	3.0	12.0	17.0

- TIER I: Three hours in the Texas Education Code (TEC) for newly-elected or appointed Board members. Two hours in Update to Texas Education Code (TEC) for Board Members in subsequent years of service.
- TIER II: Three to six hours in Team-Building Skills.
- TIER III: Ten hours in Continuing Education for new Board members. Five hours in Continuing Education for Board members in subsequent years of service.

8988. SCHOOL START TIMES AS RECOMMENDED BY ADMINISTRATION

No motion was made, recommendation denied, motion failed.

**8989. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS
BOARD TRAINING
BOARD MEETINGS**

Future Board Agenda Items

- Additional Late Start Times Options with Budget Implications (not earlier than 7:45 a. m. and not after 4 p.m.)

Board Training

- December 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Texas Education Code TEC Training

Board Meetings

- January 8, 2018, Regular Board Meeting

CLOSED MEETING

At approximately 10:03 p.m., President Al Richard recessed the Board Meeting into Closed Session with the following statement:

“This Board will now recess into a Closed Session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Opening Meetings Act: 551.071, Private consultation with the Board’s Attorney; 551.072, Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property with representatives of employee groups; 551.073, Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations; 551.074, Considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee; and 551.083, Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the Board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups;

Board Reconvenes into Regular Session

At approximately 10:46 p.m., the Board reconvened into Regular Session with President Al Richard presiding. No action was taken while in Closed Session.

8990. CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Mr. Pete Pape moved and Mr. Clem seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD APPROVE TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY WITH A RESOLUTION FOR REIMBURSEMENT.** The motion passed with Mr. Pete Pape, Mr. Loredo, Mrs. Woods, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Clem, and Mr. Ben Pape voting for the motion. Mr. Richard voted against.

8991. CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

Mr. Pape moved and Mr. Loredo seconded the motion **THAT THE BOARD APPROVE SEVEN ELECTIONS AND ACCEPT NINE RESIGNATIONS AS PRESENTED.** The motion passed with Mr. Richard, Mr. Pete Pape, Mr. Loredo, Mrs. Woods, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Clem, and Mr. Ben Pape voting for the motion.

Election Approved:

1. Krizia Luna-Garcia, teacher, assigned to Bañuelos Elementary School.
2. Mayra Casas, teacher, assigned to De Zavala Elementary School.
3. Melania Dominguez, teacher, assigned to San Jacinto Elementary School.
4. Kassandra Hernandez, teacher, assigned to San Jacinto Elementary School.
5. Olivia Payne, teacher, assigned to Gentry Junior School.
6. Amanda Reyes, teacher, assigned to Harlem Elementary School.
7. Andrew Walz, teacher, assigned to Robert E. Lee High School.

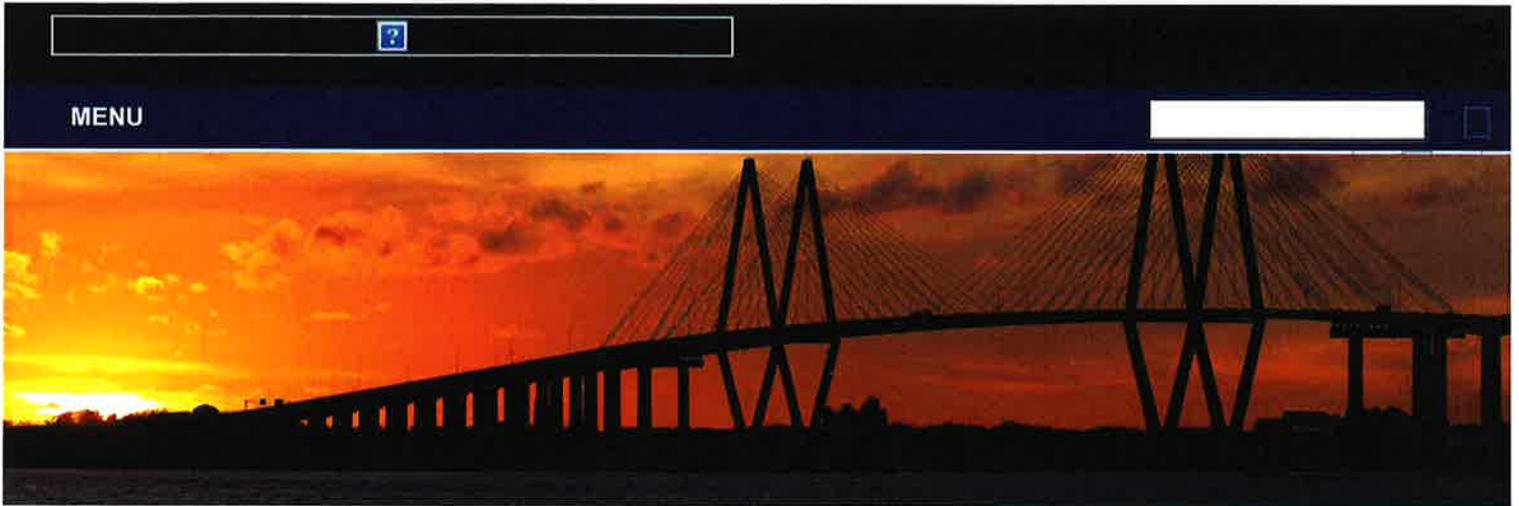
Accepted Resignations:

1. **Angela Bingham**, school nurse at Goose Creek Memorial High School, resigned effective December 8, 2017.
2. **Adina DeSenna**, fourth-grade teacher at Highlands Elementary School, resigned effective December 6, 2017.
3. **Megan Dickey**, special education coordinator for deaf education, is resigning effective January 12, 2018.
4. **Donna Hall**, third-grade teacher at Highlands Elementary School, is retiring effective June 1, 2018. Ms. Hall is in her 23rd year with the District.
5. **Kia O'Berry**, physical education teacher at William B. Travis Elementary School, is resigning effective December 20, 2017.
6. **Stephen Robertson**, English Language Arts teacher at Robert E. Lee High School, resigned effective November 27, 2017.

7. **Ruben Vazquez**, social studies teacher/coach at Goose Creek Memorial High School, is resigning effective December 20, 2017.
8. **Andrea Wenz**, first-grade teacher at San Jacinto Elementary School, resigned effective November 14, 2017.
9. **Jeremy Winzer**, health education teacher at Ross S. Sterling High School, resigning effective December 20, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Clem moved and Mrs. Woods seconded the motion **THAT BOARD PRESIDENT AL RICHARD ADJOURN THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 10:49 P.M.** The motion passed with Mr. Richard, Mr. Pete Pape, Mr. Loreda, Mrs. Woods, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Clem, and Mr. Ben Pape voting for the motion.



GCCISD accepts Covestro expansion application

December 15, 2017



Goose Creek CISD has accepted a Chapter 313 application from Covestro for possible future expansion that could invest millions into the school district.

The board first approved an agreement with Powell & Leon LLP to formally approve the application, then voted in favor of accepting the application, which has to be sent to the Texas Comptroller for approval after Superintendent Randal O'Brien reviews it for completeness.

Attorney Sara Leon said this was essentially an expansion of Covestro's existing plant. Leon added that it could result in \$650 million in new investments within Goose Creek CISD boundaries, with a projected total property value at the end of the construction phase of \$580 million.

With that could mean 2,000 construction jobs prior to 2024, with most coming in 2021 and 2023, Leon said.

"You have a lot of construction folks that are out of work (due to plant expansion jobs winding down), so this is good for the community," she said.

Leon said at the end of the project, there would be a minimum of 25 permanent jobs, maybe more.

"Covestro AG is investigating future growth options worldwide, which may include an investment at one of its global manufacturing locations," said Jennifer Walsh, Covestro spokeswoman. "If a decision is made for further investment at the Baytown facility of Covestro, there will be a substantial increase in its overall site capacity."

Construction activities may commence in 2020-2021 with a completion date of 2024, Walsh said.

"You put in an application to consider an investment to see any type of tax benefit," she said. "Right now, we are investing in future competitiveness, which is a natural and ongoing process. Right now, this process has an open outcome. So, if we determine that a future expansion is necessary, the expansion may result in an investment that would be equivalent or be something we would be consummate with a world-class production plant."

O'Brien said he was pleased to work with Covestro, which he said has proven to be a partner with the school district.

Covestro in Baytown is the company's largest manufacturing site in North America, and employs about 1,000 employees and 600 contractors.

By Matt Hollis, Baytown Sun

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Covestro LLC Donates \$150,000 to Support STEM Education and Training in Baytown, Texas

Gift establishes Covestro Manufacturing Lab at Stuart Career Tech High School, reinforces company's support of the region and STEM education

Submitted by: Covestro LLC
 Categories: Corporate Social Responsibility, Careers
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BAYTOWN, Texas, Mar. 07 /CSRwire/ - Yesterday, Covestro LLC and the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (CISD) unveiled the Covestro Manufacturing Lab at Stuart Career Tech High School in Baytown, Texas. This community is home to the largest Covestro manufacturing facility in North America.

As part of its corporate giving program, ³Give, Covestro donated \$150,000 to establish the Covestro Manufacturing Lab at the Stuart Career Tech High School's Manufacturing and Industrial Maintenance Academy. The donation helped secure lab equipment that is utilized in careers such as instrumentation, quality and construction, as well as many of the petrochemical industry's specialized crafts and expands hands-on education for students pursuing careers in this pathway.

"Manufacturers in Baytown and elsewhere frequently have difficulty filling positions because, all too often, the pool of candidates lacks the right set of science, math and technical skills for the available positions," said Rod Herrick, vice president and site manager, Covestro Industrial Park Baytown. "We're convinced that engaging students through hands-on educational opportunities such as this is vital to ensuring a qualified labor pool today and in the future."

Stuart Career Tech High School is an early college high school that combines rigorous career and technical coursework with core curriculum classes. Students receive hands-on, project-based instruction in one of the four academy career pathways. The goal is for students to earn college credit and industry certifications in partnership with Lee College while attending high school. This prepares students to complete their associate and/or baccalaureate degree education or pursue entry-level occupations.

"We are told by our advisory committee that it is often difficult to find qualified candidates to fill available manufacturing positions," said Randal O'Brien, superintendent of schools, Goose Creek CISD. "By providing valuable, hands-on learning opportunities for our students interested in exploring careers in manufacturing-related disciplines, the Covestro Manufacturing Lab will help bridge this gap in the Baytown area."

This gift is part of the company's long-standing dedication to supporting the local schools and the Baytown area to encourage young minds to pursue careers in science, engineering, technology and math. Covestro supports several of the school district's STEM initiatives including STEM teacher training; Girls in STEM program; robotics teams; providing mentoring, career counseling and science fair judging for junior high and high school students; and,



Covestro LLC and the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District unveiled the Covestro Manufacturing Lab at Stuart Career Tech High School in Baytown thanks to the company's generous \$150,000 donation.

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providing apprenticeships, internships and scholarships. Additionally, Covestro employee-volunteers teach nearly 1,700 Goose Creek CISD fifth graders at the Covestro-sponsored i³ STEM Center at Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center through its Microscope Lab program.

About Covestro LLC and i³ (ignite, imagine, innovate):

Covestro LLC is one of the leading producers of high-performance polymers in North America and is part of the global Covestro business, which is among the world's largest polymer companies with 2017 sales of EUR 14.1 billion. Business activities are focused on the manufacture of high-tech polymer materials and the development of innovative solutions for products used in many areas of daily life. The main segments served are the automotive, construction, wood processing and furniture, electrical and electronics and medical industries. Other sectors include sports and leisure, cosmetics and the chemical industry itself. Covestro has 30 production sites worldwide and employed approximately 16,200 people at the end of 2017.

i³ (ignite, imagine, innovate) is Covestro LLC's companywide corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative that aims to spark curiosity, to envision what could be and to help create it. Built on the three pillars of philanthropy (i³ Give), employee volunteerism (i³ Engage) and STEM education (i³ STEM), i³ seeks to create sustainable and lasting impacts. i³ Give is designed to innovate corporate philanthropy strategies that combine both human and financial resources to build stronger communities. i³ Engage re-imagines the way employees from for-profits and nonprofits engage with one another for more effective outcomes, and i³ STEM ignites young minds to become the innovators of tomorrow through support of hands-on, inquiry-based STEM education, workforce experience and employee volunteerism.

Find more information at www.covestro.us.

About Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District:

Goose Creek CISD is the 58th largest school district in Texas, serving approximately 24,000 students in the Baytown and Highlands communities. For four consecutive years, all 28 campuses within the district have achieved "Met Standard." In the 2018-2019 school year, the district will celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Forward-Looking Statements

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From left to right in picture: Covestro Baytown's Head of Communications, Jennifer Walsh; Vice President and Site Manager, Rod Herrick; Baytown Mayor Stephen DonCarlos; Goose Creek students Angel Chavez, Armando Garcia, Elijah Martinez and Octavio Leon; Goose Creek's Superintendent, Randal O'Brien; and Director of Career and Technical Education, Renea Dillon.

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**NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Chambers County Commissioners Court will be held on Tuesday, the 24th day of April, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Courtroom, Anahuac, Texas, at which time the following items will be discussed, considered, passed, or adopted to-wit:

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. ADMINISTRATION

Citizen's comments

- 1.1 Discuss and consider approving ACT (Appraisal & Collection Technologies) as the new Tax program/programmer for the Tax Office
- 1.2 Discuss and consider Delinquent Tax Collection Report submitted by Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP
- 1.3 Discuss and consider resale offer from Patrick Lucas for parcel 25500 in Case # CV29335, styled East Chambers Independent School District vs. Edward J. Smith, et al
- 1.4 Discuss and consider resale offer from Stephen Marabong for parcel 15066 in Case # CV29335, styled East Chambers Independent School District vs. Edward J. Smith, et al
- 1.5 Discuss and consider resale offer from Patrick Lucas for parcel 23983 and 7324 in Case # CV27963, styled Anahuac Independent School District vs. Mattie Haynes
- 1.6 Discuss and consider Proclamation recognizing April as Fair Housing Month
- 1.7 Discuss and consider authorizing Judge Sylvia to execute an Interlocal Agreement, subject to final review by County Attorney, between the Chambers County Improvement District 2 (CCID 2- Ameriport) and Chambers County which allows the County to regulate traffic on certain roads, including public roads owned, operated, and maintained by CCID#2
- 1.8 Discuss and consider Resolution recognizing the month of April as National Prevention of Animal Cruelty
- 1.9 Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. regarding the Covestro, LLC 2018 Reinvestment Zone
- 1.10 Discuss and consider Order designating the Covestro, LLC Reinvestment Zone
- 1.11 Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. regarding the AmeriPort Building 11, LLC 2018 Reinvestment Zone
- 1.12 Discuss and consider Order designating the AmeriPort Building 11, LLC 2018 Reinvestment Zone
- 1.13 Discuss and consider JRI Investments, LLC Tax Abatement agreement
- 1.14 Discuss and consider Resolution recognizing the service of Jack Steele, P.E., Executive Director of The Houston-Galveston Area Council

2. FINANCIAL

- 2.1 Auditor's report-
 - a) Discuss and consider Chambers County Employee Wellness Program Audit
 - b) Discuss and consider Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) Grant Audit

3. ROAD & BRIDGE

4. ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 Discuss and consider update and rights of way acquisition for FM 1409-**Executive Session**
- 4.2 Discuss and consider Chambers County Mayhaw Project land acquisition-**Executive Session**
- 4.3 Discuss and consider possible amendment of Agreement and coordination to revise construction and bid documents for FM 1409 due to TxDot's change to remove the bridge at IH-10

- 4.4 Discuss and consider project status update for mowing, cleaning and removing debris and other drainage obstructions within Hackberry Gully from the north line of the Moody property to FM 3180
- 4.5 Discuss and consider status of Property Acquisition Services (PAS) efforts to acquire ROE's (right of entry)/Easements for Hackberry Gully
- 4.6 Discuss and consider status update on McAdams ditch
- 4.7 Discuss and consider issues and costs associated with easement for new Targa pipeline across the Enterprise ditch in county easement
- 4.8 Discuss and consider FM 1409 E24 parcel (Wisner Ferris) settlement request funding
- 4.9 Discuss and consider the preparation of updated analysis of Hackberry and Cotton Bayou along the entire length of each watershed
- 4.10 Discuss and consider adopting a moratorium of any development along the entire watershed for Hackberry and Cotton Bayou until new analysis and new draft floodplain maps are created

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

6. PARKS & RECREATION

- 6.1 Discuss and consider overtime compensation for Extension Office employees at the Youth Project Show-(April 30, 2018-May 6, 2018)
- 6.2 Discuss and consider authorizing the execution of the Temporary Park Use Agreement with the Beach City Fire Department for the annual Beach City VFD & Barrow Ranch Annual Car Show fundraiser activity in McCollum Park July 6-8, 2018
- 6.3 Discuss and consider Resolution naming the 2018 Chambers County Youth Project Show Honorees: Daniel Hankamer, Covered Arena; Nick Barrow, Ranch Rodeo; Marshall Boyd, Auction; Jean Lagow, Horse Show

7. MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS

- 7.1 Discuss and consider options for expanding or relocating the District Attorney's Office
- 7.2 Discuss and consider accepting the proposal from DataVox for the purchase of new phones for the Library Tech Building (previously Indigent Health/WIC) located at 1204 Stowell St., Anahuac, TX
- 7.3 Discuss and consider accepting the proposal from Virtus Group for new cabinetry throughout the Library Tech Building located at 1204 Stowell St., Anahuac, TX
- 7.4 Discuss and consider the installation of an ADA compliant door at the southwest entrance of the Anahuac Annex located at 2128 Hwy 61, Anahuac, TX
- 7.5 Discuss and consider revised bid from Arnold Construction in the amount of \$332,857.00 for the Beach City Volunteer Fire Department addition

8. SOLID WASTE

- 8.1 Discuss and consider lease to purchase Cat D6N Dozer

9. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- 9.1 Discuss and consider proposed fees for Environmental Health

10. SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

11. COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY

- 11.1 Discuss and consider approval of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Amendment for online services (W26)

12. GOLF COURSE

13. AIRPORTS

14. HEALTH & WELFARE

- 14.1 Discuss and consider enrollment for the Quality Incentive Payment Program (QIPP)-Year 2, with respect to Chambers County DBA Arboretum Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Winnie

15. MOSQUITO CONTROL

16. LIBRARY & HISTORICAL

17. LAW ENFORCEMENT

18. PERSONNEL

19. CONSENT

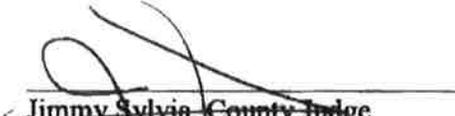
All consent agenda items listed are considered routine by the Commissioners Court and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a court member requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

- a) Accept minor plat for Dotrnon Estates Minor plat
- b) Monthly reports
- c) Minutes of March 27, 2018 Regular Meeting; April 3, 2018 Special Called Meeting
- d) Claim Docket/check register
- e) Travel reimbursements and miscellaneous expenditures
- f) Budget amendments/transfers
- g) Job descriptions
- h) Payroll changes
- i) Declare unit #136 dump truck as surplus property due to the cost of repairing
- j) Accept the quote of \$15,984.03 from Cowboy Asphalt for the paving of the Tax Office parking lot
- k) Treasurer's report-March 31, 2018
- l) Authorize 1st Quarter Site inspections for the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for Anahuac and Winnie Airports
- m) Appoint Steven Fingerhut and Bobby Hall to the Airport Advisory Committee
- n) Authorize bids for contractual aerial services
- o) Award bid for insecticides
- p) purchase of 2 (two) DSR Radars for traffic enforcement in the amount of \$6,535.00
- q) purchase of 2 (two) sets of wheel load weight scales for truck weight enforcement in the amount of \$39,160.00

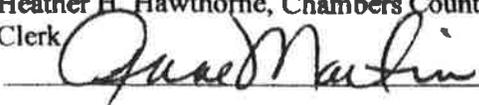
20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 20.1 Personnel – Section 551.074, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S.
- 20.2 Consultation with Attorney – Section 551.071, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S.
- 20.3 Purchase of Property – Section 551.072, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S.

Dated this the 20 day of April, 2018


Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Open Meeting of the Chambers County Commissioners' Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I received and posted said Notice on the outer courthouse doors and bulletin board inside the courthouse of Chambers County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on this the 20th day of April, 2018, at 3:30 pm., and said Notice remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Heather H. Hawthorne, Chambers County
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