

RESOLUTION: 2021 - 1



**A RESOLUTION TO SHOW APPRECIATION TO COLORADO COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN COMBATING THE ALTAIR DISPOSAL SERVICES HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL PERMIT**

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, the Altair Disposal Services applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a hazardous waste disposal permit to be granted for a site in Colorado County; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado County Judge Ty Prause and County Commissioners quickly recognized that Altair's plans would be detrimental to the citizens of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Judge and Commissioners acted to hire the necessary legal and technical experts to contest the permit and continued to work to uncover and provide important material and data to these legal and technical experts; and

**WHEREAS**, the County leadership worked to galvanize public support in fighting this permit application and worked cooperatively with other opposition groups including the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District, the Alliance for a Clean Environment, Rice Consolidated Independent School District and other entities; and

**WHEREAS**, the County leadership solicited important assistance from key State representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the presentation in December 2018 put forth by the legal representatives of the County in front of the judges from the State Office of Administrative Hearings resulted in a recommendation that the permit be denied, and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2019, the Board of TCEQ ultimately followed the judge's recommendations and denied the hazardous waste disposal permit; and



**WHEREAS**, Altair Disposal Services appealed the TCEQ decision to the Travis County District Court in December 2019 and Colorado County leadership took steps to intervene in this lawsuit on the side of TCEQ; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2021, Altair Disposal Services filed a notice on non-suit, effectively ending Altair’s application; and

**WHEREAS**, to better protect the environment and residents of Colorado County, the County Commissioners Court took the proactive step of passing an ordinance in June 2019 requiring any new applicants for a similar permit application to first seek a variance from the County before proceeding;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Board of Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District, extend our appreciation and gratitude for the tireless work and perseverance of the Colorado County Judge, County Commissioners and County staff in defeating the Altair Disposal Services hazardous waste disposal permit and taking proactive steps to make future actions more accountable to the citizens of Colorado County.

**CONSIDERED, APPROVED, SIGNED AND DONE IN OPEN MEETING** on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

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