



About the Sandbranch Development and Water Supply Corporation (SDWSC)

Q: What is the Sandbranch Development and Water Supply Corporation (SDWSC)?

A: The Sandbranch Development Water Supply Corporation (SDWSC) was incorporated on March 16 pursuant to the Texas Water Code for the purpose of a providing water supply, sewer service, or both for a municipality, a private corporation, an individual, or a military camp or base.

Q: Who is on the SDWSC board?

A: The SDWSC is governed by a board of directors made up of five individuals all of whom are to be property owners in the community.

Q: Why does Sandbranch need the SDWSC?

A: The board was organized to secure funding for a USDA SEARCH grant as a first step to obtain professional engineering services to identify the best method for bringing water and sewer services to Sandbranch. The board is taking all steps necessary to operate as a fully functioning water supply corporation on behalf of the Sandbranch Community.

Q: When does the SDWSC meet?

A: The SDWSC bylaws require that the board meet regularly. Most meetings are scheduled for the third Monday in each month at 7 p.m.

Q: What does it mean to have a quorum at a SDWSC meeting?

A: Having a quorum at a SDWSC meeting means there are enough SDWSC directors present at the meeting to hold a meeting and to vote. Three of five members must be present to hold a meeting and to vote.

Q: Are the SDWSC board members paid?

A: No, SDWSC board members are not paid

Q: Does the SDWSC have an executive director and is it currently a paid position?

A: Yes, the SDWSC has an executive director. Currently, the executive director is not paid.

Q: Why does SDWSC have an attorney, and is the attorney paid?

A: The process of bringing a water/wastewater system to Sandbranch is a complex process requiring legal and environmental expertise to manage and work with federal, state, county, and city governmental agencies as well as to write and oversee contracts associated with creating a water/wastewater system. All legal work the SDWSC's attorney has done has been at no charge, i.e. pro bono, meaning the attorney currently is not paid.

Q: Will the SDWSC eventually have paid staff?

A: Yes, the SDWSC eventually will have paid staff necessary to operate a water supply system.

Q: How can I become a member of the SDWSC board of directors?

A: Board members are to be elected annually by the members of the SDWSC. SDWSC members are residents who have contracted with the SDWSC for water service. Until there are SDWSC members, the current board members were selected to serve.

Q: We have heard that the fees for water/wastewater service will be very high. What fees will the Sandbranch Development and Water Supply Corporation charge for water service?

A: No one knows or can predict what the fees will be or can speak on behalf of SDWSC until those fees are set. SDWSC will let community know what fees will be and will give advance notice about fees. Developers don't know anything about the water system planning, etc. only the SDWSC is responsible for and can answer your questions about the water/waste water system that is being planned. The public is invited to the SDWSC meetings and can make comments during the public comment section of the meeting.

Q: Are the SDWSC meetings the same as the Sandbranch community meetings?

A: No, SDWSC meetings and Sandbranch community meetings are not the same although they are sometimes held on the same day with one meeting preceding the other.

Q: Land developers have been in the Sandbranch community offering to buy property. Do Sandbranch property owners have to talk to these developers?

A: No, Sandbranch property owners do not have to talk to these developers or sell their property to developers.

Q: I own property in Sandbranch, is it okay to build on my land now?

A: Yes, you can, within certain requirements, build on your land. Please see the next question.

Q: Does the SDWSC have authority to help residents build or rebuild homes in Sandbranch?

A: No, the SDWSC does not have authority to help residents build or rebuild homes in Sandbranch; however, through Project DreamHaus, Pastor Keahey is working independently with some SDWSC board and advisory committee members on methods to help community members plan for building on their property.

Q: What can we as a community to help bring a water/wastewater system to Sandbranch?

A: The community can help bring a water/wastewater system to Sandbranch by ensuring that they have clear title to their properties in Sandbranch. In addition, the community should commit to tapping into the water/wastewater system once it is built.

Q: Will I need a private, licensed plumber to connect my house to the water/wastewater system?

A: Yes, you will need a private, licensed plumber to connect SDWSC water lines to your house or property.

Q: What is the Sandbranch...*everybody's community!* Advisory Committee?

A: Sandbranch...*everybody's community!* Advisory Committee is a grassroots effort organized by Project DreamHaus in February 2016 to advise Pastor Keahey on how to bring water, sewage, and social services to Sandbranch. It is an unpaid advisory committee made up of business, education, legal, and public relations professionals who believe giving a basic human right ---clean, drinkable water---to the citizens of Sandbranch is imperative. **(see additional attached information)**



Sandbranch...*everybody's community!* Advisory Committee Description

Mission: The mission of the Sandbranch...*everybody's community!* Advisory Committee is to advise the Executive Director of the Sandbranch Development and Water Service Corporation on the establishment of a water corporation. The committee was created at the urging of USDA officials.

Priority Purpose: The specific short-term purpose of the advisory committee is to guide the process of establishing a water corporation and securing a SEARCH grant from the USDA. At the end of that project, the Executive Director may request that the committee assist with additional projects related to bringing water and social services to Sandbranch and the surrounding communities.

Committee Composition: The committee will be comprised of members appointed by the Executive Director of the Sandbranch Development and Water Service Corporation that have skills and qualifications needed to establish a water corporation. The Executive Director has the discretion to determine the number of members on the committee.

Term of Service: The initial term of the committee is through August 2020, the timeframe within which the SEARCH grant will be secured.

Organization: The basic operations of the committee can be accomplished with a chairperson to convene and facilitate meetings and a secretary to record meeting activities. The committee will determine how to apportion its work among the members.

Meeting Schedule: Weekly and as needed.

Sandbranch...everybody's community! Committee Members:

Member	Areas of Expertise
Dr. Carol François	Award winning Executive with deep experience in educational administration, consulting, strategic planning, major event planning and implementation, training, public relations, and public speaking.
Mr. Cliff Freeney	Successful business entrepreneur and licensed professional plumber. Owner of 1-800 Plumber franchise.
Mr. Clyde Henderson	Positive administrative professional with experience in communications, community and public relations, facilities management and customer service. Other experience includes financial capabilities such as contract negotiation, estimates, budget implementation and other fiscal areas. Creative in program implementation, including market surveys, research and planning, advertising, promotions and event planning.
Pastor Eugene Keahey	Pastor and community organizer.
Ms. Sylvia King	Administration and operations expert with focus on implementation of long-range and short term goals and objectives with favorable outcomes; Current position Executive Church Administrator
Attorney Mark McPherson	For over 20 years The McPherson Law Firm has represented clients across Texas in all aspects of environmental law, including rights and disputes involving surface water, groundwater, air quality, waste management and disposal, and recycling. The Law Firm also leads due diligence evaluations of contaminated properties and assists client in understanding environmental conditions and selecting cleanup options. Clients of the Law Firm include environmental permit holders, applicants and opponents, and others involved in using, regulating, and maintaining the natural resources of Texas. His passionate commitment to this area of the law has created an in-depth understanding of these complex issues.

Ongoing Support: Cornerstone Baptist Church (approximately \$20,000) UMCOR approximately \$8,500 for 100 water coolers; Dallas County 60-day contract with Nestle

Clean Sandbranch Day Support: Engineers Without Borders Sierra Club, Terracon, 1-800 Plumber, MegaFest, Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, Snider Fleet Solutions-Commercial Tire Division, Liskow & Lewis Law Firm, Texas A& M School of Law, Munsch, Hardt, Kepf & Harr Attorneys and Counselors, Christ United Methodist Church Disaster Response Team, Consolidated Consulting Group, World Vision, (value TBD)