

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2017

1. Call to Order - Wesley Ball called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office. A prayer was led by Ms. Norrell.
2. Pledge of Allegiance- The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Water District Pledge. "May we be responsible stewards of our natural resources."
3. Roll call of directors – Wesley Ball, Art Dohmann, Wilfred Korth, Barbara Smith, Gary Bellow, Ginger Cook, and Carrol Norrell. All Directors were present.
4. Introduction of visitors and guest – Mr. Ball welcomed guest David Wright, Carl Hummel, Pat Graham and Terrell Graham. Counsel Ashford Taylor and General Manager Heather Sumpter were also present.
5. Public comment- No Public comment.
6. Open Public Hearing- Mr. Ball opened the public hearing to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2017-2018. The proposed tax rate is \$.0102 per \$100 of value, an increase from the current fiscal year rate. The current fiscal year tax rate is \$.01 per \$100 of valuation. This rate is for an operating budget of \$148,100.00.
7. Close Public Hearing
8. Discussion and action on approval of tax rate. – Mr. Dohmann made a motion to set the 2017-2018 proposed tax rate at \$.0102 per \$100 valuation. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Items #9-#12 were approved in a single motion.

9. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors held on August 14, 2017 and August 21, 2017.
10. Approval of the Financial Report for August 2017.
11. Approval of Employee Reimbursements.
12. Approval of Director's Expenses.

Mr. Bellows made a motion to approve consent agenda items #9-#12. Ms. Norrell seconded and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Smith and Mr. Dohmann abstaining.

13. Approval of Invoices –Mr. Dohmann made a motion to pay the invoice to SARA in the amount of \$2,524.08, the invoice to Daniel B. Stephens in the amount of \$4,531.25, and for the DBS &A Invoice to updated to classify each project separately. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
14. Discussion and action on Appraisal District 2017 Certified Values and 2018 Proposed Budget – The Board of Directors were provided a revised copy of the 2017-2018 budget with the updated certified totals received from the Appraisal District in the amount of \$887,328,773. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to change the collection rate from 98% to 96% and to adopt the revised budget. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Sumpter reported that the refund in the amount of \$2,068.58 from the Appraisal District, for excess funds paid by the District for litigation with Coletto Creek and DCP Midstream, was received on Sept 12, 2017.

Ms. Sumpter also reported Ms. Garcia, Goliad County Tax Assessor/Collector, sent an email requesting a check from GCGCD in the amount of \$4,042.43 made payable to the Goliad Tax office to refund

DCP. The refund was paid on Sept. 6, 2017 per approval of Mr. Ball. Ms. Smith made a motion to send the Appraisal District and the Tax Collector a letter requesting financial data that generated the refund amount. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

15. Discussion on the City of Kenedy proposed water supply project under the jurisdiction of Evergreen Underground Water District.- The Board of Directors went into executive session concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071) at 5:50 p.m.
16. Reconvene in open session and take necessary action on items discussed in executive session. – The Board of Directors reconvened at 6:20 p.m. in open session. Ms. Cook made a motion to send Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District an open records request for the minutes of the Permit Hearing and Board Meeting held on September 7, 2017. Ms. Norrell seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
17. Discussion and possible action regarding charges associated with Open Records Request. – GCGCD received a reply letter from Megan Santee, Paralegal for Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, on behalf of the City of Kenedy, in regards to the Open Records Request GCGCD sent to the City of Kenedy. The letter asked for clarification of items requested by GCGCD. Items requested were revised for clarification.
18. Discussion and action regarding preparation of the new management plan. - Ms. Sumpter provided a time line that included the dates and activities that will occur within the next several months in preparation for the new management plan. Preliminary draft of the plan will be presented at the next board meeting.
19. Discussion and action on renewal of Certificate of Deposit. – Mr. Dohmann made a motion to renew the Certificate of Deposit. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
20. General Managers Report – Ms. Sumpter reported on the additional monitor wells that were located in Karnes County in regards to the Kenedy Well Project.
Two new exempt water wells were located for last month. One for oil and gas use and one for domestic use.
Ms. Sumpter reported that the GMA 15 meeting will be held at the GCGCD office on Oct. 12, 2017 at 9:30. Also reported was the weather station is scheduled for installation on Oct. 23rd -27th.
21. Discussion and possible action regarding Resolutions to Revise the Number of Voting Positions on the Board of Directors of the Goliad County Appraisal District. – Ms. Sumpter reported she emailed Mr. Miller for an update. His reply was the Appraisal District Board of Directors requested that he forward the Resolutions to the Appraisal District legal counsel. He is waiting for counsel to review and advise on what steps are under property tax code. As soon as he has a response he will let GCGCD know.
22. Discussion and possible action regarding Railroad Commission work on the McLellan Study – Ms. Sumpter reported Peter Pope from the Railroad Commission sent the report on the additional monitoring well installation and sampling work that occurred at the end of April. The RRC will plan future work plans in 2018 and GCGCD will be informed. GCGCD’s counsel will research to see what legal options the District has in moving forward with closure to this matter.
23. Discussion and action regarding personnel. – The Board of Directors requested the Field Tech position in the Victoria Advocate.
24. Items for future consideration / Topics for next meeting. – Management Plan, Personnel,
25. Public Comments – No public comment.
26. Adjourn – Mr. Korth made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Cook seconded and the motion passed 7-0.