

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
11-15-21

1. Call to Order – Prayer- Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., November 15, 2021, at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office. Ms. Smith led a prayer.
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 - Art Dohmann, Wesley Ball, Barbara Smith, Roy Rosin, Terrel Graham, Carl Hummel and Wilfred Korth were present.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest - Mr. Dohmann welcomed Heather Sumpter, General Manager and Leroy Mikeska, Field Tech for the District. Mr. Korth also welcomed all other guest. See attached list.
5. Public Comment – None

Consent Agenda Items

6. Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2021
7. Approval of October Financials
8. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
9. Approval of Invoices
10. Approval of 2022 Holiday Schedule

Mr. Hummel made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion passed 7-0. Included in the reimbursements was reimbursements to Heather Sumpter for \$200.00 and Leroy Mikeska for \$189.28. Invoices included Paulsgrove & Taylor for \$700.00.

Individual Agenda

11. Presentation from ConEdison Development – Peregrine Solar Project – Joan Heredia gave an overview of the solar project that will be located in the southern part of the county. A water well drilling and operating application will be filed with the district in the next coming months.
12. Discussion with Dr. Ken Rainwater and Terry McClendon Regarding TTU Recharge Report / Estimation of Soil Moisture Dynamics Based on Vegetation – Dr. Rainwater gave a presentation and answered questions from the board, via video communication, regarding the recharge study. Mr. McLendon was unable to attend.
13. Discussion and Possible Action regarding RFP for Recharge Data Review – Mr. Graham made a motion to invite Mike Keester with LRE & Dr. Rainwater with TTU, to offer proposals and thoughts to GCGCD recharge study. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
14. Discussion and Action on Goliad County Appraisal District Director Election – Ms. Smith made a motion to allow all 29 entitled votes to be cast to Wilfred Korth for Goliad County Appraisal District Board Member. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
15. Discussion and Possible Action on Planning for Future District Office – Ms. Sumpter reported that at the last board meeting it was approved to make a bid offer on tax resale property Lot 2, Block 7 in the town of Goliad in the amount of \$13,721.90. The offer had to be adjusted to avoid being taken to all of the taxing entities for consideration. With the adjusted amount of \$13,849.45, the offer would be considered by Goliad Commissioners Court only. This amount was offered and accepted by Commissioners Court and will need to be paid within 10 days. Mr. Graham made a motion to pay \$13,849.45 for the property. Mr. Rosin seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

16. Discussion and Action on Matters Related to GMA-15 – Ms. Sumpter reported GMA-15 tentatively approved the requested evaluation factors pending submittal of a memo documenting justification of the increase beyond +/- 5 for the Gulf Coast Aquifer. Mr. Ball made a motion for the DFC committee to produce the memorandum. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
17. Discussion and Action on Permit Renewal for Lavern Meyer and Unit Petroleum – Mr. Graham made a motion for Ms. Sumpter to discuss Lavern Meyer permitting with the district’s attorney for guidance. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Mr. Graham made a motion for Ms. Sumpter to start the violation process on Unit Petroleum. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
18. Discussion and Possible Action Discretion to GCGCD Rules – No Action taken.
19. Discussion and Action on Personnel Evaluations and Pay Rate/Salary – The board of Directors went into closed session under section 551.074 personnel matters at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened at 7:24 p.m. Mr. Dohmann made a motion for the General Managers salary to be increased to \$50,000 as of October 1, 2021 and the Field Tech hourly wage be increased to \$17.00 an hour as of October 1, 2021.
20. General Managers Report – Ms. Sumpter reported she negotiated the electricity contract with Direct Energy for an additional three years. The current rate that the district is receiving is 6.38 cents and will see a slight increase to 8.286 cents. Also reported by Ms. Sumpter was injection well area permit renewal UR03075 is still shown to be in a pending status.
21. Field Tech Report – Mr. Mikeska reported and presented a spread sheet of 9 new wells located for the last month.
22. Discussion and Action on Groundwater Conservation Measurers - None
23. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings - Attended GMA-15
24. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – GMA-15, Recharge Study, Office Building
25. Public Comments - None
26. Adjourn – Mr. Hummel made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 6-0.