

Goliad County Groundwater District Minutes for 9-19-16

- I. Call to Order- Wesley Ball called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on 9-19-16 at the Water District Office. A prayer was led by Mr. Dohmann. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Water District Pledge – “May we be responsible stewards of our natural resources.” Mr. Ball welcomed guest- Richard Miller, Kai Buckert, Ernest King, Pat Calhoun. Heather Sumpter was present from the GCGCD office. Roll call of directors – Art Dohmann, Wilfred Korth, Barbara Smith, Gary Bellows and Wesley Ball. Record reflects Ginger Cook and Carrol Norrell are absent. There was no public comment on the operations of the District. Mr. Ball opened the public hearing on the tax rate for the tax year 2016-2017. The proposed tax rate is \$.01 per \$100 of value the same rate of valuation as the current fiscal year. The rate is for a collection rate of about \$100,000 of an operating budget of \$152,650. The remainder of the budget will come from reserves. There were no questions or comments during the public hearing. The public hearing was closed.
Discussion and action on approval of tax rate- Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the tax rate for \$.01 per \$100 valuation. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
Discussion and action on approval of 2016-2017 Budget- Ms. Smith made the motion to approve the 2016-2017 budget. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
Discussion and action with Mr. Richard Miller on DCP lawsuit - Mr. Miller gave a report on the lawsuit with DCP and billing of third and fourth quarter payments to the Appraisal District. Mr. Miller explained the method of how money is being collected for the lawsuit through entities quarterly payments and the method of how it would be disbursed back to entities over the 2017 quarterly payments after the lawsuit is settled.

Richard Miller- “Right now to give you numbers the Groundwater’s Levy is .07024 of the overall tax base. So that is what your quarterly payments are figured on. By the percentage of levy that we collect for you. So that being said, currently we spent \$342.57 of your money on legal expenses. okay. That’s total. That’s 15 and 16 because remind you one of the things I warned you about is part of that \$400,000 that we establish for the budget because we had started before the budget had come into action we were taking some of our money out of reserves in 15, because we didn’t have it the money was not budgeted until January this year but we were working in September, October, November of 15. We were pulling money out of our general reserves so that money was going to have to be replaced. So that money was going to be credited back this year from the \$400,000 legal expenses. That's why I am using the 15,16 numbers to talk about your share this year. The projected cost for the Groundwater District if we spent the full \$400,000, you would incur another \$2,809.60 for a grand total of \$3,152.10. So what you’re looking at is about \$3,100 and change that you would be kicking into the kiddy to fight this battle if we had to spend the whole \$400,000. Then again what would happen is if we were to settle this thing in a month, we would pony up all the attorney bills and then take that .07024 apply it to that, that would be your share. Okay, and then what would happen after that is

that basically at the end of the year, and this actually falls under sections J of 6.06 of the Property Tax Code, the District would then disburse the funds back to the entities in the form of a refund of their next year's payments. So what we would do is, is say that you had \$3,152 that was your share say we only spent \$2,152 and we owed you \$1,000. We would take that \$1,000 and break it up into four credits over the course of the next year for you so we would lower your actual quarterly payment based on whatever our budget is in 17 and lower it down by that \$1,000 over the four quarters."

Mr. Smith made a motion to pay \$956.36 to the Appraisal District for the District's portion of the third quarter payment. Mr. Bellow's seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

- II. Discussion and action on approval of Minutes of August 15, 2016.- Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2016. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
- III. Staff Reports- Discussion and possible action on the following items:
 - A. Financial Report for August 2016- Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the financial report for August 2016. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
 - B. Director/Employee Reimbursement for Month – Ms. Smith made a motion to approve Clay Hamman's expense report for \$88.56 for mileage, Carrol Norrell's expense report for \$50.00 for internet service, and Art Dohmann's expense report for \$92.40 for internet service and mileage. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Dohmann abstaining.
 - C. New well report- Ms. Smith reported that there were four new wells all being for domestic or livestock use. One of the wells is a replacement well, the old well is being plugged.
 - D. Building Content and Liability Insurance - Ms. Smith gave a report on the building content and liability insurance. Out of four bids for the insurance, Farm Bureau had the cheapest bid at \$560.00.
 - E. 2016-2017 Funds Balances – Will be discussed at next business meeting.
 - F. Payments and Invoices: Daniel B. Stephens (with budget adjustments) and HP Computers - Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the invoice in the amount of \$6,749.00 from Daniel B. Stephens and to move \$1,749.00 from line item 402 to line item 409. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
Mr. Bellows made a motion to pay the invoice to HP for purchase of computers in the amount of \$2,057.96. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
- IV. Directors Reports – Discussion and possible action on following items:
 - A. None
- V. Unfinished Business- Discussion and possible action on the following items:
 - A. Slick Wilcox Project and water quality testing in County. – Ms. Smith reported 26 letters have been mailed out to landowners within a one-mile radius of the site regarding possible testing of wells on the landowner's property. Six letters and one phone call have been received back from landowners willing to participate.
 - B. Election Process- Ms. Smith reported as the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, she certified that the following candidates are unopposed for election

to office for the election scheduled to be held November 8, 2016. Director Place 1, Ginger Cook. Director Place 2, Wilfred Korth. Director Place 4, Gary Bellows. Director Place 6, Art Dohmann. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the order of cancellation of election. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

- C. Resolution to Appraisal District Board of Directors – Mr. Ball reported his recommendation for the next step is to meet with SARA and the City.
- D. McClellan well contamination and associated activity – Ms. Smith reported on this week’s activities regarding the Oilfield Road Project.
- E. Clarification and enforcement of rules: visiting drill site and cementing casing - Ms. Smith asked the board for clarification on rule 14.3 which requires 20’ of casing from the surface down to be cemented with a minimum of 4 to 1 sand to cement ratio material. She has had phone calls from water well drillers asking what specifically this rule meant in regards to the use of bentonite. The board determined that use of bentonite is not allowed. Cement has to be used.
Ms. Smith also covered office procedure now taking place for rule 11.2 stating the driller is to notify the District office 24 hours prior to commencing of drilling and is to allow non-contact observation of the drilling and casing of the well by District representatives.
- F. Well plugging program – Ms. Smith reported the District is ready to implement the well plugging program. It was approved by the Board that the District will be advertising and taking applications from October 1 through the end of November 2016.
- G. Water level monitoring in October – Mr. Dohmann will be monitoring some of the wells in October. The other wells will be monitored during the month of October based on staffing and schedules.

VI. New Business – Discussion and possible action on the following items:

- A. Discussion and action on purchase of bank CD - Mr. Dohmann made a motion to purchase a \$100,000 CD for 12 months with First National Bank. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Ball abstaining.
- B. TCEQ Joint Groundwater Monitoring and Contamination Report- 2015 - Ms. Smith reported that the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee completed the Joint Groundwater Monitoring and Contamination Report for 2015 and gave an overview of the groundwater contamination cases.
- C. TWDB TexMesonet- Ms. Smith reported Mark Olden from TWDB is working on a flood response program. He contacted the District for assistance in helping him find contacts for possible weather station locations in the western and southern part of the county.
- D. SARA brush management study – Mr. Dohmann gave an overview of the 237 page EDYS report. In the 237-page report, the topics of interest within the report were 24 soil types, 84 plant species, 10 twenty-five year scenarios, brush control, evapotranspiration, 4 rainfall segments, and land in cultivation.
- E. Discussion and action on distribution of stipend, Clay Hamman’s resignation and staffing- Mr. Dohmann made the motion starting October 1, 2016 that a \$200.00 stipend be split at \$100.00 each per month to Barbara Smith and Heather Sumpter, they will now report a miscellaneous expense report. Secondly, effective immediately, Heather Sumpter will be offered the District Assistant position with a salary increase effective October 1st annualized \$35,000.00. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion

passed 5-0. The board accepted Clay Hamman's resignation. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to advertise for a position for a field technician, the rate being \$15.00 an hour for a guaranteed minimum 8 hours a week. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

- VII. Topics for next meeting – Report on McClellan/Oilfield Road Project, Well Plugging Program, Slick Wilcox water quality sampling, 2016-2017 Fund Balances.
- VIII. Public Comment – No Public Comment.
- IX. Executive Session – The GCGCD went into Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. and reconvened at 7:41 p.m. in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551 to discuss distribution of stipend and Clay Hamman's resignation.
- X. Adjournment – Mr. Korth made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 5-0.