

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 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 – Art Dohmann, Wilfred Korth, Barbara Smith, Gary Bellows, Ginger Cook, Carrol Norrell and Wesley Ball.
4. Introduction of visitors and welcome guest – Mr. Ball welcomed guest Matt Johnson and Steven Argubright. Pat Bostick and Heather Sumpter were also present from the office.
5. Public Comments – No Public comment.

Open Public Hearing and Take Action on an Operating Permit fir By Faith Ranch- The purpose of the hearing is to hear public comment on the application for an operating permit for By Faith Ranch, located at 289 Nordheim Slickfield Rd. Yorktown, TX. 78164., in Goliad County, Texas. The request is to operate a water well to provide water for supplementing two stock tanks that are 1 acre each and eight feet in depth for livestock, located 289 Nordheim Slickfield Rd. Yorktown, TX. 78164, in Goliad County Texas. The proposed pump is a 2 HP pump with the normal rate of production of 35 gpm. The requested amount of water per year is 46 ac/ft./yr. After discussion, Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve By Faith Ranch an operating permit for 27 ac/ft. per year for the use of irrigation. This well will be available for backup for livestock use if the existing household well is unavailable. The household well will be primarily for the livestock. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Consent Agenda Items

Consent Agenda Items #6, #7, #8 and #9 were approved in a single motion.

6. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors held on January 16, 2017 and February 9, 2017.
7. Approval of the Financial Report for January 2017.
8. Approval of Employee Reimbursements.
9. Approval of Cater Water Well Drilling Invoice.

Ms. Cook made a motion to approve all consent Agenda Items. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 7-0. Ms. Sumpter requested instruction on what line item to pay the Carter Invoice. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to move \$2,380.00 out of line item 800 Contingency and add line item under Technical Services titled "Well Drilling." Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Individual Agenda Items

10. General Mangers Report - Ms. Sumpter provided a spreadsheet of the 2016 Rainfall totals provided by CoCorahs and landowners throughout the Counties.

Also provided was a copy of the letter that was mailed to the water well drillers regarding the District's Well Plugging Program.

11. Field Tech Report - Mr. Bostick reported and provided a spreadsheet of the new water wells located in the County. Six new water wells were located, five being for domestic and livestock use and one permitted well for irrigation.

12. Discussion and action regarding mileage reimbursement to Judge Calhoun. – Mr. Norrell made a motion to pay Judge Calhoun's mileage share cost for driving Mr. Dohmann and Ms. Sumpter to the Region L meetings in San Antonio. Ms. Cook seconded and the motion passed. 6-0 with 1 nay.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding the Request for Proposal for on call Services. - Request for proposals were submitted for on call services by Intera and Daniel B. Stephens and Associates. Ms. Smith made a motion to accept the proposal from Daniel B. Stephens. Ms. Cook seconded and the motion was passed 7-0.

14. Discussion and action on Letter mailed to Johnnie Hall – Ms. Sumpter provided a copy of the letter that was mailed to Mr. Hall regarding the District requesting information on the pump that was recently installed in an existing well. A letter was also mailed to Scott Carter showing he was copied in the letter mailed to Mr. Hall. Both letters were sent by certified mail. Ms. Sumpter reported Scott Carter has picked up his certified letter but Mr. Hall has not. Mr. Bellows made a motion to send a certified letter to Scott Carter if no response is made by March 1, 2017 from Mr. Hall. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion was passed 7-0.

15. Discussion and possible action on legal counsel for the District. - Mr. Dohmann made a motion to contact Ashford Taylor to serve as a backup for legal counsel for the District. Ms. Cook seconded and the motion was passed 7-0.

16. Discussion and possible action on Resolution to Revise the Number of Voting Positions on the Board of Directors of the Goliad County Appraisal District. – Ms. Sumpter reported SARA did adopt a resolution. GCGCD will set up a meeting time for the District, the City and SARA to discuss the next steps that will take place with the Resolutions.

17. Discussion and action on Office and Field Procedure for Exempt Wells. – Mr. Dohmann reported recommendations on procedures for new exempt wells. Additional information will be emailed to the Directors and this item will be placed on the next monthly meeting agenda for discussion and possible action.

18. Discussion and possible action regarding EPA proposed revision to 40 CFR Part 192. – Mr. Dohmann reported the difference in current 2015 rules and 2016 proposed rules. He is in contact with Rich Abbotts for review of the proposed rule changes and is waiting on a response.

19. Discussion and action on Railroad Commission letter regarding McClellan Study. – Ms. Sumpter reported the District was contacted by attorney Ross Griesinger in Senator Kolkhorst office. He will forward the information we sent to the Senator for her review.

20. Discussion and action regarding input to Art Dohmann on Watershed Wise Award. – Mr. Dohmann reported he was nominated for SARA's 2017 Watershed Wise award. SARA will interview Mr. Dohmann at the District office for a video of his acceptance.

21. Discussion and possible action on radionuclide testing and USGS water quality study. – Ms. Sumpter provided a spreadsheet of the water quality sampling test results on testing of radionuclides to various landowners in the County. – Ms. Sumpter provided a spreadsheet of the water quality test that were done in November of 2016 and copies of the of the USGS water quality study reports. Ms. Smith made a motion to send out letters to the landowners previously contacted for testing in the Norheim Slick Field area notifying them that the radionuclide and uranium constituents were in the limit and the arsenic levels exceeded the acceptance level of the EPA. Ms. Cook seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

22. Discussion and possible action on the annual audit. – A draft of the annual audit was provided by Margret Fisseler. Mr. Ball asked that the following changes were made:

Pg. 9 – The Assigned and Committed fund balances are flipped as to pg. 16 under assigned and committed under note 9, Pg. 16- It is believed under note 9 that the budget year should read 2015-2016, instead of 2014-2015. Pg. 18 & 24 – Regarding property taxes, they would like it noted in the notes somewhere, the reasoning for the percent of tax collected percentage drop (the 86.87% pg. 24) from the previous years- 100.8% - 115.96% and the property taxes original, final and actual, because the values dropped. Ms. Smith asked the following changes were made:

Pg. 13 – E (a) Would like this to read as our policy reads. (Page 10 line E) : The Budget of GCGCD is prepared by the President of the Board and the Manager including the requirements within Chapter 36. 154 Texas Water Code. The budget is then presented to the Board in a budget workshop at which time the Board approves the proposed budget and sets the proposed tax rate to fulfill that budget. The Board then sets a hearing date for the tax rate in accordance with the State of Texas Tax Code. At the same meeting or a later meeting the Board adopts the budget and tax rate and sends this rate to the County Tax Assessor/Collector and the County Appraisal District. Pg. 14 K. – Take out info on contract with Randy Trybus. & We did enter an agreement with Linebarger, that needs to be added to the audit.

23. Discussion and possible action regarding the Appraisal District accounting for litigation. - Ms. Smith made a motion to look at the transcribed minutes of the Board meeting that Mr. Miller from the Goliad County Appraisal District attended. If the transcript does not match the letter recently received from him, the District will send Mr. Miller from the Appraisal District a letter asking for further correspondence. Ms. Norrell seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

24. Discussion and action on General Managers Vacation – Ms. Sumpter asked the board for instruction and procedure when the General Manager takes vacation days regarding the office. It was agreed that Mr. Bostick can come in to check phone messages, take care of any paper work, locates as needed when the General Manager is out of the office. It was agreed that he will be paid mileage and a paid for a minimum of two hours' work.

25. Items for future consideration / Topics for next meeting. – Johnnie Hall, Appraisal District Litigation, Field and Office Procedure for exempt wells.

26. Public Comments. – No public comments. 27. Adjourn. – Ms. Cook made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Approved By the Board of Directors on March 20, 2017.

