

GCGCD
Minutes of 6-20-16

I. Call to Order

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

Water District Pledge – “May we be responsible stewards of our natural resources”

Welcome guests – Henry Rangnow, Kenneth Friedel, Stephen Saucedo, Robin Alaniz, Rob Baiamonte, Clay Hamman, Yvette Torres, Chris Torres, Raul Garcia, Heather Sumpter, Larry Waters, Carter Bruce, Christine McBride, Connie Waters, Andy Torres, Trey Schrade, and Mark Irwin.

Roll call of directors found Mr. Bellows absent.

There was no public comment on operations of the District.

Mr. Ball opened the Public Hearing on Drilling and Operating Permit for Carter Bruce.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear public comment on the application for a drilling and operating permit for Carter Bruce, 2150 FM 1351, in Goliad County, Texas.

This request is to drill and operate a water well to provide water for maintaining a level in a 2 ½ acre stock tank for fish and wildlife. The tank is designed to hold 10 ac/ft of water. The proposed pump is a 5 HP pump capable of producing 100 gpm. The normal rate of production of this pump will be 80 gpm. The requested amount of water per year is 5 ac/ft/yr. Mr. Bruce stated that this well will be used to maintain his pond in addition to run off. His existing domestic well will supply water for his future home on the property.

Mr. Andy Torres asked if the neighbors should be concerned about this well request. His home and well is located approximately 900’ south of this proposed well. The well will be screened with fine screening and gravel packed according to Mr. Rangnow. Mr. Ball closed the Public Hearing and asked the Board for questions and action on the permit applications. After questions by the board and answers from Mr. Bruce concerning annual usage reporting and water maintenance levels, Ms. Norrell moved to approve the drilling and operating permits for Mr. Bruce with the following conditions: The well must not be screened above 200’, Mr. Bruce will install an hour meter on the well to report annual usage, and the level will be maintained at 10’ below the spillway. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion carried 6-0. The Board considered the Mitigation Rule Worksheet for this permit application and determined that no further mitigation action is required.

II. Discussion and Action on Minutes of May 16, 2016 – Mr. Korth moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

III. Staff Reports – Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Financial Report May 2016 – Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the financial report for the month. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

B. Director/Employee Reimbursements – The Board approved the payment of mileage reimbursement to Ms. Smith - \$215.31 and Mr. Hamman – \$301.86 on a motion from Ms. Cook and a second from Ms. Norrell. The vote was 5-0-1 abstention, with Ms. Smith abstaining.

C. Approval of Invoice for Appraisal District – Appraisal District Meeting – June 13, 2016

Mr. Ball stated that the meeting with the Appraisal District was not very fruitful. The attorney for the Appraisal District recommended that his client let the other taxing entities initiate the change. City of Goliad Councilwoman, Robin Alaniz, asked if each entity should adopt a resolution telling the Appraisal District Board that we want the composition of the Board changed. This requires ¾ of the entities requesting the change. GCGCD will draft a resolution and share with SARA and the City. Mr. Hamman stated that he thinks that the taxpayers will be upset if they knew that we are paying money to an entity where we have no representation. Ms. Smith should start drafting a resolution. The GCGCD Board agreed that we should have a meeting of the entities to discuss a resolution before sending to the Appraisal District.

Discussion then went to the payment of the 3rd quarter billing from the Appraisal District. Ms. Cook moved to table the payment of the invoice and send a letter to the Appraisal District requesting a financial update since settlement of Coletto Power Plant lawsuit and asking the question about has the DCP litigation been resolved to justify this bill for \$1360.64. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion carried 6-0. The March letter from Appraisal District. Conflicting information.

D. ADP Check Processing quote – Ms. Smith stated that Mr. Ball asked her to check on the cost of having our payroll done by this service. No action was taken.

E. New Well report – 7 new wells located in month. 1 domestic, 3 livestock, 2 domestic and livestock, and 1 wildlife and fish.

F. Operating permit renewals – Kersey – Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the permit renewal for three years. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

G. Meetings – Texas Aquifer Conference – June 9th in Austin – Mr. Hamman reported on this conference and stated that he did learn some things about ASR. See attachment. The Conference was interesting but not necessarily that beneficial to our District.

SARA Training – Goliad – 9:00 a.m. – June 22, 2016 – This will take place on Wednesday here at our office. Karen Sablan will conduct training.

H. Nominee for Region L – The Board nominated Pat Calhoun for the “Counties” position available.

I. Water levels – The Board received a report on the current well levels. Mr. Hamman and Ms. Smith will complete the water levels soon.

J. Employee Calendar – Ms. Smith gave the Board a copy of the employee calendar for the next month containing days off for the employees.

K. Review timeline for 2016-2017 Budget Planning – Ms. Smith passed out a timeline for setting and adopting our budget. August 1 or 8 for budget workshop suggested.

IV. Directors Reports – Discussion and possible action on following items:

A. Report on GMA 15 meeting on June 14, 2016 – Mr. Dohmann moved to adopt the DFC for GMA 15 as adopted by GMA 15 on June 14, 2016. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

B. GCGCD Annual Groundwater Use Report – The Board was given this report for review and will be included on next agenda for approval. This will then be transmitted to Region L and TWDB.

C. GCGCD Performance Review – The Board took this report home for review and we will include in next agenda.

V. Unfinished Business - discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Mr. Steven Saucedo of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP attended the meeting to discuss the agreement with the District for collection of taxes. The Board approved the agreement on a vote of 6-0 to begin the agreement on June 20, 2016 and expire on November 1, 2016 on a motion from Mr. Korth and a second by Ms. Cook 6-0.

B. Update on Nordheim Disposal Application and proposed testing – Mr. Hamman gave a report on his research on the cost of testing water wells and storm water testing with GBRA and SARA labs. He gave a map showing the wells along the county line that have been identified. The District’s emphasis needs to be on groundwater but we hope that SARA and GBRA would be interested in the storm water element. We need to determine the scope of the project for budget purposes.

C. Update on Slick Wilcox Project – Ms. Smith gave the directors the email from TCEQ concerning the permit application.

D. Election Process and notice in paper – Ms. Smith included the notice to paper and timeline for filing for positions. Ms. Norrell as Secretary of the Board must accept the applications.

E. Rules Revisions and set hearing – Ms. Smith moved to approve the rules revisions subject to public hearing. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 6-0. These rule revisions will be posted in the paper.

F. Investment Policy and Quarterly Reporting – The Board will review draft policy and bring back to next meeting for approval. Quarterly reporting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

G. Approval of purchase of computers, monitors, and equipment – Ms. Cook moved to purchase 2 new computers and equipment for no more than \$4000. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion carried 6-0. This includes installation and upgrade of existing computer.

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

A. Ms. Smith read her statement to those attending the meeting. The Board considered the comments of Mr. Kenneth Friedel, water well driller from Yoakum. Mr. Friedel was at the meeting to discuss the Trey Schrade well. Please see the attached comments.

B. Well plugging assistance program through SARA – Connie Waters from the Soil and Water Conservation District attended the meeting and discussed how possible grant funds from SARA could possibly be used to fund a program to plug abandoned wells in Goliad County. She asked if this

would be something that GCGCD would be interested in participating. We will work with them to get the information out. Mr. Dohmann suggested that we will have more interest than we can handle financially. We will need to develop criteria. This item needs to be a budget discussion for next fiscal year.

- C. TMDL Project for Bacteria- Ms. Smith presented information that was presented to the Farm Bureau Board at their last meeting. TCEQ wants stakeholders to develop a program to deal with contamination on the San Antonio River in Goliad County. There should be more information available soon about this program.

VII. Topics for next meeting – Resolution for Appraisal District, Investment policy, well plugging information, Hearing on Rules Revisions, Performance Review and Water Use Report

VIII. Public Comment – There was no public comment

IX. Executive session – There was no executive session

X. Adjournment – Ms. Cook moved to adjourn at 8:20. Mr. Korth seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Smith