

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2019

1. Call to Order – Prayer – Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., August 19, 2019, at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office. Ms. Smith lead 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, Gary Bellows, Terrell Graham, and Wilfred Korth were present. Carl Hummel was absent. Mr. Ball excused himself later in the meeting.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Korth welcomed Heather Sumpter, General Manager for the District and Leroy Mikeska, field tech for the District. Ashford Taylor, the District’s counsel was also welcomed.
5. Public Comment – No public comment.

Consent Agenda Items

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Directors Held on July 15, 2019
7. Approval of Financial Report for July 2019
8. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
9. Approval of Invoices

Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Employee reimbursements included a reimbursement to Heather Sumpter in the amount of \$103.24 and \$200.00, a reimbursement to Leroy Mikeska for \$251.14. Invoices were presented for payment approval to Texas Farm Bureau in the amount of \$41.00 & \$521.00.

10. Discussion and Action on Permit Renewals for Alberto Puga and Joe Sterling – Ms. Smith made a motion to approve Alberto Puga’s permit renewal for a three-year period. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve Joe Sterling’s permit renewal for a three-year period. Mr. Ball seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.
11. Discussion and Action on Possible Reimbursement from Excess Funds Pursuant to Tax Sale Suit No. 12-04-9864CV. - Mr. Dohmann explained at the last Commissioners Court meeting on August 12 2019, an agenda item was placed on the agenda for consideration to distribute excess funds pursuant to tax sale Suit No. 12-04-9864CV. Commissioners Court voted \$15,641.34 would be distributed back to the estate that was collected in excess. This amount included Goliad County, San Antonio River Authority, and Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District. taxing entities. Goliad County Groundwater District’s portion of that amount is \$285.92. Mr. Graham made a motion to return \$285.92 back to the Estate. Mr. Dohmann seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.
12. Discussion and Action on Non-Compliance Permitted Wells for Failure to Report Annual Water Usage for 2018 & Renewal of Permit Application on Permit 79-21-P-0092 Carter Bruce – Ms. Sumpter reported Mr. Bruce had turned in the 2018 Annual Use Report, Operating Permit Renewal, and has paid all fees and costs association with the violations.
13. Discussion and Possible Action Relating to Changes and Additions to District Rules – Discussion was made on several rule considerations to the District rules. Additional time is needed for review and discussion to all considerations.
14. Discussion and Action on TTU Recharge Study – Mr. Graham made a motion to select Dr. Fuller’s property for the new additional recharge study site to be installed in the next fiscal year. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

15. General Managers Report – Ms. Sumpter provided a copy of Victoria County’s RFQ for services for the aquifer evaluation services for the board to review. Responses deadline is due by November 1st. Mr. Andruss will let the District know when he has additional information to provide.

Ms. Sumpter provided documentation from TCEQ regarding a petition that has been filed seeking a review of Starr County Groundwater District. The petition was filed by eight GCD’s within GMA-

Ms. Sumpter also reported she emailed information regarding the State Flood Plan on Senate Bill 7 and Senate Bill 8. Any comments that want to be made regarding the plan are due by August 30th.

Ms. Sumpter requested to hold the Tax Rate on Sept. 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Smith made a motion to hold the tax rate hearing on the requested date. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

16. Field Tech Report – Mr. Mikeska reported seven new water wells were located for the last month. Also reported was three more monitor wells have been added to the district database. Mr. Mikeska reported a driller has not returned a drilling log for a well that was drilled in May. Mr. Bellows offered to make contact with the landowner to expedite filling of the well log.
17. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – None
18. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting - Driller Well Log compliance, District Rules review
19. Public Comments - None
20. Adjourn – Mr. Bellows made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 5-0.