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- Call to Order Prayer Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., January 16, 2023 at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District and Ms. Smith led a prayer.
- 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."
- Roll Call Art Dohmann, Barbara Smith, Roy Rosin, Terrel Graham, Reagan Sahadi, and Wilfred Korth were present. Ernest Alaniz joined later.
- Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guests Mr. Korth welcomed Annalysa Camacho and Mike Taylor, District Staff, Ashford Taylor, attorney, and guests; Bill Parmley, Cristian Gomez, Jacoby Prestwood, Mike Hiller, Steven Saucedo.
- 5. Public Comment Mr. Gomez gave a short presentation concerning the solar farm and what water would be used for.
- 6. Open Public Hearing- Drilling & Operating Permit No. 79-29-P-0114 for Janey Hiller and CED Peregrine Solar located at 13568 FM 2441 Goliad, TX. 77963 on a 1,855-acre tract owned by Janey Hiller. The use for the new well would be for construction and dust control of roads for a solar farm. When construction is complete, water will be used for operation and maintenance building. The requested amount of water is 0.11 ac/ft/yr. Mr. Gomez gave a brief presentation describing how water would be used for construction for 2 years and then to wash solar panels and provide water to an operational building after construction.
- 7. Close Public Hearing- Take Action on Permit No. 79-29-P-0114 for Janey Hiller and CED Peregrine Solar. Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the Hiller Permit for 0.11 ac/ft per acre, per year, with the screen set at least 400ft deep, and Peregrine Solar must return and amend their allotted usage when construction is complete. The amendment must take into consideration washing panels two times a year. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed.

Consent Agenda Items

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and may be enacted in one motion. A member of the Board of Directors may request one or more items be removed from the consent agenda for a separate discussion and action.

- 8. Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2022
- 9. Approval of December Financials
- 10. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
- 11. Approval of Invoices

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Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as is. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed.

Individual Agenda

- 12. Discussion and Action approving document titled "Action Approving Contract with LGB&S" Mr. Saucedo notified the Board that this document must be approved before the contract could be agreed upon. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the document. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed.
- 13. Discussion and Vote to approve new contract with LGB&S Mr. Graham clarified with Mr. Saucedo that there would be no fees charged to the District and Mr. Saucedo agreed. Mr. Sahadi made a motion to approve the contract with LGB&S. Mr. Rosin seconded and the motion passed.
- 14. Discussion and Action on Investment Policy Review Ms. Smith notified the Board that the policy was up to date and did not need any revisions.
- 15. Action on signing Investment Policy Resolution Ms. Smith made a motion to adopt the Investment Policy Resolution. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion carried.
- 16. Discussion and Action on Certificate of Deposit Renewal of CD 45158 Ms. Camacho notified the Board that this CD had renewed.
- 17. Discussion and Action on UEC UR03075, WDW423 & WDW424 permit renewals After the board came out of executive session, Mr. Alaniz made a motion for Mr. Graham to email the TCEQ mediator if he does not receive a response from TCEQ by Wednesday, January 18th. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed. Mr. Graham made a motion to authorize the Mediation committee to negotiate the settlement of the mining permit renewal only if it is beneficial. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed. Ms. Graham made a motion to appoint himself as chairman, as well as Mr. Dohmann and Mr. Rosin as a committee to draft responses and public comments for the UEC UR3075 permit. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed.
- Go into executive session to discuss mediation of UEC UR03075, WDW423 & WDW424 permit renewals – The board released Mr. Mike Taylor and went into Executive session. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to come out of executive session
- Discussion and Action on District position on GMA 15 Mr. Graham made a motion to table this item. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried.
- 20. Discussion and Action on 2023 Management Plan Ms. Camacho notified the board that the Management Plan needed to be reviewed and would be discussed at the next meeting.

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- 21. Discussion and Action on providing technical support to landowners Mr. Dohmann proposed reinstating handing out educational packets when locating new wells and providing information to landowners for water quality information. Mr. Sahadi made a motion to provide technical support websites limited to information from AgriLife, the Texas Well Owners Association, and the like as references for landowners. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed.
- 22. Discussion and Action on 2022 Monitor Well Report The 2022 Monitor Well Report was reviewed and changes in water levels across the county were discussed. No action was taken.
- 23. Discussion and Action on 2022 Rainfall Report The report was reviewed and no action was taken.
- 24. Discussion and Action on proposed updates to Director and Employee Policy Manual Will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 25. Go into Executive Session to Discuss Field Tech's Evaluation The board released Mr. Mike Taylor and went into executive discussion.
- 26. Discussion and Action on Field Tech's Evaluation None.
- 27. General Managers Report Ms. Camacho notified the board that the District was waiting on the updated invoice from the County Tax Assessor for the property owned by the District. Mr. Graham asked if another well could be tested for the UEC area monitor wells. Discussion was had on the location of the proposed well. The board gave Ms. Camacho the authority to add this well to the list to gather water quality samples for the area.
- 28. Field Tech Report Mr. Taylor notified the board that he located four wells since the last meeting.
- 29. Discussion and Action on Groundwater Conservation Measures None.
- 30. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended Ms. Camacho notified the Board that a member from the Texas Department of Licensing and Registration would come to the office on January 24th to give a presentation on what TDLR provides to Groundwater Conservation Districts.
- Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting Agenda items 17, 18, 19, 20, and 24 need to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 32. Public Comments Mr. Sahadi made a comment that there may be a volunteer fire department starting in Berclair.
- 33. Adjourn Mr. Dohmann made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sahadi seconded and the motion passed.

Submitted by: Annalysa Camacho

Approved by Board of Directors: 02/20/2023