

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District  
Meeting Minutes  
3-15-21

1. Call to Order – Prayer- — Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., March 15, 2021, at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office. Ms. Smith led 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, Barbara Smith, Gary Bellows, and Wilfred Korth, Terrel Graham, and Carl Hummel were present.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest - Mr. Korth welcomed Heather Sumpter, General Manager and Leroy Mikeska, field tech for the District.
5. Public Comment – None

**Consent Agenda Items**

6. Approval of the Minutes from February 22, 2021
7. Approval of Financial Report for February 2021
8. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
9. Approval of Invoices

Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Included in the consent agenda items is employee reimbursements for Heather Sumpter in the amount of \$200.00 and to Leroy Mikeska in the amount of \$131.60

**Individual Agenda**

10. General Manager Report – Ms. Sumpter presented the letter that was mailed to GMA-15 General Managers and their Board of Directors. Comments were provided in the letter were submitted by GCGCD board members and were then put in a letter to be mailed. Ms. Sumpter also made comment to the FM 622 research. Research is till being conducted to look at the possibility of old pits being near the area of the Kowald property.
11. Field Tech Report – Mr. Mikeska reported he located three new wells in the last month for domestic or livestock use.
12. Discussion and Action on Permit Renewal for Los Dos Robles, Tom Dorrell, 1303 Properties, Jeremy Fortenberry, and Sabrena Wieland  
Los Dos Robes- Discussion was made in regards to the water usage reported being significantly lower than the original amount of 10 ac/ft/yr permitted. More information was sought out from the landowner last month in regard to the amount reported and was found the residence was a weekend house with approximately fifteen head of cattle. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to reduce the allocation to 1 ac/ft/yr based on minimal consumption for the last three years, and to reference the original allocation in the permit in the instance the usage goes up. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 6-0.  
Tom Dorrell – Mr. Dorrell is currently revising his farming operation from palm trees to a different type of tree. He is currently irrigated pastures and has livestock. He is requesting the same allocation for each permit and will possibly be in to reapply for additional water if needed for his operation when it has been established. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the renewals for a three-year period for the same allocation. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 6-0.  
1303 Properties – This property was previously Mr. Jim Cohn’s property and was sold in December 2020. There are no changes to the permit and will be working toward doing some work to property and may have some changes later on when an operation plan is established. Ms. Smith made a motion to reduce and approve the renewal for 1 ac/ft/yr with a notation of allocation of 18 ac/ft/yr due to the minimal use for the last three years. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Cash Fortenberry Trust - Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the permit renewal and decrease the allocation to 1 ac/ft/yr due to the minimal water usage the last three years with a note on the permit stating original water allocation was 70 ac/ft/yr. Ms. Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

Sabrina Weiland – Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the permit renewal and reduce the permitted allocation to 1ac/ft/yr based on the minimal water usage reported the last three years. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

13. Discussion and Action to Amend Budget to Reflect an Increase of Funding/Payments to Appraisal District – Mr. Korth reported he attended the Goliad County Appraisal District meeting and it was determined that the Appraisal District will be amending their budget to cost associated with the recent split of the ISD and Appraisal Office. Ms. Sumpter presented the letter that was received from the Appraisal District with the breakdown of the cost. GCGCD’s annual cost will increase a total \$363.00, going from \$2,700.00 annually to \$3,063.00. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to move \$363.00 from Contingency (Line 800) to Tax Appraisal District Fees (Line 700). Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
14. Discussion and Action on Open House and to Approve Related Expenses – There will be an Open House on March 22, 2021 at the District from 1-6. Mr. Bellows made a motion to approve a \$100.00 budget for drinks and refreshments. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
15. Discussion and Action on Performance Review/ Annual Report – Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the Annual Performance Review with noted changes. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
16. Discussion and Action Regarding Desired Future Conditions – Ms. Sumpter presented the letter that was drafted to send to GMA-15 to acknowledge the 2080 DFC modeled drawdown results for each individual components of the Gulf Coast Aquifer. The letter presented will be sent to GMA-15 District Member Representatives.
17. Discussion and Action Related to the Uranium Article in the February 18, 2021 Goliad Newspaper – Mr. Dohmann discussed a recent article in a past newspaper and how the article was misleading. No action was taken.
18. Discussion and Action to Adopt Procedures for Sealing of Wells – Mr. Mikeska presented a document that contain the procedures that drillers use for sealing of wells. Discussion was made to make the document a reference to drillers as, but not limited to, methods of sealing. Mr. Graham will research TDLR rules as related to the document.
19. Discussion and Action to Set Rules Hearing – Rules Hearing is set for April 19, 2021.
20. Discussion and Action on Chamber of Commerce Water Conservationist of the Year/ Chamber Banquet – Mr. Dohmann nominated Arthur Bluntzer for the Water Conservation Award. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 6-0. No other nominees for other awards were selected.
21. Discussion and Action to Untable Agenda Item #25 from February 22, 2021 Agenda - Discussion and Possible Action Regarding TWDB Wells used in Goliad County for the GAM – Ms. Smith made a motion to untable agenda item #25 from February 22, 2021 Agenda. Mr. Bellow seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
22. Discussion and Action Regarding TWDB Wells used in Goliad County GAM – Mr. Mikeska reported research is still be conducted on the TWDB wells. The board requested water levels for the available wells and data sets from TWDB from DR. Shi to the wells.
23. Discussion and Acton on Groundwater Conservation Measurers - None
24. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – GMA-15 April 8<sup>th</sup>
25. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Sealing of wells, TWDB Wells
26. Public Comments - None
27. Adjourn – M. Bellows made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 6-0.