

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2017

1. Call to Order- Wesley Ball called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office. A prayer was led by Mr. Dohmann.
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, and Wesley Ball. Record reflects Ms. Norrell is absent. Mr. Ball relinquished the chair to Mr. Dohmann at 6:15 p.m. to attend a prior commitment.
4. Introduction of visitors and welcome guest – No guest was present at the beginning of the meeting. Heather Sumpter from the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office was present. Around 5:00 p.m., several guests joined the meeting. (See attached sign in sheet. Some names listed are not legible to list in the minutes)
5. Public Comment- No Public Comment was heard at the opening of the meeting when the meeting was called to order. Several guests did speak in regards to and during Agenda #1 that began around 5:00 p.m.

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 March 20, 2017.
7. Approval of the Financial Report for March 2017.
8. Approval of Employee Reimbursements.
9. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report
Mr. Korth made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Individual Agenda Items

10. Discussion and action with J.C Thompson with Thompson Water Well Service regarding appeal on a violation of District Rule 11.1. – Mr. J.C. Thompson with Thompson Water Well, exercised an option of appeal to a third offense violation in regards to District Rule 11.1 that the Board of Directors had discussion and action on, at the March 17, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting. As stated in the March 17, 2017 minutes, Item #11 reads as follows.

"Ms. Sumpter reported that a landowner requested a well to be located and drilled at 648 Horseshoe Bend in a possible flood area. The well was located and determined that the location was in a flood plain. The registration was not approved by the District and was referred to Christy Bear, Emergency Management Coordinator. J. C Thompson with Thompson Water Well Service called in a 24-hour notice of intent to drill the well and was told that the registration was not approved and he was not to drill. Pat Bostick and Heather Sumpter visited the well site after conversation with Mr. Thompson and discovered the well was already in process of being drilled. The Board determined in discussion that this is Thompson Water Well's third offense. Ms. Cook made a motion to send a letter to Thompson Water Well Service stating he is subject to the conditions of the Groundwater District rules for a third offense violation and has the right to appeal. District Rules will be included in the letter mailed. GCGCD office

should be contacted before April 12, 2017 for notice of appeal. If Mr. Thompson wishes not to appeal, his fine in the amount of \$5,000.00 is due April 24, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. Ms. Norrell seconded and the motion passed 6-0.”

After hearing comments from the public and discussion from the Board of Directors, Mr. Korth made a motion for a fine of \$2500.00 with the understanding if there is a fourth offense, Thompson Water Well will lose the privilege to drill in the County. Ms. Cook seconded. Mr. Korth amended the motion to add the date be extended to May 31, 2017. Ms. Cook seconded. Mr. Ball asked if all was in favor. Mr. Dohmann stated no, the Board into go into discussion. He asked for clarification of the motion regarding the fourth violation. Mr. Dohmann stated he was not comfortable with the \$2500.00 fine and wanted to accomplish a working relationship. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to amend the previous motion to table agenda item #10 until the next meeting. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 5-0 with 1 opposing.

11. General Managers Report – Ms. Sumpter ask for comments from the Board on House Bill 2377 relating to brackish groundwater. Mr. Dohmann will review will send comment if needed. Ms. Sumpter reported that there were five new exempt wells located for domestic and/or livestock use for the month.
12. Discussion and action on approval of Director Reimbursements. – Ms. Cook made a motion to approve Ms. Smith’s Director Reimbursement in the amount of \$68.48. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Smith abstaining. Ms. Cook made a motion to approve Mr. Dohmann’s Director reimbursement in the amount of \$110.30. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Dohmann abstaining.
13. Discussion and action regarding legal counsel for GCGCD. – Ms. Sumpter received an email from Rob Biamonte stating a resignation as legal counsel. A motion was made by Mr. Korth to accept his resignation. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Ms. Cook made a motion to engage Ashford Taylor as legal counsel on a permanent basis. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
14. Discussion and action regarding request for engineering support from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates. – Mr. Dohmann and Ms. Sumpter reported on DBS&A meeting with Andy Donnelly, preliminary report should be available for next months meeting.
15. Discussion and possible action regarding moratorium on exporting groundwater and moratorium on well construction. – The moratorium that is in effect for exporting groundwater out of the County was updated and presented to the Board. Ms. Cook made a motion to accept the updated moratorium dated April 17, 2017. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Ms. Smith made a motion to lift the moratorium on the 20’ well construction and the District Rules will apply. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
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. – Mr. Ball reported he tried to contact SARA’s attorney to discuss the wording regarding SARA’s Resolution but has not heard back from her. Mr. Bellows made a motion to table agenda item until the next meeting. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
17. Discussion and possible action on Office and Field Procedure for Exempt Wells. - Will be placed on the Agenda for next month’s meeting.
18. Discussion and possible action regarding EPA proposed revision to 40 CFR Part 192. - Mr. Dohmann submitted comments for review to submit to the EPA. Mr. Korth made a motion for comments to be placed on letter head and sent to the EPA, accompanied by the Districts previous comments submitted in 2015. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

19. Discussion and possible action on Railroad Commission letter regarding McClellan Study. - The RRC will begin work on Oilfield Rd. regarding the McClellan complaint. Ms. Sumpter will email the RRC for a firm schedule and advise the Board.
20. Discussion and possible action on GBRA Clean Rivers & I Plan Meetings Attended and upcoming GMA 15 Meeting. – Mr. Korth reported on the GBRA Clean Rivers and I Plan meetings he attend in the past month. GMA 15 meeting will be held on Thursday May 11, 2017.
21. Discussion and action regarding response letter from Scott Carter. - Mr. Dohmann requested the District send a letter to Scott Carter thanking him on his information and cooperation in regards Mr. Johnnie Hall’s replacement pump size and to copy Mr. Hall in the letter.
22. Discussion and action regarding water level monitoring. - After Board discussion, water monitoring will be planned upon the availability of Employee and Director’s schedules.
23. Discussion and action on Employee Performance Review / Personnel Matters. – The Board of Directors went into Executive Session at 4:04 p.m. under section 551.074 regarding personnel matters and reconvened at 4:49 p.m. Mr. Dohmann made a motion effective May 1, 2017, that the General Managers’ salary be set at \$37,500.00 on an annualized basis. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
24. Items for future consideration / Topics for next meeting. – Thompson Appeal, DBS&A Scope and budget, Office and Field Procedure for Exempt Wells, RRC work on McClellan, Employee Assessment, Ag Leaders Meeting
25. Public Comments – No public Comments
26. Adjourn – Ms. Cook made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 6-0.