

**Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**March 20, 2017**

1. Call to Order- Wesley Ball called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office. A prayer was led by Ms. Norrell.
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, Carrol Norrell and Wesley Ball.
4. Introduction of visitors and welcome guest – Mr. Ball welcomed guest Mr. Richard Miller- Chief Appraiser from Goliad County Appraisal District, Christy Bear- Emergency Management Coordinator. Pat Bostick and Heather Sumpter from the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office.
5. Public Comment- No Public Comment.

Consent Agenda Items

Consent Agenda Items #6, #7, and #8 were approved in a single motion.

6. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors held on February 20, 2017.
7. Approval of the Financial Report for February 2017.
8. Approval of Employee Reimbursements.

Mr. Korth made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Ms. Cook seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Individual Agenda Items

9. Discussion with Richard Miller, Chief Appraiser, and possible action regarding the Appraisal District accounting for litigation. – Mr. Miller gave an over view of the status of the Coletto Creek and DCP Plant lawsuits and the monies held last year for litigation. Mr. Miller will be providing a cost breakdown report of litigation expenditure to the District. Mr. Ball vacated the Presidents seat after this agenda item was discussed to attend a prior commitment. Mr. Dohmann relieved Mr. Ball of the chair for the remaining of the board meeting.
10. Discussion with Christy Bear, Emergency Management Coordinator, and possible action regarding existing water wells within a flood plain. - Christy Bear explained the steps and process the EMC takes in order for a landowner to receive approval for drilling of a well in a floodplain. GCGCD expressed concern with the time restraints of the process in regards to existing wells that may have to be replaced, that are located in a flood plain. Ms. Bear will provide GCGCD with a statement that will provide a set of rules so that it will help the District determine how to handle wells that will be in a flood plain.
11. Discussion and action regarding new exempt well to be located at 648 Horseshoe Bend. - 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.

12. Discussion and action regarding new exempt well to be located at 614 Lassman Rd. – Ms. Sumpter reported the well requested to be located and drilled at 614 Lassman Rd. is in a floodplain. There is a small area where the well can be located that is not in the flood plain but does not meet the 135-ft. property line distance rule. The well would be located 60 feet from the property line. Ms. Sumpter asked for the board to approve a variance for the landowner based on hardship circumstances as Rule 12.7 – Well Spacing Requirements (E.) states that the District may grant to approve a well to be drilled 60 feet from the landowners property line. Ms. Sumpter also requested that the board discuss giving her the authority to approve hardship cases without having to bring a hardship before the board for approval. Mr. Korth made a motion that in hardship cases that the General Manager may approve a variance for hardship cases. The wells must be cemented to 100 ft. and have a 2-ft. riser. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

13. General Managers Report. - Ms. Sumpter provided information related to legal counsel for the District. Ashford Taylor will available on a as needed basis in the event that Mr. Baiamonte is not available. Ms. Sumpter reported second notices were mailed out to landowners who have permitted wells who have not reported their 2016 water use. Information on House Bills to be entitled an act from the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature where provided to the Board for review. Texas Water Development Board sent a worksheet that will need to be followed up on for the industrial water use estimates for the County. Ms. Sumpter also provided a time record of her vacation, sick and comp time.

14. Field Tech Report. - Field Tech Pat Bostick reported he located 6 new wells this last month, all being for domestic and livestock use. Three monitor wells were also added to the District's wells to be monitored.

15. Discussion and action regarding contract for on call services with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates. – Ms. Cook made a motion to approve the contract as presented by Daniel B. Stephens & Associates for on call services. Mr. Korth seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

16. Discussion and possible action regarding moratorium on exporting groundwater and moratorium on well construction. – An updated Resolution for the moratorium on groundwater exporting will be drafted by Mr. Dohmann and brought before the board next monthly meeting for review and consideration. Ms. Smith made a motion to lift the moratorium put in place on the required material used for the casing of wells. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

17. Discussion and possible action on brush management model. – At a later date the District will ask Dr. McClellan to review the brush management model to give his interpretation of the model.

18. Discussion and action on letter to Johnnie Hall. – Ms. Sumpter reported that the letter that was sent to Johnnie Hall was returned unclaimed, however the same letter was sent regular mail and has not been returned to the District. Carter Water Well was also sent a letter asking for a response to the size pump that replaced the existing pump. Scott Carter replied with a letter back with the information the District requested.

19. Discussion and possible action on the Resolution to Revise the Number of Voting Positions on the Board of Directors of the Goliad County Appraisal District. – The District received a copy of SARA's Resolution regarding the Number to Revise the Number of Voting Positions on the Board of Directors of the Appraisal District. The Board discussed the differences in the wording between GCGC's, the City's and SARA's Resolution. The District will need to look more at the Resolution and possibly hold a meeting with the other entities to discuss the wording.

20. Discussion and possible action on Office and Field Procedure for Exempt Wells. - Documentation was provided for review for the Board for consideration of possibly adopting procedure to review exempt wells. This item will be discussed more at the next board meeting.
21. Discussion and possible action regarding EPA proposed revision to 40 CFR Part 192. – Mr. Dohmann drafted a proposed response to submit to the EPA in regards to revision to 40 CFR Part 192 for the Board to review.
22. Discussion and action on Railroad Commission letter regarding McClellan Study. – Ms. Sumpter provided a copy of a letter the Railroad Commission sent to GCGCD in regards to developing plans to further delineate the extent of salty groundwater in the McClellan property area and the pits. The letter will be sent out to the surrounding land owners.
23. Discussion and possible action on the annual audit. – Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the invoice for the annual audit in the amount of \$3,500.00. Ms. Norrell seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
24. Discussion and possible action for approval of Joint Meeting with County Taxing Entities. – Mr. Ball brought before the Board their opinion for attending a Meeting with County taxing entities for a town hall meeting. Mr. Ball report back that the District will be in attendance.
25. Discussion and possible action to Texas 4-H Youth Water Ambassadors. – Mr. Korth made a motion for Brian Yanta to be contacted for the possible interest from a 4H Member to participate in the 4H Youth Water Ambassador Program. The District will sponsor up to \$500.00. Ms. Norrell seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
26. Discussion and possible action regarding office storage building. – Ms. Sumpter presented to the board the request of repairing the storage building so it could be used for storage for partitions, old desk, etc. After discussion, the Board advised that the County be contacted for request of removal of the partitions and desk in the District office.
27. Items for future consideration / Topics for next meeting. - GBRA Clean Rivers Meeting, I Plan Meeting, Employee Performance Review, Moratorium Resolution, Review of Exempt Wells, 40 CFR Part 192
28. Public Comments. – No public comments.
29. Adjourn. – Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Cook seconded and the motion passed 6-0.