

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
1-15-24

1. Call to Order – Prayer - Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Mr. Korth led the 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 – Wilfred Korth, Art Dohmann, David Byrd and Terrell Graham were present. Reagan Sahadi and Barbara Smith were present virtually. Also present was Michelle Shelton, GM.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Korth announced and welcomed Bill Parmley.
5. Public Comment – There was no Public Comment.

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.

6. Approval of December Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2023
7. Approval of December Financials
8. Approval of First Quarter (Oct-Dec) Investment Report
9. Approval of Invoices
10. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
Mr. Dohmann moved to approve all Consent Agenda Items with the exception of removal of the trip charge from the field tech to the Worley well presented. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

Individual Agenda Items

11. Discussion and Action on any Permit Renewals – Mrs. Shelton reviewed the permit renewal that was submitted by Jeremy Fortenberry. Mr. Graham moved that we table this agenda item for the next meeting to inquire where Mr. Fortenberry is irrigating from. Dr. Byrd seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
12. Report from the Litigation Committee (WDW 423 & 424); discuss and take action as necessary – Mr. Graham gave the Board an update on the UEC injection well litigation and costs to-date. No further action was required.
13. Report from the Mining Permit Committee (UR03075); discuss and take action as necessary – Mrs. Shelton gave the Board an update on submitted comments to TCEQ requesting a public hearing. No further action was required.
14. Report from the Director Committee regarding filling Place 3; discuss and take action as necessary – There were no updates. No further action was required.
15. Report from the Rules Committee; discuss and take action as necessary – Mr. Dohmann presented some requested changes for review and comment. Mr. Dohmann suggested to keep the drought contingency in the rules. No further action required.
16. Report from GMA 15 & 16 Committee; TWDB responses concerning the new model; decision on GMA-15 funding; discuss and take action as necessary – Mr. Graham updated the Board on the GMA-15 meeting. No further action required.

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17. Discussion and Action on GM's authority with respect to GCGCD staff – After Board discussion, Mr. Graham made a motion to give the GM authority to hire and fire staff within budget parameters with the provision the Board will stay involved with current field tech. Dr. Byrd seconded. The motion carried with 5 yays and 1 nay. Mr. Dohmann opposed. Dr. Byrd will work on updates to the employee manual and policy description. Dr. Byrd made a motion that a committee should be stood up to amend the employee policy manual. The committee will consist of Dr. Byrd as chair, Ms. Smith and Mr. Korth. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
18. Discussion and Action on Current Office and Future Office Needs – Mr. Korth gave remarks regarding future District needs. No further action was required.
19. Discussion and Action on Exempt Uses and Livestock Ponds – Mr. Graham gave a presentation discussing water usage and limiting exempt well acceptance to one (1) exempt well per property, no matter the size. Any additional wells would be a permitted well. No further action was required.
20. Discussion and Action on Budget Amendments – Board discussion on future needed adjustments. No further action was required.
21. General Manager's Report and updates. Field Tech Report – Bhakta Monitor Well/City Well Report, New Well Report, Rainfall Total Report. Take Board action as necessary. – There was no Field Tech report for this meeting. The Tech has been out ill. Mrs. Shelton presented the General Managers report. No further action was required.
22. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – Nothing to report
23. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Nothing to report
24. Public Comments – No Public Comments
25. Adjourn – Mr. Dohmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Byrd seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Submitted by: Michelle Shelton

Approved by Board of Directors: 2/19/2024