

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2019

1. Call to Order – Prayer – Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., June 17, 2019, at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office. Prayer was led by Barbara Smith.
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, Wesley Ball, Barbara Smith, Gary Bellows, Terrell Graham, Carl Hummel and Wilfred Korth were present.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Korth welcomed Leroy Mikeska, Field Tech for the District and Ashford Taylor, the District’s attorney. Other guest that attended was David Morgan.
5. Public Comment – Mr. David Morgan offered a flash drive that contained an Intera study for Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District regarding well spacing.

Consent Agenda Items

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Directors Held on May 20, 2019
7. Approval of Financial Report for May 2019
8. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
9. Approval of Invoices

Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve consent agenda items #6-#9. Employees reimbursements included reimbursement for Leroy Mikeska in the amount of \$288.26 and reimbursement for Heather Sumpter in the amount of \$200.00. Invoices included payment to Paulsgrove & Taylor in the amount of \$364.60 and to Goliad County Appraisal District in the amount of \$651.00. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Individual Agenda

10. Discussion and Action on Permit Renewals for Riley Cothorn, William Albrecht, and James Kersey. – Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the permit renewals for a three-year period for Riley Cothorn, William Albrecht, and James Kersey. A request was made that landowner/operators include KW electrical reading with annual water usage reporting. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
11. Discussion and Action on Implementing Non-Compliance / Failure to Report Violation Procedure on Annual Water Usage Reporting. – A guideline outline was presented to the board to discuss implementing a Non-Compliance / Failure to report violation procedure for annual water usage reporting. Mr. Graham made a motion for Mr. Taylor to review guidelines and edit for review by the board at the next board meeting. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
12. Discussion and Action on Non-Compliance Permitted Wells for Failure to Report Annual Water Usage for 2018 on Permits 79-13-P-0009 Lavern Meyer, 79-21-P-0092 Carter Bruce. – Mr. Dohmann made a motion to table to give landowners until the next board meeting. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
13. Discussion and Possible Action on District Concerns Relating to Conservation. – Mr. Mikeska reported that there have been some concerns about a landowner irrigating in a wasteful manner. The District is not sure where the water is being pulled to irrigate. Board members have requested the General Manager call the landowner and invite him to the next board meeting so they can be more informed of the operation of the property.

14. Discussion and Action Relating to McClellan / Oilfield Road Contamination – The General Manager forwarded the report from the RRC regarding the contamination on Oilfield Road to the Board of Directors via email for review prior to the board meeting. Mr. Graham made a motion for Mr. Taylor to draft a letter for the Board of Directors to review and approve that will be filed for record in the county records that expresses the District's position on the RRC findings and recommendations that have been made in all past work scope's that have been performed by the RRC. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
15. Discussion and Possible Action Relating to District Rules in Regards to Permit Allocations, Drilling Water Wells for Fracturing Use, Usage of Brackish Water, Wells Drilled in a Flood Zone – The Board of Directors discussed rule changes concerning to Permit Allocations, Drilling Water Wells for Fracturing Use, Usage of Brackish Water, Wells Drilled in a Flood Zone. Directors will review and forward comments and any other rule changes for discussion to the general manager to compile and be presented at the next board meeting.
16. Discussion and Action on Aquifer Evaluations Services and Interlocal Agreement with Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District & Involvement with Surrounding Groundwater District's – Mr. Graham made a motion to send a letter to Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District and Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District requesting the District to reconsider their participation in Aquifer Evaluation Services with Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
17. General Manager Report / Field Tech Report -Mr. Mikeska reported Request for Proposals for Audit Services were mailed out on June 3. RFP's were mailed to Margaret Fisseler, Chris Janecek, Donald Goldman, Bumgardner Morrison. All other CPA's that I contacted do not participate in audits with government entities. I contacted Victoria & Pecan GCD's, they both use Goldman for auditing services. Deadline for proposal to be submitted is June 28 – Selection of RFP will be on July agenda. Mr. Goldman called and asked a few questions. He is reviewing the Districts last audit. He did share most of his audits that he does for GCD's are \$10,000 - \$14,000. The District has received a proposal from Baumgardner Morrison.

Mr. Mikeska also reported the Recharge Study No Cost Extension is in place until Sept. 30, 2019 - Have not received data sets from recharges study. Dr. Rainwater reported they would be complete by mid-June. The District spoke to him on 6/13/19, will have data sets first part of next week.

City is waiting on TCEQ approval on well design. No time frame given.

Copy of Legislature Bills that passed are in notebook.

SB 29 - relating to the use by a political subdivision of public money for lobbying and certain other activities. – Failed to pass 3rd reading in House Committee

Lastly, Mr. Mikeska reported there were three water wells located last month for either domestic or livestock use and all water level monitoring has been completed. Most wells showed an increase in water levels.

18. Discussion and Possible Action on Texas Water Development Advisory Council Nominee – Ms. Smith made a motion to nominate Mr. Graham for the Texas Water Development Advisory Council. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
19. Discussion and Action on Semiannual Performance/Salary Review. The Board of Directors went into executive session under section 551.074, personnel matters of the Texas Open Meeting Act, Government Code at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:13 p.m. Mr. Graham made a motion for salary increases to be in effect July 1, 2019 as discussed in executive session. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
20. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – GMA-15 July 11th

21. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Agenda Items #12 & #16, RRC Letter, Rule Revisions
22. Public Comments- None
23. Adjourn – Mr. Hummel made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Approved by the Board of Directors 7-15-19