

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
5-20-24

1. Call to Order – Prayer - Mr. Dohmann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Ms. Smith 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 – Art Dohmann, Terrell Graham, Dr. David Byrd, Tate Bammert and Barbara Smith were present. Wilford Korth and Reagan Sahadi were absent. Also present was Michelle Shelton, GM.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Dohmann announced and welcomed David Morgan and Pat Graham with NADA (Neighbors Against Destroying Aquifers) Group, Ginger Cook, Bill Christopher, Pam Christopher, Raul Hernandez with MYR, John Moy, VP of Moy Drilling and Trace Moy.
5. Public Comment – The NADA Group presented the Groundwater District with a check in the amount of \$5,000 as a contribution for the many recharge studies and other studies the District has been working on.

Hearings

6. Open Public Hearing- Under Section 36.101, Subchapter D, section (d) of the Texas Water Code, the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors does hereby give notice of a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Groundwater District Office, 118 S. Market St., in Goliad, Texas. The purpose of this hearing is to hear public comment on the application for a drilling and operating permit for Janey Hiller located at 13568 F.M. 2441 in Goliad County, Texas.

The well is located at 13568 F.M. 2441 on the property of Janey Hiller on approximately 1,855 contiguous acres and would provide water for the operations, office and maintenance building. The proposed $\frac{3}{4}$ HP pump would be capable of producing 14 GPM with a normal rate of production of 10 GPM. The requested amount of water is 1 ac/ft/yr.

7. Close Public Hearing – Discussion and Take action on Drilling and Operating Permit – After Board and public discussion, Public Hearing was closed at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Smith moved to approve the permit for 1 ac/ft/yr for Janey Hiller/MYR Energy, Permit #79-29-P-0119 to be reported annually. Mr. Graham seconded with provision of maximum of $\frac{3}{4}$ HP pump and maximum rate of 14 GPM. Motion carried. 4 ayes, Mr. Bammert was a Nay.

Consent Agenda Items

8. Approval of April Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2024
9. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2024 Town Hall
10. Approval of April Financials
11. Approval of Invoices
12. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Dr. Byrd seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

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Individual Agenda Items

13. Discussion and Action on Dudley/Carol Rains Permit 79-21-P-0111 – Board discussion on fact that the road construction has completed for this permit and the landowner has requested to transition to annual reporting instead of monthly. Board requested verification continued use of meter and verify no more than 50% pond usage. No action required.
14. Report from the Litigation Committee (WDW 423 & 424); discuss and take action as necessary – Mr. Graham updated the Board on the ongoing litigation. Pending final judgment from the Commissioners. No further action is required.
15. Report from the Mining Permit Committee (UR03075); discussion on Radon; discuss and take action as necessary – Board discussion regarding need to make public comments and request a public meeting for the PAA-1 that is currently up for renewal. Mr. Dohmann commented we need to get prepared for the public meeting with TCEQ and what will be presented. Mr. Dohmann gave a presentation to the Board on the response of Radon gases and possible concerns since Radon is not part of the restoration by UEC and something that should be considered. Mr. Graham suggested holding one more community informational meeting/discussion prior to the TCEQ Public Meeting. Mr. Graham made a motion that the Mining Committee draft comments for the PAA-1 and should TCEQ grant technical completeness, publish those comments. Otherwise, present comments at next GCGCD Meeting for Board Review. Ms. Smith seconded. Motion carried unopposed.
16. Report from GMA 15 & 16 Committee; discuss and take action as necessary – Mr. Graham and Mrs. Shelton provided the Board updates on the model and overview of the Regional L Meeting. No further action was required. Mr. Christopher made public comment that too much time is dedicated to individual agenda items and suggested we abbreviate our discussions to shorten meetings.
17. Discussion and Action on Budget Amendments to include increase in litigation budget – Board discussion on amending the approved litigation budget. Mr. Graham moved to increase the combined approved expenditure that carries from 2022/2023 to 2023/2024 budget years to be \$255,000. Dr. Byrd seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
18. Discussion and Action on next year's Tax Rate – This agenda item has been tabled to the next meeting.
19. General Manager's Report and updates. Field Tech Report – Bhakta Monitor Well/City Well Report, New Well Report. Take Board action as necessary – Mrs. Shelton provided the Board and update and happenings at the Board office over the past month. No further action required.
20. Discussion and Action on Exempt Wells in accordance with Texas Water Code 36.117 – Mr. Graham presented to the Board his interpretation of Texas Water Code 36.117 as it relates to exempt wells. No further action is required.
21. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – No upcoming meetings presented.
22. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Add tabled Agenda Item 18 to next month's agenda.
23. Public Comments – No public comments
24. Adjourn – Dr. Byrd moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Smith seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Michelle Shelton

Approved by Board of Directors: June 17, 2024