

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

9-21-2020

1. Call to Order – Prayer — Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., September 24, 2020, at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office. Ms. Smith led a 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, Wesley Ball, Barbara Smith, Gary Bellows, Terrell Graham, Carl Hummel and Wilfred Korth were all present.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest - Mr. Korth welcomed Heather Sumpter, General Manager for the District, Leroy Mikeska, field tech for the District and Ashford Taylor, the District’s attorney.
5. Public Comment – No public comment.
6. Public Hearing – Tax Rate Hearing

The Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District held a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 118 S. Market St. in Goliad, TX. 77963, located at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2020-2021. The proposed tax rate is \$.01 per \$100 of value, which is the same rate as the current fiscal year. This rate is for an operating budget of \$159,202.00. Ms. Sumpter reported after the budget workshop she refigured the collection rate given to calculated the collected taxes. The collection rate has to be increased from 95% to 97% to achieve the amount of collected tax dollar amount and reserve funds amount in the budget.

No public comment was made.

7. Close Hearing – Discussion and Action on Adoption of Tax Rate & Budget

Mr. Korth closed the public hearing and opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to adopt the proposed tax rate of is \$.01 per \$100 of value. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 7-0. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to adopt the 2020-2021 budget of \$159,202.00 with a statement that the budget may have to be amended at a later date with possible litigation concerning DCP appraisal value. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Consent Agenda Items

8. Approval of the Minutes of the Budget Workshop and Monthly Meeting Held August 17, 2020
9. Approval of Financial Report for August 2020
10. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
11. Approval of Invoices
12. Approval of 2021 Holiday Schedule

Ms. Sumpter requested to pull the financial report for line item adjustments. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve agenda items #8, #10, #11 and #12. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 6-0 with Mr. Dohmann abstaining.

Individual Agenda

13. Discussion and Action on Line Item Adjustment- Mr. Dohmann made a motion to move \$100.00 from Contingency Line Item 800 to Tech Expenses Line Item 401. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 7-0. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the Financial Report for August 2020. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
14. Presentation given by Professor Taehyun Roh, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Texas A&M University regarding Arsenic Study – Take any action necessary. Professor Roh gave a presentation to the Board about an Arsenic study for the county. The Board’s participation in the study would be public outreach to solicit landowners for participation in the study. Mr. Graham made a motion the GCGD participate in the study by Texas A&M University. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
15. Discussion and Action on Adoption of Revised Investment Policy – Ms. Sumpter provided an update of proposed changes to the board to the investment policy. All of the changes were provided by Greg Ellis, the attorney who presented the required investment training. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the amendments to the investment policy. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
16. Discussion and Possible Action - Updates Regarding Potential Water Conservation Strategy for the Goliad County Golf Course – Mr. Taylor gave a brief update on the Gold Club water conservation project. No action taken.
17. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding DCP Gas Plant Litigation – Mr. Korth updated the Board on the Appraisal District meeting that was attended by himself, Mr. Dohmann, and Ms. Sumpter. He explained the possible DCP lawsuit regarding the plant appraisal value. No action was taken.
18. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Participation in Appraisal District Board Meetings - Discussion was made in regards to GCGCD having participation on the Appraisal Board, no action was taken. Mr. Graham made a motion for Mr. Korth to be the designee that would attend the Appraisal District Board Meetings. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
19. Discussion and Action on Permit Renewal for Bobby Tislow – Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve Bobby Tislow’s permit for a three-year period. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
20. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Updates/ Issues Associated with TCEQ Uranium Notice Regarding Permits WDW423 and WDW424 - Ms. Sumpter provided an updated on TCEQ Uranium Notice Regarding Permits WDW423 and WDW424. Letters were received from TCEQ & the RRC that were presented to the board. The RRC concluded that the disposal of nonhazardous waste was not a danger of any know oil and gas reservoirs. TCEQ stated if a public meeting was decided to be held, the district would receive a meeting notice.
21. Discussion and Possible Action on Upcoming Stakeholder Meeting for Gulf Coast Aquifer System Groundwater Availability Model – Ms. Sumpter gave notice of a stakeholder meeting that will be presented by Dr. Shi, project manager at TWDB, over the status of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System groundwater availability model project for GMA-15 & GMA-16. The meeting will be September 29, 2020 at 9:00 via Go To Meeting that will be streamed at GCGCD office. Mr. Graham made a motion to send the LRE GAM Recalibration Focusing on Goliad County draft report. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
22. Discussion and Acton on Certification of Unopposed Candidates and Adoption of Election Cancellation – Ms. Smith made a motion for Certification of Unopposed Candidates and for an Order of Cancellation of the 2020 Election. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

23. Discussion and Action on Approval of TTU Recharge Study Contract for 2020-2021 – Ms. Smith made a motion to table agenda item. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
24. Discussion and Action Relating to Certificate of Deposit – Ms. Sumpter reported she only received one rate quote for a Certificate of Deposit for 12 months. The rate given was from FNB Goliad for 1.20%. Ms. Smith made a motion to renew the CD for 12 months at 1.20%. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 6-0 with Mr. Ball abstaining.
25. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding LRE Model Work, DFC's, Management of Groundwater, and GMA-15 Joint Planning Efforts – Discussion was made by the board regarding the LRE GAM Recalibration report. A few clarifications are needed from Mike Keester before proceeding with further review.
26. Discussion and Possible Action Relating to Complaint at 1 Cabrera Road – Ms. Sumpter received a complaint from an anonymous person regarding a possible water well contamination at 1 Cabrera Road. The possible contamination is based on the conditions of no septic system and sewer running on top of the ground. Ms. Sumpter reported she has spoken the county judges' offices regarding the issue to get any report of known issue. The county judge's office reported that this has been reported and had the county septic inspector has been to the property. Any further noncompliance or complaints would need to be sent to the Justice of the Peace. Ms. Sumpter reported that she offered resources to the caller such as water sampling the water well or surrounding landowners' wells, provided TCEQ as a possible resource, and also checked with SARA to see if public water was available to the address provided. Mr. Graham made a motion to send surrounding landowners a onetime offer for the landowners who have water wells to receive a free water analysis for bacteria. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
27. Discussion and Possible Action on Legislative Formal Request for Information – The Board reviewed the request for comments from the Natural Resource Committee and no action was taken.
28. General Managers Report – Ms. Sumpter gave a few updates to the Board. B-Environmental Lab in Victoria is now called Pace National. Also, the 2021 Regional Water Plan was adopted September 3, 2020. Lastly, the new septic inspector for the county is James Soderholtz.
29. Field Tech Report – Mr. Mikeska reported there were 13 new water wells located in the last month for livestock / domestic use.
30. Discussion on Groundwater Conservation Measurers - None
31. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – GMA-15 meeting is October 8th.
32. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – TTU Recharge Contract, GAM Recalibration Report
33. Public Comments – None
34. Adjourn – Mr. Bellows made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 7-0.