

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
11-20-23

1. Call to Order – Prayer - Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Mr. Korth 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 – Wilfred Korth, Art Dohmann, Reagan Sahadi and Terrell Graham were present. Barbara Smith was absent. Also present were Michelle Shelton, GM and Mike Taylor, staff.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Korth announced and welcomed Mark Edwards, Matt Johnson, Chris Ellis, Marilyn Scherer, Bill Scherer, Larry Schustereit, Jesse DeLeon, Bill Parmley, Duane Petru, and David Byrd.
5. Public Comment – Mr. Dohmann made a statement for the public that the UEC hearing will be December 12, 13 and 14. Hearing will be in Austin, but we will also have a virtual set-up at the District offices and the public could attend. The Board is working very hard to protect the groundwater quality and supplies in Goliad County.

Hearings

6. Open Public Hearing – Drilling and Operating Permit Hearing for Mark Edwards. Permit No. 79-22-P-0117 and Permit No. 79-22-P-0118 for Mark Edwards both located at 3100 Fannin Road, Victoria, TX. 77905 on a 131.96 -acre tract owned by Mark Edwards. Water from the wells will be used for irrigation. The 15 HP pumps are capable of producing 200 gpm per well with a requested amount of water being 62.65 ac/ft/yr. – Hearing opened for public comment.
7. Close Public Hearing – Take Action on Permit No. 79-22-P-0117 and 79-22-P-0118 for Mark Edwards. – Public Hearing was closed at 5:17 and open for Board discussion. After Board discussion and answering of all public questions, Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the well identified for the hay field (79-22-P-0117) at an allowable of 1.5 af/yr/ac or 18 ac/ft/yr. There will be no screening above 400’ and this will be notated on the approved permit. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unopposed. For the second permit (79-22-P-0118) for the irrigation of improved grasses, Mr. Graham moved to approve 44.65 ac/ft/yr. for the remainder of the 131.96 total property acreage. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion carried unopposed. Both permits will need to specify how the water will be measured.

Consent Agenda Items

8. Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2023
9. Approval of October Financials
10. Approval of Invoices
11. Approval of third quarter (June, 2023) and fourth quarter (September, 2023) Investment Reports
12. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
Mr. Dohmann moved to approve all Consent Agenda Items as presented. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

Individual Agenda Items

13. Field Tech Report – Bhakta Monitor Well/City Well Report, New Well Report. Take Board action as necessary – Mr. Taylor presented his report on new well locations and the Bhakta and Burton wells as compared to the city water wells. As of this reporting the water levels are holding steady. We may go to quarterly measurements, but as of this report we will continue with the monthly readings.
14. Discussion and Action on purchase of field equipment for maintenance and clean-up of monitor wells – Mr. Dohmann moved to table this agenda item. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
15. Discussion and Action on Filling Vacant Board of Directors Position for Place 3 and 4 – Dr. Byrd, Mr. Parmley and Mrs. Shelton presented to the Board. After discussion, the Board decided to appoint

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- a committee to include Mr. Sahadi, Mr. Graham and Ms. Smith to review resumes and presentations and come back to the Board at the December meeting with recommendations for discussion and approval.
16. Discussion and Action on GM's authority with respect to GCGCD staff – Mr. Korth moved to table this agenda item. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
 17. Discussion and Action on approval of Voting Resolution for Appraisal District Board of Directors – Mr. Graham moved to approve the voting resolution presented by the Goliad County Appraisal District and to cast 32 votes allocated to GCGCD based on the Appraisal District's 2022 levy to Mr. Korth to the Board of Directors of the Goliad County Appraisal District for a two-year term to begin January 1, 2024. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
 18. Discussion and Action on Banking RFP's received – Mr. Dohmann presented to the Board that he had a distant relative working at one of the banks presenting RFP's. After Board review, it was determined and Mr. Sahadi presented a legal opinion that it was more than 3 degrees of consanguinity. The Board was made aware and made the determination the relationship poses no conflict. Mr. Korth moved to approve the RFP submitted by First National Bank of Shiner and stay with Shiner Bank with the caveat that we get, in writing, that the District will get the posted CD rate for the term of the RFP. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
 19. Discussion and Action on CD 45158 renewal due to expire 12/15 – Mr. Dohmann moved to roll the CD-5158, at maturity, into the District Money Market Account. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The Motion carried unopposed.
 20. Go into executive session to discuss all Personnel Issues – Went into Executive Session at 7:06
 21. Discussion and Action on all Personnel Issues – After Board discussion, Mr. Graham moved to instruct all office staff they will only receive reviews when the budget is up for review one time a year. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unopposed. No further action required.
 22. Discussion and Action on updates from Recharge Committee – The Board instructed the staff to keep collecting the data from the weather and recharge stations and file in the District's electronic files. No further action is required.
 23. Update on GMA 15 & GMA 16 GAM model run – Put on the December Agenda Discussion and Action on Interlocal Agreement and how much the District will contribute. No further action is required.
 24. Discussion and Action on new GCGCD Offices and USDA Office Needs – Board discussion. No Further Action is required.
 25. Discussion and Action on Budget Amendments – No Amendments needed. No further action required.
 26. General Manager's Report – No action required.
 27. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – No action required
 28. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Put on the December Agenda to review possible TAGD Associate Membership.
 29. Public Comments – No Public Comment
 30. Adjourn – Mr. Graham moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sahadi seconded. Motion carried unopposed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Submitted by: Michelle Shelton

Approved by Board of Directors: December 18, 2023