

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2019

The special meeting of the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors was called to order on December 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. All Directors were present.

1. Discussion and Action on Board of Director Officers – After discussion of position of officers, it was decided that officers would remain the same.
2. Discussion and Action on GMA-15 Activity – Ms. Sumpter provided an email from Mike Keester with LRE discussing an option that the District that may help the District in setting a DFC. After review and discussion, the board requested that Ms. Sumpter invite Mr. Keester to the next board meeting to discuss this option in greater detail.
3. Discussion and Action on District Rule Considerations – The board reviewed and discussed the District rule proposed changes. A copy of the rules was provided with revisions for the board and are attached. Changes are described as follows:

Rule 1- Add definitions of brackish groundwater and potable groundwater.

Rule 9- Wording revised to clarify transportation of groundwater within the District.

Rule 9 (h)- Strike previous requirement and replace to include production well permit number.

Rule 9 (m)- Add to include transport application must be signed by water rights owners and receiving entity.

Rule 10 (C)- Add language to employ an attorney to enforce rules and collect cost of employment from the person that has violated rules.

Rule 12.4 (C) - Add guidelines to obtain Annual Usage Reports.

Rule 12.6 (B) – Add language to set well depth for wells with maximum allowable drawdown and add language that the District may require installation of monitor wells to large capacity wells.

Rule 12.6 (C) – Changing maximum groundwater allocation per acre, per year, by depth of well and pumping allowances for brackish water.

Rule 12.6 (D) – Add language to include operating permitted amount of groundwater may be exceeded in any given three-year permit by a maximum of 20%.

Rule 12.6 (F) – Change maximum acre feet per year in the north, central, and south zones below the Evangeline Aquifer from 1200 to 600.

Rule 12.6 (H) – Add language to encourage the use of brackish groundwater for oil and gas fracturing and any other non-potable operating requirements.

Rule 12.7 (C) – Revise well spacing established by permitted flow to wells that are operating from the same screen interval.

Rule 12.7 (E) – Add variance granted for a new well to be drilled within a 50ft to 100ft zone from a property line that does not meet the District’s spacing requirements must have 100 ft. of cement casing from the surface down.

Rule 12.8 (E) – Add language to discourage potable groundwater for the use of oil and gas fracturing.

Rule 14.2 (C) – Add language for well casing requirements for wells to be located in a flood prone area.

Mr. Dohmann made a motion to adopt the proposed changes the District rules and to set a date for a public hearing. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed. The rules hearing for the proposed changes will be set for January 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Dohmann made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 7-0.