

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2019

1. Call to Order – Prayer – Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., October 21, 2019, at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office. Ms. Smith lead 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 present.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Korth welcomed Heather Sumpter, General Manager for the District, and Ashford Taylor, the District’s counsel. Leroy Mikeska, field tech for the District, was present later in the meeting.
5. Public Comment – No public comment
6. Public Hearing – Mr. Korth opened the public meeting.
Under Section 36.404 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, October 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Groundwater Conservation District Office, 118 S. Market St., in Goliad, Texas. The purpose of this hearing is to hear public comment on a drilling application for drilling permit for a test well and a drilling application for drilling permit for a water well for the City of Goliad. Proposed location for both drilling applications are located on East Ward St., in Goliad County, Texas, one block west from Hwy 183. The proposed use for the well is to help serve as water supply for the city of Goliad located within the area in the city limits. The proposed well depth is 600 feet with a proposed 50 HP pump that has a normal rate of production of 600 gpm.

Public comment was made by Robin Alaniz. Her comment was glad that the long process of the new well is one step closer.

Close Hearing – Discussion and Action on Drilling Permits for the City of Goliad.

Comment was made by Mr. Dohmann that explained the District is looking at the well as a three well system instead of a stand alone well. By doing this the District has provided a way that the well can be screened at a shallower depth. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the city of Goliad test well application and the new well drilling application with the conditions of no screening above 300 feet and in the event there is a sand existing at 300 feet that it be extended down to the bottom of that sand with a positive seal placed at that point. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

7. Public Hearing –
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contiguous acres and would provide water for Texas Department of Transportation road construction project on Hwy 239 West, from Baker Road to Cabaeza Creek and for livestock use. The requested amount of water per year is 40 ac/ft./yr. Normal rate of production is 60 gpm with a 5 HP pump.

Mr. Owensby asked the board for clarification on water calculations that he figured and asked about the effect on the water table.

Mr. Ferguson with Ray Harris Inc. gave a brief overview of the road construction.

Close Hearing – Discussion and Action on Drilling and Operating Permits for Alice Najvar.

Mr. Ferguson made requested that the transport application that was filed with the permit for Richard Schendel previously to be used for the road construction to be withdrawn.

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the drilling and operating permit for a three-year period for 40 ac/ft/yr. Mr. Dohmann seconded with the conditions there is no screening above 300 feet and concrete seal on casing below 300 feet and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the transport permit for the road construction project on Hwy 239 West, from Baker Road to Cabaeza Creek for Alice Najvar operating permit. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Consent Agenda Items

8. Approval of the Minutes of the Monthly Meetings of the Board of Directors Held on September 5, 2019 and September 16, 2019.
9. Approval of Financial Report for September 2019
10. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
11. Approval of Invoices
12. Quarterly Investment Report

Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve consent agenda items #8, #10, #11, #12. Reimbursements included \$143.43 to Heather Sumpter, \$283.62 to Leroy Mikeska. Invoices included \$651.00 to Goliad County Appraisal District & \$1,100.00 to Paulsgrove & Taylor. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Sumpter requested the financial report to be pulled from the consent agenda items and requested a budget line item adjustment of \$272.47 for Payroll Expenses. Mr. Dohmann requested a line item adjustment of \$55.93 to line item 110-Telephone Services. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to move the requested amounts from line item 800-Contingency to the appropriate line items. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Individual Agenda

13. Discussion and Action on Permit Renewal for ETOCO Ms. Smith made a motion to approve ETOCO's permit renewal for a three-year period for 10 ac/ft/yr. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
14. Presentation and Proposal from Richard Miller regarding District Tax Collection by the Appraisal District – Mr. Richard Miller gave a presentation to the District regarding the ISD collecting GCGCD

- Tax. The presentation included reasoning for transiting, process of consolidation, and percentage calculations of total tax levy.
15. Discussion and Possible Action on Goliad County Appraisal District Collecting GCGCD Taxes – Mr. Hummel made a motion to table this item and invite Michelle Garcia, the Tax Collector to the next meeting to discuss her thoughts on the Appraisal District proposal to the District on collecting District Tax. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
 16. Discussion and Possible Action relating to SARA’s Water Initiative Proposal – Mr. Korth reported on SARA exploring a new revenue strategy to fund projects and programs through collection of an additional tax.
 17. Discussion and Possible Action relating to communication from the Texas Railroad Commission on McClellan Well Contamination. – Mr. Taylor reported that Texas RRC replied to the letter he sent to the RRC addressing concerns relating to contamination in a private well in the county. Comment stated RRC staff has not identified a connection between the contaminated well and shallow groundwater contamination found in the area and based on the investigation findings the RRC has no jurisdiction to plug the well. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to state representatives and leaders of appropriate state agencies.
 18. Discussion and Possible Action Relating to Changes and Additions to District Rules – Mr. Graham made a motion to hold a rules workshop. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
 19. General Managers Report – Ms. Sumpter reported she mailed letters to surrounding landowners of a notice of disposal well off of Wilms Road. Also reported banking RFP’s were mailed out at the first of October for banking services for 2020-2021. Ms. Sumpter also reported TTU recharge contract will be presented at the next meeting for the board’s approval. Water quality samples were taken at St. Peters church and a well from Mr. Bellows. The District is in compliance with the number of water samples required for the Districts management plan. Lastly, Ms. Sumpter reported she attended GMA-15 meeting on October 10th. Modeling scenarios to be used to develop the desired future conditions and explanatory report are needed to be finalized no later than January 2020. After discussion with the board, Mr. Graham made a motion to send a letter requesting GMA-15 to consider lowering the conventional average recharge values used. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
 20. Field Tech Report – Mr. Mikeska reported twenty new water wells were located for the last month in the county and water level monitoring for the fall event will begin in the next few days.
 21. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – None reported
 22. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Recharge Study Contract, Rules
 23. Public Comments - None
 24. Adjourn – Mr. Graham made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.