

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
12-18-23

1. Call to Order – Prayer - Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and 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 – Wilfred Korth, Art Dohmann, Reagan Sahadi, Barbara Smith and Terrell Graham were present. Also present was Michelle Shelton, GM.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Korth announced and welcomed Bill Parmley, Alicia Cowley, David Byrd, David Michaelson, Linda Pinsker, Jerrell Gech and Ashford Taylor, GCGCD attorney.
5. Public Comment – Ms. Cowley attended the Edwards Aquifer Symposium. She presented to the Board what she learned and her strong concerns regarding the future plans for the San Antonio Region. They will be building over the Edwards Aquifer for future population. She queried GCGCD’s thoughts for the next 20 years to consider our increase in population and future water needs as well as drier future conditions. She stated her concerns, protection of our aquifer and encouraged the Board to get the word out to the county the need for conservation and best practices. Mr. Dohmann put together some thoughts that he put together to prepare for this meeting and printed them for the Board and public review. He pointed out on the books we have 5,563 registered wells. We have a number of wells in the county that are in operation and not on the books because Grandfathered and HUAC well registrations were voluntary. Since inception we have had 1,750 new wells applied for; 56 permitted wells; 150 replacement wells; 141 monitor wells and 3,260 registered Grandfathered wells, demonstrating what we have done and what we will continue to deal with. What we do is critical. Mr. Graham’s public comment is that the Board may need to consider going to bi-monthly meeting. Mr. Korth’s public comment was regarding the county spending \$250k on the DCP case regarding tax abatement and notified the Board that he personally made repairs on the roof of the GCGCD building and trim the trees causing the damage.

Individual Agenda Items

11. Go into executive session to discuss UEC UR03075, WDW423 & WDW424 permit renewals and injection well hearing updates – Went into Executive Session at 5:09 pm.
12. Discussion and Action on UEC UR03075, WDW423 & WDW424 permit renewals and injection well hearing updates – Came out of Executive Session at 5:25 pm. After discussion, Mr. Graham moved to increase the Contested Case Budget to 240,000.00 for now. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion carried unopposed. Mr. Graham moved to keep the keep the Litigation Committee the same with Mr. Graham as the Chairman, Mr. Dohmann and Mr. Sahadi. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unopposed. The Board moved to the Mining Permit UR03075. Mr. Graham made a motion that we continue our efforts on the mining permit and establish a committee for this with Mrs. Shelton as the Chairman, non-voting member, and put three Board members as the voting members of the mining permit committee, also to review the participation of Dr. Abitz and come back to the Board with recommendations. Ms. Smith seconded. The Committee will consist of Mrs. Shelton as Chairman, non-voting member, Mr. Graham, Mr. Byrd and Ms. Smith.
10. Discussion and Action on Filling Vacant Board of Directors Position for Place 3 and 4 - The Director Committee presented its recommendations to nominate David Byrd to Place 4 and to reopen Place 3 for future applicants. Mr. Graham made a motion to nominate David Byrd to Place 4 and to reopen Place 3 for further applicants. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion carried unopposed. Mr. Byrd was sworn in and was seated on the Board for the remainder of the meeting. This agenda was re-opened

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after agenda item 23. Mr. Graham moved to continue with the committee of Mr. Sahadi, Ms. Smith and Mr. Graham on the Director Committee and a deadline of January to receive applications and February to come back to the Board with recommendations. Mr. Byrd seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

18. Discussion and Action on updates from GMA 15 & 16 Committee; TWDB responses concerning the new model; decision on GMA-15 funding - After discussion Mr. Graham moved to recommend not to sign the interlocal agreement until more certainty and agreement by the Board. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed. Mr. Graham moved to reconstitute the Committee to be a standing committee with Mr. Graham as the chairman for the GMA-15 Committee, other committee members will be Mr. Dohmann and Mr. Korth. Ms. Shelton is appointed as advisory and to draft our ultimate response to GMA-15 with bullet points and submit a resolution and to report back to the Board. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed. Mr. Graham moved to make Ms. Shelton Chairman and GMA-15 represented to Region L and Mr. Dohmann as advisory. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

Consent Agenda Items

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and may be enacted in one motion. A member of the Board of Directors may request one or more items be removed from the consent agenda for a separate discussion and action.

6. Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2023 and December 12-14, 2023
7. Approval of October Financials
8. Approval of Invoices
9. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
Mr. Dohmann moved to approve all Consent Agenda Items as presented. Ms. Smith 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. – Mrs. Shelton provided the reporting for the month. No action was required.
14. Discussion and Action on GM’s authority with respect to GCGCD staff – Mr. Graham moved to table this agenda item to the January meeting. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
15. Discussion and Action on Current Office and Future Office Needs - Mr. Graham moved to table this agenda item to the January meeting. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
16. Go into executive session to discuss all Personnel Issues – No executive session required
17. Discussion and Action on all Personnel Issues – Mrs. Shelton discussed the proposal presented by the Field Tech to take an additional day off (Wednesday) during the week and keep his pay at the same take home he has been taking. Mr. Graham moved to decline the proposal as submitted. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
19. Discussion and Action on Exempt Uses and Livestock Ponds – Mr. Graham moved to table this agenda item until the January meeting. Mr. Dohman seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

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20. Discussion and Action on possible TAGD associate membership – Mr. Graham moved to move forward with an Associate Membership. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
21. Discussion and Action on 2024 Holiday Schedule – After discussion Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule as set out below. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

New Year’s Day ----- Monday, January 1, 2023

Good Friday (1/2 Day) ----- Friday, March 29

Memorial Day ----- Monday, May 27

Independence Day -----Thursday, July 4
Friday, July 5

Labor Day ----- Monday, September 2

Veterans Day ----- Monday, November 11

Thanksgiving Day ----- Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Friday ----- Friday, November 29

Christmas Holiday ----- Tuesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 25

22. Discussion and Action on Budget Amendments – Mr. Dohman moved to pay TML E&O insurance as quoted and to cover the overage out of contingency. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion carried unopposed. Mr. Graham moved take the remainder of the discussion and table to the next Board meeting to go into an in-depth review of what will be needed for the Contested Case. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
23. General Manager’s Report and updates. Take Board action as necessary – Mrs. Shelton presented the Spectrum proposal for review. Mr. Sahadi moved to move the District telephone and internet service from AT&T to Spectrum for the initial one-year term. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unopposed. Mr. Sahadi moved to write a letter to TCEQ to withdraw our request for a Public Meeting regarding the Radioactive License. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
19. Public Comments – No Public Comment
20. Adjourn – Mr. Graham moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dohmann seconded. Motion carried unopposed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Submitted by: Michelle Shelton

Approved by Board of Directors: January 15, 2024