

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
10-21-2024

1. Call to Order – Prayer - Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the 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, Terrell Graham and Tate Bammert were present. Reagan Sahadi attended virtually. Barbara Smith and Colt Willians were absent. Also present was Michelle Shelton, GM.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Korth announced and welcomed Mark Edwards, Rebecca Edwards, Matt Johnson, Daniel Moys, Chris Ellis, Bil Parmley, Barry Stewart and VeAnn Stewart. District attorney Adam Friedman attended virtually.
5. Public Comment – No public comment.

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 September 16, 2024 Regular Meeting
7. Approval of September Financials
8. Approval of Invoices
9. Approval of Investment Report for July – September Quarter
10. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements

Mr. Dohmann requested to pull out the financials. Mr. Sahadi moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items minus the financials. Mr. Bammert seconded. The motion carried unopposed with Mr. Dohmann abstaining on the reimbursements.

Mr. Dohmann moved to adjust the financial line item #111 to total amount from contingency. Mr. Bammert seconded. Motion carried unopposed. This will also cover Agenda Item 19.

Mr. Dohmann proposed to move a portion of the Money Market account to a 6-month CD. This item will be tabled to the next meeting.

Individual Agenda Items

11. Report from Litigation and Mining Permit Committee; Review draft letter to TCEQ to develop dialogue regarding Mining Permit; Discussion and take action as necessary – Went into Executive Session at 5:19 to confer with counsel. Came out of Executive Session at 5:56. Mr. Graham moved to continue to file petition to appeal with District Court. Mr. Sahadi seconded. Motion failed with a vote of 2 ayes (Mr. Graham and Mr. Sahadi) 3 nays (Mr. Dohmann, Mr. Bammert and Mr. Korth). Mr. Dohmann made a motion to go back to original motion to continue to file petition to appeal with District Court to include a \$7,500 cap. Mr. Bammert Seconded. Motion carried with a vote 3 ayes (Mr. Dohmann, Mr. Bammert and Mr. Korth) and 2 nays (Mr. Graham and Mr. Sahadi). Went back to revisit this agenda item for a quick review over follow-up comments to TCEQ and accountability and sustainability. Letter will go out to the Board for review and comment for the next meeting. Mr. Graham came back to item 11. On the PIR, part of that is a major amendment and the public should be aware of this.

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12. Report from Community Education Seminar Committee, discuss and take action as necessary – Mr. Korth gave the Board an update on the upcoming Workshop. It was requested that Mrs. Shelton prep a “Save the Date” for social media posting. No further action was required.
13. Report from GMA 15 & 16 Committee; discuss and take action as necessary –Mr. Graham gave the Board an overview of the GMA 15/16 meeting with a slide show presentation. Mr. Graham proposed to consider a new resolution at the next meeting regarding no-participation in GMA-15 funding. No further action was required.
14. Discussion and Action on water over pumping at Mark Edwards Property – The board had a discussion with Mr. Edwards and H2O drilling representatives regarding the wells on the Edwards property. The District office received a complaint from an adjoining landowner. Mr. Graham moved to declare a violation with verbal warning at this time without penalty with all parties agreeing to comply with District rules of not maintaining a pond more than 50% of groundwater. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
15. Discussion and Action on hiring contract employees as needed to help with specific GCGCD tasks – Mr. Korth discussed with the Board giving Mrs. Shelton freedom to hire a contact employee to help with specific tasks. Mrs. Shelton will report to the Board at each meeting and remain within budget constraints. Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the request. Mr. Bammert seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
16. Discussion and Action on water quality test results and notifications – Mr. Dohmann gave the Board a presentation on the water test results conducted by the District. No further action was required.
17. Discussion and Action on notification to new property owners and drillers on property sales – Mr. Dohmann discussed with the Board what are our responsibilities and what are our boundaries. No further action was required.
18. Discussion and Action on Permit Renewals – There were no permit renewals this month; nothing to report.
19. Discussion and Action on Budget Adjustments - Mr. Dohmann moved to adjust the financial line item #111 and adjust to the total amount from contingency. Mr. Bammert seconded. Motion carried unopposed.
20. General Manager’s Report and updates. Field Tech Report – Bhakta Monitor Well/City Well Report, New Well Report. Take Board action as necessary – Mrs. Shelton updated the Board on the activities of the office over the prior month. No further action was required.
21. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – Reminder of the Region L meeting coming up on November 7th.
22. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Oath of Office for Board Members; Election of Officers; Possibly moving the start of the Board meetings to 5:30.
23. Public Comments – No public comments.
24. Adjourn – Mr. Sahadi moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Graham seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Submitted by: Michelle Shelton

Approved by Board of Directors: November 18, 2024