

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2019

1. Call to Order – Prayer – Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., July 15, 2019, at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office. Mr. Graham 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. Mr. Ball excused himself later during the meeting.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Korth welcomed Heather Sumpter, General Manager for the District and Leroy Mikeska, field tech for the District. Ashford Taylor, the District’s counsel was also welcomed.
5. Public Comment – No public comment.

Consent Agenda Items

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Directors Held on June 17, 2019
7. Approval of Financial Report for June 2019
8. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
9. Approval of Invoices
10. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report

Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 6-0 with Ms. Smith abstaining. Employee reimbursements included a reimbursement to Heather Sumpter in the amount of \$74.01 and \$200.00, a reimbursement to Leroy Mikeska for \$190.82, and a Director’s reimbursement to Barbara Smith for \$148.48. No invoices were presented for payment approval.

Individual Agenda Items

11. Discussion and Action with Richard Schendel Relating to Irrigation and Operating Permit – The Board of Director’s invited Mr. Richard Schendel to learn what the best Management Practices are that have been implemented to insure that produced water is reaching its targeted site and not being lost to evaporation with irrigation at his ranch on 239 West. The District also pursued to learn if allocated irrigation is solely being produced from the permitted water well or if it is being used in conjunction with river rights water, and how the groundwater produced is being calculated, and would also like to ensure all acreage being irrigated is included in the permit for the water well. Mr. Schendel opted for the District to hold a HUAC on an additional water well that is used for irrigation. Mr. Dohmann made a motion for the District to approve a HUAC on Richard Schendel’s well that is being used for irrigation. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
12. Discussion and Action on Permit Renewals for Jerry & Darlynn Horn – Mr. Dohmann made a motion to renew the permit for Jerry and Daryllynn Horn for a three-year period. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
13. Discussion and Action on Request for Proposals on Financial Audits – Two proposals were presented to the Board for audit services. Mr. Ball made a motion to accept Margaret Fisseler, CPA proposal for a two-year period. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
14. Discussion and Action on Implementing Non-Compliance / Failure to Report Violation Procedure on Annual Water Usage Reporting – Mr. Dohmann made a motion to accept the procedures as presented. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

15. Discussion and Action to Untable Agenda Item # 12 - Discussion and Action on Non-Compliance Permitted Wells for Failure to Report Annual Water Usage for 2018 on Permits 79-13-P-0009 Lavern Meyer, 79-21-P-0092 Carter Bruce – Mr. Graham made a motion to untable agenda item#12 from 6-17-19 monthly meeting, Discussion and Action on Non-Compliance Permitted Wells for Failure to Report Annual Water Usage for 2018 on Permits 79-13-P-0009 Lavern Meyer, 79-21-P-0092 Carter Bruce. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Ms. Sumpter reported Lavern Meyer has turned in 2018 annual usage reporting and is in compliance. Also reported by Ms. Sumpter, Carter Bruce is still lacking to turn in 2018 annual usage report and is has now been sent permit renewal application that has not been returned. Mr. Graham made a motion for Mr. Taylor to write a letter to Carter Bruce regarding permit 79-21-P-0092 stating annual usage report are to be completed and returned to the District office and all cost accrued are to be paid before the next board meeting or the District will proceed to the next step of non-compliance violation. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
16. Discussion and Action Relating to McClellan / Oilfield Road Contamination – Mr. Taylor presented a letter to the Board for approval to be mailed to the Railroad Commission regarding the confirmed contamination on Oil Field Road. Mr. Graham made a motion for the letter to be edited as discussed and reviewed by the President or the Vice-President before it is mailed to the RRC. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
17. Discussion and Possible Action on Review of Monitor Well Graphs and Data Collected – Ms. Sumpter presented monitor well graphs to the Board for review. Mr. Graham made comment by adding linear regression it shows most wells with a steady decline. Additional mapping was discussed for additional District data.
18. Discussion and Possible Action Relating to Changes and Additions to District Rules – Suggested Rule changes and additions were presented to the Board for Review. Rule suggestions will be update and reviewed discussed at the next board meeting.
19. Discussion and Action on Aquifer Evaluations Services and Interlocal Agreement with Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District & Involvement with Surrounding Groundwater District's – Ms. Sumpter presented the letters that were mailed to Pecan and Evergreen Groundwater District's regarding their participation on aquifer services. No response was given by either GCD.
20. Discussion and Action on TTU Recharge Study – Mr. Graham made a motion to allow next years budget to reflect funds to add an additional recharge study site. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
21. Discussion and Action on District Water Quality Sampling – Ms. Sumpter reported in order to be in compliance with the District Performance Review, the District needs a total of five water quality samples by the end of the fiscal year. The District currently has three and two more will need to be collected. The Board gave three wells that they would like to be tested if necessary.
- 22.. General Managers Report – No report was given.
23. Field Tech Report – Mr. Mikeska reported nine water wells were located for the last month. Rainfalls totals for the last six months were reported from participating landowners.
24. Discussion and Action to Set Date and Time for Budget Workshop – The budget workshop was set for August 19, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
25. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – GMA-15 meeting was cancelled.
26. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Rule changes, Aquifer Evaluation Services, Selection of TTU Site, Non-Compliance well reporting
27. Public Comments - None
28. Adjourn – Mr. Bellows made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 6-0.