

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting minutes

4-19-21

1. Call to Order – Prayer- — Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., April 19, 2021, at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office. 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 - Art Dohmann, Wesley Ball, Barbara Smith, Gary Bellows, and Wilfred Korth, Terrel Graham, and Carl Hummel were present.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest - Mr. Korth welcomed Heather Sumpter, General Manager and Leroy Mikeska, field tech for the District. Also present was Ashford Taylor, the District’s Attorney, and Noel Snedeker, the District’s financial auditor.
5. Public Comment – None
6. Open Public Hearing - Rule 8.4 (B) (9) – Reword rule to read - The amount of groundwater required to sustain the current and future economic stability within the boundary of the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District must be determined and allocated using the data compiled in the “GCGCD GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY EVALUATION STUDIES”. – Mr. Korth opened the public hearing for comments and no comment was made.
7. Close Public Hearing – Discussion and Action on Rules Revision- Mr. Korth closed the public hearing and discussion from the Directors was heard. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the rule revision. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Consent Agenda

8. Approval of the Minutes from March 15, 2021
9. Approval of Financial Report for March 2021
10. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
11. Approval of Invoices
12. Approval of Investment Report

Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 7-0. Reimbursements included employee reimbursements to Leroy Mikeska for \$346.08 and to Heather Sumpter for \$200.00. No invoices were presented.

Individual Agenda

13. Presentation from Noel Snedeker Regarding 2019-2020 Financial Audit – Discussion and Possible Action – Mr. Snedeker gave a financial audit presentation for fiscal year 2019-2020. Mr. Bellows made a motion to accept the audit. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion passed 7-0. It was requested to note the committed and assigned fund balances be added to the next agenda to be addressed.
14. General Managers Report – Ms. Sumpter gave a report of the GM-15 meeting and presented the proposal and amendments of each district members proposed DFC’s. Also presented was a spread sheet of all of the Legislature bills pertaining the district that included what bill stage they were currently in.
15. Field Tech Report – Mr. Mikeska reported all the new water wells that were located for the last month. Eighteen new wells were located.

16. Discussion and Action on Permit Renewal for Marci Blaschke, John Ware – Countryside RV, D Bar J Ranch, David Johnson, Albrecht Ranch, Richard Schendel, Goliad Water Supply – La Bahia, and Goliad Water Supply – Fannin. – Mr. Graham made a motion to table Marci Blashke permit renewal to allow Ms. Sumpter to look at the possibility of permitting the house well on the property for the custom application to replace the already permitted well. Mr. Dohmann seconded and the motion passed 7-0. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to renew John Ware-Countryside RV for a three-year period. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion passed 7-0. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to table D Bar J permit renewal to gather additional information. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 7-0. Ms. Smith made a motion to renew David Johnson’s permit for a three-year period with a reduction in allocation to 8 ac/ft/yr. and the permit noted the original allocation was 96.78 ac/ft/yr to justify any overage in the reduced allocation. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the permit renewal for a three-year period with a stipulation that water usage reported annually must be reported in a more accurate manner. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 7-0. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve Richard Schendel’s permit renewal for a three-year period. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 7-0. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve Goliad Water Supply-La Bahia permit renewal for a three-year period. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion passed 7-0. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve Goliad Water Supply Fannin permit renewal for a three-year period. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
17. Discussion and Action on Texas Department of Licensing Rules for Sealing of Wells and GCGCD Sealing of Wells – Mr. Graham gave an overview of his findings of Texas Department of Licensing rules for sealing wells and discussion was heard how that correlated with GCGCD sealing rules. No action was taken.
18. Discussion and Action Regarding TWDB Wells used in Goliad County GAM. – Mr. Mikeska gave a report of the status of the TWDB wells used in the new model to the Board. Mr. Graham made a motion for a meeting to be scheduled with Dr. Shi with TWDB to discuss this and other concerns. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
19. Discussion and Action Regarding Replacement of Director Place 4 – Mr. Bellows informed the Board that he is resigning as a board member. An article of vacancy will be placed in the newspaper for anyone that may be interested.
20. Discussion and Acton on Groundwater Conservation Measurers – Mr. Graham expressed he would like to look at underground irrigation for the district to promote.
21. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – Chamber Banquet, April 23rd, Mr. Korth gave a brief overview of Appraisal District meeting.
22. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Follow up with RRC regarding McClellan well and discussion of reporting to TDLR.
23. Public Comments - None
24. Adjourn – Mr. Bellows made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 7-0.