

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
6-17-24

1. Call to Order – Prayer - Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Ms. Smith 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, Dr. David Byrd, and Barbara Smith were present. Reagan Sahadi was virtual via Zoom. Tate Bammert was absent. Also present was Michelle Shelton, GM.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Korth announced and welcomed Raymond Souck, Bill Parmley, Ginger Cook and Dwight Briney.
5. Public Comment – There was no Public Comment

Hearings

6. Open Public Hearing- The Public

Permit No. 79-21-P-0120 for Goliad County Recreation Assoc. located at 1103 West Fannin, Goliad, Texas 77963 on a 96-acre tract owned by Goliad County Recreation Assoc. Water from the well will be used to provide water for the Clubhouse, 10 RV slots and pool maintenance. The ½ HP pump is capable of producing 15 gpm with a requested amount of water being 2 ac/ft/yr.

Permit No. 79-19-P-0121 R H Ranching/Ray Ranch Solar, LLC located at 11055 F.M. 883, Berclair, Texas 78107 on a 1,333-acre tract owned by R H Ranching. Water from the well will be used to provide water for an operations, office and maintenance building. The 1 HP pump is capable of producing 10 gpm with a requested amount of water being 1 ac/ft/yr.

7. Close Public Hearing – The Public Hearing was closed at 5:06 P.M. After concern presented by Mr. Briney and discussion by the Board, Mr. Graham moved that the permit 79-21-P-0120 for Goliad County Recreation Assoc. be tabled for a later meeting in order that the Golf Club obtain the required information needed by the Board to make a decision. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

After discussion from the Board with Mr. Souck, water well driller with M & M Drilling for the 79-19-P-0121 R H Ranching/Ray Ranch Solar requested permitted well, Mr. Graham moved to approve the permit for Ray Ranch Solar. Dr. Byrd seconded. Mr. Dohmann moved to amend the permit approval for Ray Ranch Solar with the condition that the horsepower of the pump be based on the static water level. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unopposed. Mr. Korth revisited the initial motion and the motion passed 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.

8. Approval of May Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2024
9. Approval of May Financials
10. Approval of Invoices
11. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements

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Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented by Mrs. Shelton. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

Individual Agenda Items

12. Report from the Mining Permit Committee (UR03075); discuss and take action as necessary – Mrs. Shelton presented draft letter to the Board for review. Also, Public Meeting for the UR03075 Mining Permit has been scheduled for August 5th at 7:00 as the GCGCD office has received notification from Geenie Morrison’s office. The location has not been identified yet. Mr. Graham moved that a local public pre-meeting be scheduled prior to the TCEQ Public Meeting and in conjunction with the next GCGCD Board meeting on July 15th at 6:00 p.m. to develop a framework of questions for the Public Meeting. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
13. Report from GMA 15 & 16 Committee; discuss and take action as necessary – Mr. Graham updated the Board on the status of the model required for the next cycle. The next GMA meeting will be in La Grange at 10:00. Mr. Dohmann and Mrs. Shelton will be attending. Mr. Graham will be unavailable to make this meeting. Mr. Graham discussed with the Board that long-term he will be stepping down as lead for GMA-15 as of end of calendar year. Mr. Dohmann discussed with the Board the upcoming GMA-15 agenda and possibility of a new interlocal agreement for a more accurate model that is on the agenda for this upcoming meeting in July. Dr. Byrd moved that Mr. Dohmann represent GCGCD at the GMA-15 meeting and between now and July 9th will be contacting Neil Blandford and Mr. Keister to obtain general funding ideas for the new model proposal. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
14. Discussion and Action on next year’s Tax Rate – Mr. Graham discussed with the Board the timeline for setting next year’s tax rate and his concerns regarding a possible roll back election. No further action was required.
15. Discussion and Action on Permit Renewals – The Board discussed the table presented by Mrs. Shelton of the permit renewals for the month. Dr. Byrd moved to approve the permit renewals as presented. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion passed 5 (ayes) -1 (abstention) with Mr. Sahadi abstaining as he had a permit up for renewal.
16. 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 presented to the Board the tech reports and GM report for the past month. No further action was required.
17. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – GMA Meeting is to be held July 11th in La Grange.
18. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Tax Rate Informational Session and/or Public Information Meeting on tax rate.
19. Public Comments – No public comments
20. Adjourn – Dr. Byrd moved to adjourn. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Submitted by: Michelle Shelton

Approved by Board of Directors: July 15, 2024