

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes
9-18-23

1. Call to Order -- Prayer - Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:05 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, Roy Rosin, Barbara Smith, and Terrell Graham were present. Reagan Sahadi and Ernest Alaniz were absent. Ernest Alaniz arrived at the meeting at 5:23 p.m.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest -- There were no visitors or guests.
5. Public Comment -- There was no public comment.

Individual Agenda Items

14. Go into executive session to discuss UEC UR03075, WDW423 & WDW424 permit renewals - Went into Executive Session at 5:05 p.m.
15. Discussion and Action on UEC UR03075, WDW423 & WDW424 permit renewals - Came out of Executive Session at 5:16 p.m. Discussion of Board included GCGCD needs to put out a generic/general Notice of the SOAH Hearing scheduled for December 12-14, 2023 in Austin, Texas on the community calendar in the local paper and include posting on GCGCD social media accounts. There was no further action required.
13. Field Tech Report -- Bhakta Monitor Well/City Well Report, New Well Report. Take Board action as necessary -- The Field Tech updated the Board on the addition of seven (7) new exempt wells to include four (4) livestock, and three (3) domestic/livestock. The Field Tech also reported on the Bhakta Monitor well which showed a -0.04 drop since last report as well as the addition of a new Burton monitor well in close proximity to the city well. The Field Tech has also updated reported information to include ambient temperature and barometric pressure at each reading. No further discussion or action required.
16. Report presentation from Dr. Sanku Dattamudi, Assistant Professor at Texas A&M Kingsville on GCGCD Groundwater Recharge Project. Take Board action as necessary -- The Board heard a presentation from Dr. Dattamudi regarding continuing the recharge project that has expired with Dr. Rainwater to address recharge and evapotranspiration in the county. After discussion on the Board's requests and expectations, it was concluded that the General Manager will schedule an in-person visit with Dr. Dattamudi and the Rainwater Project Committee. It was discussed and determined that the Rainwater Project Committee will consist of Mr. Dohmann, Mr. Korth and Mr. Rosin. No further action required at this time.

Hearings

6. Open Public Hearing -- To consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023-2024. The proposed tax rate is .01208 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes by 19.37%. This rate is for an operating budget of \$310,300.00 -- Opened public hearing at 6:19 p.m. There was no public comment.
7. Close Public Hearing -- Take Action on Proposed tax rate for 2023-2024 -- Closed public hearing at 6:22 p.m. No further action required.
8. Approve order adopting tax rate for 2023-2024 -- Mr. Graham moved to approve the order adopting the tax rate for the tax year 2023-2024 at .01208 per \$100 of value. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Consent Agenda Items

9. Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2023 – Mr. Rosin moved to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2023 meeting. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
10. Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2023 Special Meeting - Mr. Rosin moved to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2023 special meeting. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
12. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements – Mr. Rosin moved to approve the presented expense report from Mr. Dohmann in the amount of \$390.19 for annual internet service and conference calls and Mr. Taylor in the amount of \$175.20 for mileage reimbursement. Ms. Smith seconded. Mr. Dohmann abstained. The motion carried unopposed.
11. Approval of August Financials – after Board review and discussion Mr. Dohmann moved to make the below changes/revisions to the financials. The budget amendments were discussed, but pulled out of this agenda line item to be addressed during agenda line item 23.
 - a. Move \$2,000 to payroll expense line item from contingency
 - b. Move \$225 to Manager’s Assistant line item from contingency
 - c. Move \$41 from Memberships line item to Insurance line item for the Farm Bureau annual membership fee

Mr. Rosin seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the August Financials. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

Individual Agenda Items

19. Discussion and Action on Banking Issues – After review and discussion and with Mr. Rosin’s approval, Mr. Graham made a motion to leave the current signature cards and bank account information at First National Bank of Shiner with the following approved signatures...
 - a. Wilfred Korth
 - b. Art Dohmann
 - c. Barbara Smith
 - d. Michelle Sheltonand that Wilfred Korth has Board approval to individually execute the approved short-term loan/note in the amount of \$34,000.00 at an interest rate of 3.1% to cover September 2023 operating costs. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
20. Discussion and Action on Drought Index – there was Board discussion regarding the drought contingency plan included in the GCGCD rules. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to table the discussion on this agenda item until such time as the Rules Committee has had a chance to review and obtain suggestions and comments from the Board. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
21. Update from Rules Committee. Take Board action as necessary – Mr. Dohmann suggested that the Board take the proposed rules changes/revisions home for review and comment; to put a proposal together if any Board member has any suggestions and send to the Committee Chair, Ms. Smith, in

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two weeks-time which would be October 2nd. The Board will review at the next regular meeting in October. No further action required.

22. Discussion and Action on Goliad County Appraisal District Billing- Mr. Korth informed the Board of the actions discussed and taken at the Goliad County Appraisal District Board Meeting. The Appraisal District will be sending out an invoice in the amount of approximately \$1,700 as GCGCD's share of the Appraisal District's legal fees budget shortfall. Mr. Graham made a motion to take approximately \$1,700 from reserves for GCGCD's proportionate share of the Appraisal District's budget shortfall to pay the invoice. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
23. Discussion and Action on Budget Amendments – The budget amendments that were pulled during line item 11 and previously discussed were brought back for discussion and action. Ms. Smith moved to approve the financials for August, 2023 with the following updates and/or corrections...
 - a. Move \$2,000 to payroll expense line item from contingency
 - b. Move \$225 to Manager's Assistant line item from contingency
 - c. Move \$41 from Memberships line item to Insurance line item for the Farm Bureau annual membership feeMr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
24. General Manager's Report – The General Manager updated the Board on activities of the District during September, meetings attended and future meetings. No further action required.
25. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended - Mr. Graham informed the Board that the GMA-15 meeting will be October 12, 2023 @9:30 at the Patti Dodson Health Center in Victoria, Texas. The General Manager will be attending PFIT on the same day via virtual classroom from 9-3. The San Antonio River Authority will be holding a Board Meeting on October 18, 2023 at 1:30 at the Goliad Memorial Auditorium.
26. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Agenda items for October meeting will include a revisit of any personnel issues, update from Rules Committee and possible update from Rainwater Committee.
17. Go into executive session to discuss Personnel Issues – Went into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. Came out of Executive Session at 7:15.
18. Discussion and Action on Personnel Issues – Mr. Rosin moved to keep this agenda item on the October regular meeting agenda and revisit in a month. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
27. Public Comments – There were no public comments.
28. Adjourn – Mr. Dohmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Smith seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Submitted by: Michelle Shelton

Approved by Board of Directors: October 16, 2023