

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2019

1. Call to Order – Prayer – Mr. Dohmann called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., September 16, 2019, at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office. Ms. Smith 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 – Barbara Smith, Gary Bellows, Terrell Graham, Carl Hummel, and Art Dohmann were present. Wilfred Korth and Wesley Ball was absent. Mr. Ball excused himself later in the meeting.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Korth welcomed Heather Sumpster, General Manager for the District and Leroy Mikeska, field tech for the District, was present later in the meeting.
5. Public Comment – No public comment
6. Public Hearing – Tax Rate Hearing
Mr. Dohmann opened the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Tax Rater Hearing on Monday, September 16, 2019, at 118 S. Market St. in Goliad, TX. 77963, located at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2019-2020. The proposed tax rate is \$.01 per \$100 of value, which is a decrease from the current fiscal year tax rate of \$.0102. This rate is for an operating budget of \$143,300.00. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. Mr. Dohmann opened the floor up to the Directors for discussion. Ms. Smith made a motion to adopt the tax rate for 2019-2020 tax year at a rate of \$.0102. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
Mr. Graham made a motion to approve an operating budget of \$143,300.00 for the fiscal year 2019-2020. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
7. Public Hearing -Drilling and Operating Permit
Mr. Dohmann opened up a drilling and operating permit hearing to hear public comment on the application for a drilling and operating permit for Richard Schendel located 4 miles west of Goliad on FM 239 W in Goliad County, Texas. The well is located on approximately 1,555 contiguous acres and would provide water for Texas Department of Transportation road construction project on Hwy 239 West, from Baker Road to Cabaeza Creek. The requested amount of water per year is 30 ac/ft./yr. Normal rate of production is 80 gpm with a 5 HP pump.
Mr. Dohmann called for public comment, an adjoining landowner had a few questions regarding the permits. Mr. Dohmann explained more in detail regarding the drilling and operating permits for the water well. No further comment was made and the hearing was closed and was open for discussion by the board. Mr. Hummel made a motion to approve the drilling and operating permits for Richard Schendel for a three-year term with the stipulations that were set out by the board. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Consent Agenda Items

8. Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Directors Held on July 15, 2019
9. Approval of Financial Report for July 2019
10. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
11. Approval of Invoices

Mr. Graham made a motion to pull the financial report from the consent agenda items. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda items that contained reimbursements to Mr. Dohmann in the amount of \$368.60, Heather Sumpter in the amount of \$200.00, and Leroy Mikeska in the amount of \$209.38. Invoices were also included that were to Paulsgrove & Taylor that totaled \$750.00. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Sumpter requested a line item budget adjustment to line item 1134-Mileage Reimbursement. Ms. Smith made a motion to move \$700.00 from line item 800-Contegency to line item 1134-Mileage Reimbursement. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Individual Agenda Items

12. Discussion and Action on Permit Renewal for Carter Bruce – Mr. Bellows made a motion to approve Carter Bruce’s Operating Permit Renewal for a three-year period for 5 ac/ft/yr. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
13. Discussion and Action Relating to Certificate of Deposit – Ms. Sumpter presented rate offers for a CD that will be maturing on September 24, 2019 that were submitted by Prosperity and Goliad National Bank. Mr. Bellows made a motion to accept Goliad National Bank’s rate offer. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
14. Discussion and Possible Action Relating to Changes and Additions to District Rules – Discussion was heard from the board on several proposed rule changes. More discussion will be made at the next board meeting.
15. Discussion and Action on Employee Salary Review – Mr. Graham made a motion to remove agenda item from the agenda. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
16. Discussion and Action on Adoption of Investment Policy for 2019-2020 Fiscal Year – Ms. Sumpter presented the investment policy to be adopted for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. No changes were made to the policy from the current policy. Ms. Smith made a motion to adopt the investment policy as presented for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
17. Discussion and Action on 2020 Holiday Schedule – Mr. Bellows made a motion to approve the 2020 Holiday Schedule as presented. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
18. General Managers Report – Ms. Sumpter reported banking RFP’s will be mailed out October 1, 2019. The District’s current banking contract will expire December 31, 2019. Also requested by Ms. Sumpter was for the board to recommend an additional water well to be sampled to complete the water wells needed to be in compliance with the Districts Management Plan and Performance Review.
19. Field Tech Report – Mr. Mikeska reported that a total of thirteen new wells were located for the last month.
20. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – GMA-15 meeting in October
21. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting- Texas Tech Recharge Study, Brackish Water
22. Public Comments – No public comments
23. Adjourn- Mr. Bellows made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 5-0.