

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Meeting Minutes
2-22-21

1. Call to Order – Prayer- — Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., February 22, 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, Barbara Smith, Wesley Ball, Gary Bellows, and Wilfred Korth were present.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest - Mr. Korth welcomed Heather Sumpter, Leroy Mikeska, field tech for the District, Ashford Taylor, the District’s attorney and Kai Buckert.
5. Public Comment – Mr. Kai Buckert asked the board of Directors if the District could check his monitor wells again soon due to the winter storm. He has noticed some water levels are significantly lower throughout the state.
6. Open Public Hearing
Permit No. 79-15-P-0103 for Wesley Ball is located on 210 acres 15.7 miles northeast of Goliad on FM 622. The use for this existing well would be for irrigating grass on an approximate 10-acre tract and for supplying water to troughs for cattle. The proposed 1 ½ HP pump would be capable of producing 17 gpm with a normal rate of production of 17 gpm. The requested amount of water is 20 ac/ft/yr. An operating permit was previously approved on December 21, 2020 for the same well. Water allocation, water use, and acres irrigated will remain the same. The pump size will increase from a ¾ HP pump to a 1 ½ HP pump – No public comments were made.
7. Close Public Hearing- Discussion and Action on Operating Permit for Wesley Ball. - Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the permit amendment to Mr. Ball’s operating permit. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Ball abstaining.
8. Open Public Hearing
Permit No. 79-21-P-0106 for Arleen Peterson is located on 976 acres at 2208 Old Goliad Road, Goliad Texas. The use of the well would be for livestock and to maintain a stock tank. The proposed 3 HP pump would be capable of producing 50 gpm with a normal rate of production of 50 gpm. The requested amount of water is 35 ac/ft/yr. – No public comment was made.
9. Closed Public Hearing- Discussion and Action on Operating Permit for Arleen Peterson. – Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the operating permit for Mr. Peterson. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Consent Agenda Items

10. Approval of the Minutes of the Minutes from January 18, 2021
11. Approval of Financial Report for January 2021
12. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
13. Approval of Invoices

Ms. Sumpter requested to pull an invoice from Paulsgrove & Taylor for \$350.00.

Mr. Bellows made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Included in the reimbursements were a reimbursement to Heather Sumpter for \$200.00 and a reimbursement to Leroy Mikeska for \$375.76. Included in the invoices approved was an invoice to Paulsgrove & Taylor in the amount of \$750.00.

Ms. Sumpter explained she requested the invoice to Paulsgrove & Taylor due to the invoice being the invoice was for work performed in preparation for Hunter Industries Permit. The services performed was at the request of the District but it was never who would pay for the services. Ms. Sumpter reported she has spoke to Hunter in regards to the invoice and they are checking on consideration of payment.

Ms. Sumpter requested the invoice be approved to be paid and if Hunter agrees to cover the fees associated, the District would be refunded the cost. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to pay the invoice. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Individual Agenda

14. General Manager Report – Ms. Sumpter reported there was a driller who did not follow District rules by not giving the District a 24-hour notification of drilling a water well. First offense violation steps were followed by District rules and Chandler drilling received a certified letter by mail stating the violation and a copy of the rules.

Mr. Dohmann asked if any new information has been found out in regard to old oil and gas activity in the area of FM 622 Kowald property. He requested that a search be done using online resources and maps. Also, Mr. Dohmann asked about the Simons injection well that the District contested in December 2019. Ms. Sumpter reported that there has not been any activity since the application in protest was assigned a tracking number.

15. Field Tech Report – Mr. Mikeska reported there were a total of 13 new water wells located for the last month. The majority of the wells located were for domestic use. Mr. Mikeska also presented a spread sheet of all of the rainfall that was reported throughout the county.
16. Discussion and Action on Permit Renewal for Los Dos Robles – The permit renewal was presented to the board for renewal. Upon review the Directors requested a letter be sent to the owner for more information regarding the of the well. Mr. Dohmann made a motion to table the agenda item. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
17. Discussion and Action Regarding New Ownership of Property & Permit Renewal for Permit 79-28-P-0086 – Ms. Sumpter reported that this item worked itself out and no discussion and action is needed.
18. Discussion on Auditor Questioner – Mr. Taylor gave an interpretation of the questions asked on a questioner that the auditor sent to the Directors.
19. Discussion and Action on Performance Review/ Annual Report – Ms. Sumpter presented the annual report/performance review to the Board. No action was taken as the directors wanted a chance to review the report.
20. Discussion and Action Relating to Multiple Votes for a GMA – Mr. Taylor explained that in GMA-15, is made up of thirteen GCD's and in the thirteen districts there are four GCDs who have the same General Manager and two other GCD's that have the same General Manager. With this when there is need for a vote, between these two General Managers, they make up 6 of the 13 votes. Mr. Taylor explained that his self and Mr. Graham have researched this area to see if it was legal for there to be single person to vote multiple times for each district. He further explained there are not rules or law to prevent this.
Mr. Dohmann expressed a concern for need of a change at GMA-15 for member districts to be given greater opportunity to provide the engineering firm sufficient time for discussion over data, input, and technical issues that need to be addressed at the GMA meetings. Ms. Smith made a motion for a letter to be sent to GMA-15 General Managers, all member District Board members. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
21. Discussion and Action Regarding Desired Future Conditions – Mr. Dohmann reported by the next GM-15 meeting the District will have to state a position on the DFC and presented a document to the board to be given to GMA-15 that states acceptance for each of the four individual complements of the Gulf Coast Aquifer shown in Table 5 of the LRE Technical Memorandum dated January 14, 2021 Titled Summary of Modeling Results. The document will be type and sent to directors for review and approved at the next meeting.
22. Discussion and Action Relating to Goals for the District on Various Reports and Studies Performed – Ms. Sumpter presented a report requested by Mr. Korth of the last five years of permitted wells and how much water has been allocated each year. No action was taken.

23. Discussion and Action on Chamber of Commerce Water Conservationist of the Year - Mr. Korth asked if the Board had recommendations for Water Conservationist of the Year. An individual was not chosen and the agenda item will be addressed at the next meeting.
24. Discussion and Action to Untable Agenda Item #18 from January 18, 2021 Agenda - Discussion and Possible Action Regarding TWDB Wells used in Goliad County for the GAM – Ms. Smith made a motion to untable the agenda item. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion was passed 5-0.
25. Discussion and Action Regarding TWDB Wells used in Goliad County GAM. - Mr. Mikeska has worked on this and collected some information and needs additional time to complete. Bellows made a motion to table. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
26. Discussion and Action to Untable Agenda Item #21 on January 18, 2021 Agenda - Discussion and Action on Groundwater Availability Rules – Ms. Smith made a motion to untable. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
27. Discussion and Action Possible on Groundwater Rules & Related Issues and Documentation – Mr. Dohmann presented a document at the last meeting to be added to the District website and referred to in the District Rules in regards to water availability. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the language of the document and to set a public hearing of rule 8.4 B 9. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
28. Discussion and Acton on Groundwater Conservation Measurers - None
29. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – GMA-15 April 8th
30. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Uranium Article, GMA-15 Letter, FM 622 Research, Water Conservation
31. Public Comments
32. Adjourn – Mr. Bellows made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion passed 5-0.