

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
11-18-2024

1. Call to Order – Prayer - Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. 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, Barbara Smith, Terrell Graham and Colt Williams were present. Reagan Sahadi and Tate Bammert were absent. Also present was Michelle Shelton, GM.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Korth announced and welcomed Dylan Baddour with Inside Climate News, Bill Parmley, Raul Hernandez, Connie Watters and Matt Johnson.
5. Public Comment – Mr. Hernandez with MYR Energy updated the Board on the progress of the permitted well for the Ray Ranch solar farm office building. Construction is still not complete. They anticipate coming back to the Board in February to revise permit 79-29-P-0114 per the conditions of the operation.

Hearings

6. Open Public Hearing- Under Section 36.101, Subchapter D, section (d) of the Texas Water Code, the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors does hereby give notice of a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Groundwater District Office, 118 S. Market St., in Goliad, Texas. The purpose of this hearing is to hear public comment on the application for proposed drilling and operating permits

Permit No. 79-22-P-0122 for Watersville Holdings, LLC located at 1751 U.S. Hwy. 59 N, Goliad, Texas 77963 on a 2.224-acre tract owned by Watersville Holdings, LLC. Water from the well will be used to provide water for a 2,023 square foot operations, office and rental space building. The $\frac{3}{4}$ HP pump is capable of producing <17 gpm with a requested amount of water being 1 ac/ft/yr.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:06 p.m. After Board discussion, Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the permit for a revised amount of .8325 ac/ft/yr for a three-year term. The water usage will be metered on a separate electric meter. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried 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.

7. Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2024 Regular Meeting
8. Approval of October Financials
9. Approval of Invoices
10. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements

Ms. Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items as submitted. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion carried with 4 eyes and an abstention from Mr. Dohmann.

Individual Agenda Items

11. Report from Litigation and Mining Permit Committee; Discussion and take action as necessary – Mr. Graham presented to the Board the status of the ongoing litigation. Next step will be written briefing and then oral briefing with Travis County District Court. When finalized and filed, the briefing will be distributed to the entire Board. The Board reviewed the draft comments to TCEQ. Mr. Dohmann moved

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- that the Board approve the contents of the draft letter with formatting modifications and include our State Representative and State Senator, the 3 TWDB Commissioners, Daryn Hardwick and Natalie Belew. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
12. Report from Community Education Seminar Committee, discuss and take action as necessary – Mr. Korth updated the Board on the progress of the January workshop. Also, the Board is invited to attend the 2024 Annual Brush Workshop from the Soil and Water Conservation District. Note for the District to send an invitation to the workshop to all of our permit holders and Realtors. No action was required.
 13. Report from GMA 15 & 16 Committee to include resolution regarding non-participation in GMA-15 funding; discuss and take action as necessary – Mr. Graham gave the Board an update on the Resolution he has been working on that needs to be out before the December meeting. Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the basic contents of the Resolution with minor formatting modifications, giving Terrell Graham authority to review data in the observations and when complete, the GM has the authority to release the resolution to the GMA members. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
 14. Discussion and Action on Goliad County Directors Election – Mrs. Shelton took the Oath of Office from the re-election of officers of the newly elected Directors of Place 2, 4 and 6. No action required.
 15. Discussion and Action on Election of Officers – President, Vice President, Secretary – After Board discussion and nominations, the Board nominated Wilfred Korth, President; Terrell Graham, Vice President; and Colt Williams, Secretary. The bank signature card is to be updated to reflect the nominations per District rules. Mr. Graham moved to approve the nominations and update the signature card. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried.
 16. Discussion and Action on moving a portion of the Money Market account to a 6-month CD – After Board discussion Mr. Korth moved to move \$75,000 from the Money Market Account to a 6-month CD with signers on the CD being the newly nominated President, Vice President and Secretary. The General Manager will remain on the signature card. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried.
 17. Questions and Answers with Dylan Baddour of Inside Climate News. Take any action as necessary – The Board discussed Uranium issues with Dylan Baddour with Inside Climate New for a story he is working on about wider efforts in Texas about ramping up Uranium Mining. No action was required.
 18. 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 updated the Board on the office activities of the District over the past month. No action required.
 19. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – Next Region L meeting will be January 23rd.
 20. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Talking to the EPA about the Aquifer Exemption and standing up a committee; Employee review action and discussion; Review start time for meeting;
 21. Public Comments – Ms. Smith made a public comment that Carol Norrell went on to bigger and better things, Ms. Norrell ran for and won member of Travis/Williams County Municipal District.
 22. Adjourn – Mr. Graham moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40.

Submitted by: Michelle Shelton

Approved by Board of Directors: December 16, 2024