

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
12-16-2024

1. Call to Order – Prayer - Mr. Graham 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 – Art Dohmann, Tate Bammert, Barbara Smith, Terrell Graham and Colt Williams were present. Reagan Sahadi and Wilfred Korth were absent. Also present was Michelle Shelton, GM.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Graham announced and welcomed Bill Parmley, Misty Ortega, Dennis Zengerle, Greg Chapman, Kenneth Klanika, David Michaelson, Debbie Chapman and Linda Pinsker.
5. Public Comment – Mr. Dohmann made a public comment. This will be the most serious meeting we have had in 15 years of existence. If meeting runs long, he will propose to table some of the agenda to the next meeting. We have three issues that need to be fully vetting at this meeting.

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.

6. Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting
7. Approval of November Financials
8. Approval of Invoices
9. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements

Ms. Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items as submitted. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

Individual Agenda Items

10. Report from Litigation and Mining Permit Committee; Discussion and possible action concerning inquiry from UEC – Mr. Graham discussed with the Board that UEC had contacted our attorney to see if there was anything to be done to settle this case. No specifics were provided. We would require access to the site, GCGCD or experts could witness samples being drawn, pressure transducers/temperature transducers, water elevation, etc. functioning properly. At least 6 months for monitor wells to be in place to be able to make calculations. There are two categories of monitor wells, one associated with the injection wells that has the current question going down 3,000’. At his point we don’t have a borehole to give us any data. What we are envisioning is that a layer above the injection point is where we will start monitoring. Probably multiple levels, freshwater at about 1,750’ at the base of the confining zone. We will be monitoring downhole pressure as well. After Board discussion, Mr. Graham moved to instruct the District attorney to get a detailed Groundwater Management Plan from UEC, instruct a plan to remediate the Housman and Gleinser wells, UEC to agree to pay all attorney and expert fees, UEC agree to do a new baseline sampling for the mining permit, UEC agree to cancel the major amendment, UEC agree to monitor a certain number of wells on properties adjacent to the mining and injection and pay for the Groundwater District to do the monitoring for the radionuclides and normal constituents. Mr. Dohmann seconded. Mr. Williams amended to motion to include that the GCGCD Board would do the initial review and determine if the results needed to be turned over to an expert for additional review. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The initial motion and motion as amended carried unopposed. Mr. Graham proposed that we stand up a committee to go to the EPA regarding the aquifer exemption, to review the exemption regarding political influence that was exerted and the uncertainty that is now clear that existed at the time the EPA granted the exemption. Mr. Dohmann moved to set up a committee to draft a letter for the Board to review and approve to send request

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- to EPA to do a review. Mr. Bammert seconded. The motion carried unopposed. The committee to comprise Ms. Smith, Mr. Graham and Mr. Williams to prepare a draft. Letter should be directed to the head of EPA Region 6. Mrs. Shelton to prepare a draft for the committee. Discussion on another town hall and invite reporters, TCEQ, County Commissioners and UEC as well as EPA Region 6 and Legislatures. Put this for further discussion on the January agenda.
11. Report from Community Education Seminar Committee, discuss and take action as necessary – Mrs. Shelton provided the Board an update of the upcoming Workshop. No further action required.
 12. Discussion and Action on talking to the EPA about the Aquifer Exemption and setting up a committee - Mr. Graham proposed that we stand up a committee to go to the EPA regarding the aquifer exemption, to review the exemption regarding political influence that was exerted and the uncertainty that is now clear that existed at the time the EPA granted the exemption. Mr. Dohmann moved to set up a committee to draft a letter for the Board to review and approve to send request to EPA to do a review. Mr. Bammert seconded. The motion carried unopposed. The committee to comprise Ms. Smith, Mr. Graham and Mr. Williams to prepare a draft. Letter should be directed to the head of EPA Region 6. Mrs. Shelton to prepare a draft for the committee.
 13. Discussion and Action on CD-5229 due to mature on January 20th – CD will renew January 20th. 6-month CD is providing the best rate. Mr. Dohmann moved to reinvest CD 5229 for 6 months for \$100,000 and put remaining balance in the Money Market Account. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion passed unopposed.
 14. Discussion and Action on proposed 2025 District Holiday Schedule – Direction to change the Christmas holiday as presented to include Friday. Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the holiday schedule with requested changes. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
 15. Employee review. Discussion and take action as necessary – Mr. Dohmann moved to approve a \$63,000 salary for the General Manager to be retroactive to October 1st. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
 16. Discussion and Action on amending the Board Meeting start time – Mr. Bammert discussed possibly moving the Board meeting start time. After discussion it was recommended to follow up on this request at another meeting if the Board felt it was necessary. No further action was required.
 17. General Manager’s Report and updates. Field Tech Report – Bhakta Monitor Well/City Well Report, New Well Report. Take Board action as necessary. – Mr. Williams moved to look at the internet and voice service that is in the best interest of the District and bring before the Board for review. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed. Mrs. Shelton is tasked with preparing a report on the city of Goliad wells, how much is pumping what, are they complying with their permit and present to the Board.
 18. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – Region L will be January 23rd and GMA-15 will be January 9th at the Evergreen offices in Pleasanton.
 19. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting
 20. Public Comments
 21. Adjourn – Mr. Dohmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bammert seconded. The motion carried unopposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Submitted by: Michelle Shelton

Approved by Board of Directors: January 20,2025