

**Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
October 10, 2023  
Regular Board Meeting**

The public hearing of the Board of Directors of the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District (the District) was called to order. Present for the meeting were directors: Mr. Bruce Tieken, Mr. Barry Miller, Mr. Mark Ainsworth, and Mr. Mike St. John. Also present for the meeting were the District's General Manager, Ms. Laura Martin, and legal counsel, Greg Ellis. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

**Call to Order.**

The President of the Board, Mr. Bruce Tieken called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. after the public hearings.

**Public Comments. Limit to 3 minutes per person.**

Ms. Sally Ploeger, landowner, and Mr. Ted Boriack, landowner, made public comments. A recording of the meeting is available in the District office or on the District website.

**Consent Agenda (Note: These items may be considered and approved by one motion of the Board. Directors may request to have any consent item removed from the consent agenda for consideration and possible action as a separate agenda item):**

**Approval of minutes of September 12, 2023 Public Tax Rate Hearing.**

**Approval of minutes of September 12, 2023 Public Hearing Well Permit**

**Approval of minutes of September 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting**

**Approval of the Financial Report.**

**Approval of the District's bills to be paid.**

**Approval of the Mitigation Fund bills to be paid.**

**Approval of District Manager, Administrative Staff, Board Member, Field Technician, and Mitigation Manager Expenses.**

**Approval of Manager's Report (monthly report, transporter usage, water levels, drought index).**

**Approval of Well Mitigation Manager's Report (well mitigation progress).**

**Approval of Field Technician's Report (well registrations, water levels, water quality).**

The consent agenda was reviewed by the Board of Directors and Mr. Mark Ainsworth made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Mike St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss and possibly take action on any item removed from Consent Agenda.**

No action was taken at this time.

**Discussion on the September water level results.**

The General Manager and Board discussed the September water level results. No action was taken on this item.

**Discuss and possibly take action on a resolution for approval of the 2023 tax roll for Caldwell Co. (section 26.09(e) Texas Property Tax Code).**

No action taken at this time. This item was tabled for further discussion on a future date.

**Discuss and possibly take action on a resolution for approval of the 2023 tax roll for Gonzales Co. (section 26.09(e) Texas Property Tax Code).**

Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to approve the 2023 tax roll for Gonzales Co. (section 26.09(e) Texas Property Tax Code). Mr. Mark Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session Pursuant to (§551.074).**

The Board of Directors, General Manager, Ms. Laura Martin, and legal counsel, Mr. Greg Ellis went into an Executive Session at 6:09 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The meeting resumed at 6:25 p.m. No action was

taken.

**Discuss and possibly take action on the review and amendment of the Personnel Policy**

Mr. Mike St. John made a motion to approve and adopt the amendment of the Personnel Policy. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss and possibly take action on amendments of the GCUWCD Rules and calling of a Public Hearing.**

Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt and approve the amendments of the GCUWCD rules as presented to be in compliance with the state legislature. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the GCUWCD Management Plan Resolution.**

No action taken at this time.

**Presentation of legislative/legal updates from legal counsel.**

Gregory Ellis, legal counsel, presented legislative/legal updates.

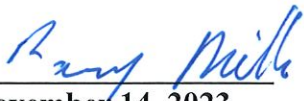
**Discussion of other items of interest by the Board and direction to management based on the items set forth above.**

No action was taken.

**Adjourn.**

A motion was made by Mr. Ainsworth to adjourn the meeting and Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

**Approved By:**

  
November 14, 2023

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