

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
March 12, 2024
Board Meeting

Call to Order.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District (the District) was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Present for the meeting were directors: Mr. Bruce Tieken, Mr. Barry Miller, Mr. Kermit Thiele, Mr. Mike St. John, and Mark Ainsworth. Also present for the meeting was GCUWCD General Manager Laura Martin-Preston, and Legal Counsel Greg Ellis. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

Public Comments. Limit to 3 minutes per person.

Mr. Mark Ploeger, landowner, speaking on behalf of the (WPA) Water Protection Association and himself, and Ms. Sally Ploeger landowner made public comments. A recording of the meeting is available at the District office and on the District's 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 February 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

Approval of minutes of March 05, 2024, Special Called 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, drought index).

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

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

Mr. Kermit Thiele made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with the exception of removing Item D, the Approval of District Bills to be Paid to discuss building insurance. Mr. Mike St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to approve the bills to be paid after adding the Dubose Insurance Policy. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on annual review and re-adoption of the District's Financial Policy.

The Board of Directors, and General Manager reviewed and discussed the re-adoption of the District's Financial Policy. Mr. Mark Ainsworth made a motion to approve the Financial Policy as presented. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation from James A. Golab, Ph.D., P.G. Manager, Innovative Water Technologies, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR).

Discussion on the District's 2023 Annual Report.

No action taken. The General Manager provided the 2023 Annual Report to the Board of Directors. The report is also available on the District's website.

Discussion on the Mitigation 2023 Annual Report.

No action taken. The General Manager provided the Mitigation 2023 Annual Report to the Board of Directors. The report is also available on the District's website.

Discuss and possibly take action on a permit amendment request for Canyon Regional Water Authority in the Carrizo Aquifer.

Summary of the application and application timeline was provided by Ms. Trish Carls, CRWA's legal counsel. Mr. Miller made a motion to grant the export and production permit amendment request for Canyon Regional Water Authority in the Carrizo Aquifer as presented including all the special provisions listed in the permit. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on scheduling a workshop of GCUWCD Rules amendments and calling of public hearing.

No action taken at this time. Possible dates and times were discussed. Copies the draft Rules will be available on the District's website.

Presentation of legislative/legal updates from legal counsel.

Mr. Greg Ellis presented legislative and legal updates to the Board.

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

No action necessary.

Adjourn.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Approved By:



April 09, 2024
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