

**Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
February 13, 2024
Board Meeting**

The regular meeting 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. Mr. Kermit Thiele was not in attendance, Also present for the meeting were GCUWCD General Manager Laura Martin and legal counsel Greg Ellis. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

Call to Order

The president of the Board of Directors called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment: Public comments were received from Ms. Sally Ploeger, landowner, on behalf of Ted Boriack, landowner. Ms. Ploeger, landowner made a public comment on behalf of herself. Mr. Mark Ploeger, landowner, made a public comment on behalf of the Water Protection Association (WPA). A written record of the board meeting and comments received are filed at the District office.

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 January 09, 2024 Public Hearing Draft Management Plan

Approval of minutes of January 09, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Approval of the Financial Report.

Approval of the District's bills to be paid.

Approval of the Mitigation Funds 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. Barry Miller 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 items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Discuss and possibly take action on the permit request from J Bar B Water Supply for a domestic water well in the Queen City Aquifer

Mr. St. John made a motion to approve the permit request from J Bar B Water Supply for a domestic water well in the Queen City Aquifer. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

This item was tabled for a further date. No action was taken.

Discussion on the District's January water level report.

Then, the Board and General Manager discussed the District's January water level report. It was discussed that an isolation study should be conducted on the Eastern side due to dropping water levels in that area as planned in the District budget.

Discuss and possibly take action on a Capital Campaign Letter from Gonzales Noon Lions Club.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve and sign a Capital Campaign Letter for the Gonzales Noon Lions Club. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of annual audit report by Montemayor Britton Bender PC and possible action on accepting the report.

Ms. Laura Martin, General Manager presented the 2022-2023 annual audit to the Board of Directors. The audit report made no recommendations on amending any Policy and Procedures. Mr. Mark Ainsworth made a motion to accept the annual audit for fiscal year 2022-2023. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of legislative/legal updates from legal counsel.

Legal counsel to the District, Mr. Greg Ellis, discussed with the board ongoing legislative and legal updates.

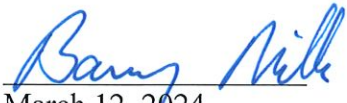
Discussion of other items of interest by the Board and direction to management based on the items set forth above.

No action was taken at this time.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Mr. St. John to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Approved By:


March 12, 2024
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