Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
September 9, 2025
Regular 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. Michael St. John. Mr. Glenn Glass was not in attendance. Also present for the meeting was General Manager, Laura Martin, and legal counsel, Mr. Greg Ellis. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

Call to Order.
The President of the Board, Mr. Tieken called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM. after the Public Hearing.

Public Comments. Limit to 3 minutes per person.
Mr. Kirby Knox, landowner, Mr. Joe Solanksy, landowner, Ms. Betty Martin, landowner, Ms. Maggie Wills, landowner, Mr. Keith Richardson, landowner, Ms. Deidra Voigt, landowner, Mr. Dale Schellengberg, landowner, Ms. Sally Ploeger, landowner, and Mr. Ted Boriack, landowner. A recording of the board meeting and comments received are filed at the District's 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 August 12, 2025, Public Hearing.
Approval of minutes of August 12, 2025, 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, 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. Barry Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Mark Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with those present.

Discuss and possibly take action on any item removed from Consent Agenda.
None.

Executive session pursuant to § 551.071 Government Code for attorney-client matters.
Executive session started at 6:14 PM and the Board returned at 6:33 PM.

Discuss and possibly take action on a on an Engagement Letter for Legislative Services from GM Ellis Law Firm, LLC.
Mr. Mike St. John made a motion approve the engagement letter. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with those present.

Discuss and possibly take action on an Engagement Letter for Legislative Services from Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody.
Action was tabled.

Discuss and possibly take action on setting the tax rate for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year.
Mr. Miller made a motion to set a tax rate of 0.0027297% for every $100.00 of valuation for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year, Mr. St. John. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with those present.

Discuss and possibly take action on revisions to the District's fiscal year 2024 – 2025 budget.
Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the revisions to the District's fiscal year 2024- 2025 budget as presented. Mr. Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with those present.

Executive session pursuant to § 551.074 Government Code for personnel matters.
Board did not go to executive session.

Discuss and possibly take action on the District's fiscal year 2025 – 2026 Budget.
Mr. Ainsworth made a motion to approve the District's fiscal year 2025- 2026 Budget as presented. Mr. Bruce Tieken seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with those present.

Discuss and possibly take action on revisions to the District's Western Mitigation Fund fiscal year 2024 – 2025 budget.
Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the District's Western Mitigation Fund fiscal year 2024- 2025 budget as presented. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with those present.

Discuss and possibly take action on the District's Western Mitigation Fund fiscal year 2025 – 2026 budget.
Mr. Tieken made a motion to approve the District's Western Mitigation Fund fiscal year 2025-2026 budget for $186,500.00. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with those present.

Discuss and possibly take action on the District's Eastern Mitigation Fund fiscal year 2025 – 2026 budget.
Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the District's Eastern Mitigation Fund fiscal year 2025-2026 budget for $380,000.00. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with those present.

Discuss and possibly take action on setting a Mitigation Committee.
Action was tabled to be decided when all Board members present.

Discuss and possibly take action on an Interlocal Agreement with Lost Pines GCD.
Action was tabled.

Discuss and possibly take action on creating board dedicated email addresses for the District Board Members.
Mr. Tieken made a motion to approve board dedicated email addresses for the District Board Members. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with those present.

Discuss and possibly take action on purchasing tablets for the District Board.
Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of five Android 15 tablets for the District Board Members. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with those present.

Discuss and possibly take action on a sound system, speakers, microphone, camera for meetings.
Action was tabled for more research.

Discuss and possibly take action on proposed draft rules as a draft to present for public comment.
Mr. Miller made a motion to publish the proposed draft rules as stated. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with those present.

Discuss and possibly take action on a permit request for an irrigation well in the Carrizo Aquifer for Mr. Mike Tuch.
Mr. Miller made a motion to schedule a public hearing for this item at our next meeting on October 14, 2025. Mr. Tieken seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with those present.

Presentation of legislative/legal updates from legal counsel.
Mr. Greg Ellis provided legislative & 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.
None.

Adjourn.
A motion was made by Mr. Ainsworth to adjourn the regular board meeting and Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with those present, and the meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Approved By:

Barry Mill

October 14, 2025

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