

**Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**November 10, 2015**  
**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: Bruce Tieken, Steve Ehrig, Barry Miller, and Bruce Patteson. Also present for the meeting were GCUWCD General Manager Greg Sengelmann, administrative assistant, Laura Martin, and district attorney, Greg Ellis. Mr. Kermit Thiele was not in attendance. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

**Public Comment:**

No public comments were made. A recording of the board meeting and comments received has been filed at the District office.

The minutes from the October 13, 2015 Board Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Steve Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Laura Martin gave the financial report. CD rates in financial report were reviewed from local banks. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the financial statement and to allow the maturing CD #7402 to roll over at Sage Capital Bank and approve the financial report. Mr. Bruce Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the District's outstanding bills. The bills were as follows: \$108.04 to AT&T Mobility for basic mobile telephone, \$188.45 to GVTC for telephone and internet service, \$595.86 to the U.S. Post Office for office rent, \$35.00 to Rockin'S Marketing & Design for website maintenance, \$225.00 to WorkSpace Infrastructure & Mobility, LLC for computer services, \$239.09 to Ricoh for copier rental, \$15,095.07 to Groundwater Management Services for attorney fees from July 2015- September 2015, \$102.95 & \$47.00 to Reese's Print Shop for office supplies, \$100.00 to OttaCyTE Technologies for computer repair, and \$98.00 to U.S. Postal Service for Postage. Mr. Ehrig made a motion to pay the District's bills. Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Western Mitigation Fund outstanding bills. The bills for the Western Fund were as follows: \$233.40 to the U.S. Post Office for office rent. Mr. Miller made a motion to pay the Western Mitigation Fund bills, and Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, the Board discussed and considered a resolution for approval of the 2015 tax roll for Caldwell County. Mr. Bruce Tieken made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-11-12a. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed and considered a resolution for approval of the 2015 tax roll for Gonzales County. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-11-12b. Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed and took action on the proposed Consent Agenda that would replace the current agenda format. Mr. Greg Sengelmann and Mr. Greg Ellis explained the meeting practice and how the information can be grouped together, or a single item can be brought to discussion and action. Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as a portion of regular business of the board. Mr. Tieken seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Directors and General Manager discussed the Plugging and Abandonment Cost Sharing Program. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the Plugging and Abandonment Cost Sharing Program. Mr. Ticken seconded the motion.

The Board of Directors next discussed and took action on approving the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) approved Groundwater Availability Model (GAM). Mr. Patteson made a motion to approve the TWDB's GAM for the district. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, the directors, general manager, and attorney reviewed and discussed the fees of the district. The board requested that the district's attorney look into the legality of basing permit fees on the type of permit being requested. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve all of the current listed fee amounts for the district and add an Aquifer Storage and Recovery Permit fee, a Special Groundwater Production Unit fee, and a Grandfathered Well permit. Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Directors discussed and took action on a Provisional Permit of a public supply well Drilling & Production Permit filed by Gonzales County Water Supply Corporation (GCUWCD). Mr. Sengelmann reviewed the particulars of the well change request of the public supply well. Mr. Ehrig made a motion to approve the GCWSC permit application from a Provisional permit to a standard 5 year permit. Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Miller abstaining from a vote.

The Directors discussed and took action on a Provisional Permit of an industrial well Drilling & Production Permit filed by R Bar M Ranch. Mr. Sengelmann reviewed the particulars of the Provisional Permit well change request of the industrial well. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the changing of a Provisional permit to a standard 5 year permit, based on new pumping rate. Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Directors discussed and took action on a request for an industrial well Drilling & Production Permit filed by Royce Farrar. Mr. Sengelmann reviewed the particulars of the Permit application. Several minor discrepancies in the Permit application were identified. Mr. Miller made a motion to table the permitting of the well until the discrepancies could be addressed. Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Manager's Report:**

The monthly manager's report was available for the Board to review. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> he conducted an employee interview in the field to show the prospective employee some of the tasks that would be required of a GCUWCD Field Technician. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> he met with Bill Hutchison, the Groundwater Management Area 13 (GMA13) consultant, to develop an agenda for the next GMA13 meeting to be held on November 19, 2015 in Pleasanton. On October 6<sup>th</sup> he participated in a Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) executive committee conference call to discuss the meeting dates and agendas for the new TAGD fiscal year. On October 15<sup>th</sup> he met with a representative of the Pecan Valley Ground Water District to assist them in developing their Access Database and GIS capabilities. On October 16<sup>th</sup> he held an employee interview for the new District field technician position. The district received two resumes for employment for the posted position. Mr. Jim Benedict was hired for the position and he began work on October 19, 2015. He is currently working on well registrations. From October 20 - 22, 2015 he reviewed the March 14, 2014 permit renewal requests from Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation (SSLGC) for Permit No. GCP-09-09-01 for Well #1, GCP-09-09-02 for Well #2, GCP-09-09-03 for Well #3, GCP-09-09-04 for Well #4, GCP-09-09-05 for Well #5, GCP-09-09-06 for Well #6, GCP-06-09-01 for Well #7, GCP 04-09-01 for Well #8, and Permit No. 03-10-01 for Well #9, Well #10, Well #11, and Well #12. Mr. Sengelmann also reviewed the April 30, 2015 and June 30, 2015 permit renewal request from the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) for Permit No. 07-10-01 for wells WG-2, WG-5, WG-6, WG-7, WG-8, WG-9, WG-10, WG-14, and WG-15. The General Manager also reviewed the October 6, 2014 permit renewal request from Canyon Regional Water Authority (CRWA) for Permit No.

11-09-01 for Wells #1, #9, #11, and #12. Upon review of the permit renewal requests indicate that SSLGC, SAWS, and CRWA are currently in substantial compliance with the rules of the District and have met the requirements for automatic permit renewal. Since none of the requests for renewal included a request for a major amendment, the renewals are not subject to notice and hearing, and final approval by the Board. Based on this compliance review and in accordance with District rules, the SSLGC, SAWS, and CRWA permits are automatically renewed for a period of five years from the end date of the previous permit. On October 23<sup>rd</sup> he participated in a TAGD executive committee conference call to discuss the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) requests to groundwater districts for stakeholder input on House Bill 30 and House Bill 1232 studies and determine whether a coordinated response to the Stakeholder Committees would be appropriate. On October 26<sup>th</sup> he attended the TWDB Stakeholder Meetings in Austin for House Bill 30 and House Bill 1232. On October 29<sup>th</sup> he attended the Select Energy disposal well permit application hearing at the Texas Railroad Commission in Austin. SSLGC's October production was about 1,290 ac-ft which is about 80% of the monthly allowable production. CRWA's October production was about 292 ac-ft which is about 87% of the monthly allowable production. SAWS October production was about 1,055 ac-ft which is about 108% of the monthly allowable production. AQUA's September production was about 29 ac-ft which is about 7% of the monthly allowable production. The Palmer Drought Index, as of October 27, 2015 indicates that we are under abnormally dry conditions.

The Board discussed and took action on the agenda item for paying the General Manager's expenses for the month. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the expenses, and Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Mitigation Fund Manager's Report:**

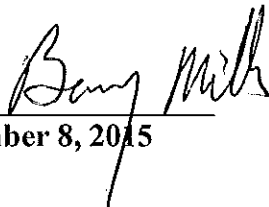
The mitigation fund manager's report was available to the directors. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Link Benson traveled to Smiley and checked the progress of the Stahl water well. On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, he traveled to Smiley and observed the Stahl water well being pumped. On October 6<sup>th</sup>, he traveled to Pilgrim and met with Mr. David Kardoz at well location to discuss mitigation. On October 9<sup>th</sup>, he traveled to Smiley to check on Stahl well to see if he was using system yet. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, he traveled to Smiley to check on Stahl well pumping sand. Then Mr. Benson traveled to Nixon to meet with B&S to discuss mitigation. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, he traveled to Smiley and met with B&S at Stahl well to discuss sand problem. On October 19<sup>th</sup>, he traveled to Pilgrim to check on Kardoz water well. On October 21<sup>st</sup>, he traveled to Smiley to check on the Mr. Mac Morris water well being set. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, he traveled to Belmont to check on Mr. Person's water well site for observation. On October 27<sup>th</sup>, he traveled to Smiley to meet Justin at Morris water well. On October 30<sup>th</sup>, he traveled to Nixon and met B&S to discuss mitigation.

The Board discussed and took action on paying the Mitigation Manager's expenses for the month. Mr. Miller made a motion to pay the Mitigation Manager's expenses, and Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Adjourn:**

A motion was made by Mr. Patteson to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approved By:**



December 8, 2015

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