

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
January 14, 2014
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, Bruce Patteson and Kermit Thiele. Also present for the meeting were GCUWCD General Manager Greg Sengelmann, GCUWCD Well Mitigation Manager, Link Benson, and administrative assistant Sally Birkner. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

Public Comment: Public comments were made by Mr. Donnie Janicek, Mr. Pat Rosato, and Mr. Victor Alaniz. A recording of the board meeting and comments received are filed at the District office.

The minutes from the December 10, 2013 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.

The minutes from the January 7, 2014 Public Hearing on the Management Plan were reviewed. Mr. Bruce Patteson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kermit Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the District's outstanding bills. The bills were as follows: \$93.45 to AT&T Mobility for basic mobile bill, \$196.43 to GVTC for phone and internet service, \$445.00 to the US Post Office for office rent, \$35.00 to Rockin'S Marketing & Design for website maintenance, \$180.00 to WorkSpace Infrastructure & Mobility LLC for computer services, \$120.00 to Greg's Computer to set up the administrative assistant computer, \$178.19 to Ricoh for copier rental, \$59.55 to Reese's Print Shop for office supplies, \$3,264.75 to Daniel B. Stephens & Associates for consultant, \$22.00 to TML Insurance for W/C audit 2012-2013, \$90.36 to Lockhart Post Register for posted notice, \$160.88 to Gonzales Inquirer for posted notice and hiring advertisement, \$37.60 to The Gonzales Cannon for hiring advertisement, and \$54.00 to USPS for postage. Mr. Patterson made a motion to pay the District's bills. Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Mitigation Fund's outstanding bills. The bills were as follows: \$220.00 to the US Post Office for office rent, \$515.75 to Borrer Electric Service for electric service to a well, \$428.00 to Jimmy Stevens Scheel Water Pump Services for pump service on a well, \$33.00 to Gonzales Inquirer for hiring advertisement, and \$3.17 to Reese's Print Shop for office supplies. Mr. Miller made a motion to pay the Mitigation Fund bills and Mr. Bruce Tieken seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed the agenda item concerning the selection of a designated alternate for Mr. Sengelmann at the Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG). The item was tabled at the last meeting. After Mr. Sengelmann talked to the RWPG representatives he was told that any GCUWCD board member could be designated to fill in for him at the meetings. No action was needed on the agenda item.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and take action on revising the Eastern Mitigation Fund budget for 2013-2014. Mr. Sengelmann, Mr. Benson, and the Directors discussed the budget and made necessary revisions. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the budget and Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, the Board considered a report from the General Manager and General Counsel on comments received on the proposed District Management Plan and any recommended amendments. Mr. Sengelmann went over the comments received and the Directors and legal counsel for the District, Mr. Greg Ellis, discussed the comments.

Written comments received and responses to the comments are on file at the District office. The Board discussed each item up for revision in the Management Plan. Mr. Ticken stated that if all discussion was concluded then the Board would proceed to the next agenda item.

The Board discussed and considered Resolution 2014-01-14, to adopt the Revised Management Plan. Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-01-14, adoption of the GCUWCD Revised Management Plan, with the unsubstantial changes previously discussed. Mr. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Sengelmann gave his monthly manager's report. On December 3rd he attended meetings with the City of Gonzales and the City of Waelder to discuss water availability for economic development as required by the District Management Plan. On December 4th he attended the TAGD legislative Workgroup Committee meeting. On December 6th he met with the City of Smiley and the City of Nixon to discuss water availability for economic development and then travelled to Guadalupe Blanco River Authority office in Seguin to discuss conjunctive use as required by the District Management Plan. On December 9th he went to Lockhart to post the public hearing notice for the Management Plan. On December 17th Mr. Sengelmann travelled to the Waelder area to locate some new wells to add to the Yegua-Jackson Aquifer observation well network. On December 18th he attended an H2S training course provided by Forest Oil. Forest oil requested the course be completed before accessing some of their sites to measure water levels in the former rig supply wells. Mr. Sengelmann gave the water production reports for Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation, Canyon Regional Water Authority, and Aqua Water Supply Corporation. Aqua's production was 0 acre feet as Aqua has temporarily shut off their wells for maintenance. The Palmer Drought Index indicated that as of December 3, 2013, the District was experiencing abnormally dry conditions. Mr. Sengelmann stated that the annual report will be presented at the next meeting.

The Board discussed and took action on the agenda item for paying the General Manager's, Administrative Staff, and Board Members' expenses for the month. Mr. Patteson made a motion to approve the expenses presented for the general manager. Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mitigation Fund Manager's Report:

Mr. Benson gave his monthly manager's report. On December 4th he travelled to Wrightsboro to meet with the landowner and B&S Water Well Service to discuss mitigation of the Menking well. On December 9th he went to Pilgrim to look at Mr. Tom Lester's well. The well was experiencing a loss of pressure. Later the same day he met with B&S Water Well Service to discuss mitigation of the well. On December 20th he went to Pilgrim to observe a solar pump installation at the Lester well. He went to Smiley on December 22nd to look at the Parker well. On December 23rd he returned to the Parker well and met with B&S Water Well Service to discuss work to be done on the well. On December 27th Mr. Benson met with Mr. Radtke in Smiley to check on his well. He reported the water quality of the well had changed. Mr. Benson took water samples for testing. On December 30th he returned to the Radtke well in Smiley to measure the well head and to take more water samples. Mr. Benson told the board that the Radtke well camera survey showed the casing was cracked. Plans for mitigation are being discussed. Mr. Benson said he has received several salty well reports and he is checking the water quality and will report back to the Board with his findings. Mr. Benson stated that the annual report will be presented at the next meeting.

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. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

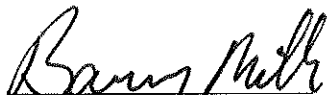
During the discussion of other items of interest to the board and direction to management, Mr. Miller asked Mr. Sengelmann about progress on the well monitoring program and said to continue the work he has done. Mr. Sengelmann informed the Board that the Texas Railroad Commission permit application for the Select Energy

SWDW was on going and he will continue to gather information to protest the well and plans to attend the hearing. Mr. Thiele commented that he feels the air quality issues around the wells needs to be considered. The directors agreed and are concerned about many of the SWDW being in populated areas.

Adjourn:

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

Approved By:



February 11, 2014
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