

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
April 8, 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 Ticken, 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, Legal Counsel Greg Ellis, and administrative assistant Laura Mills. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

Public Comment: Public comments were made by Mr. Pat Rosato and Mr. Wayne LePori. A recording of the board meeting and comments received are filed at the District office.

The minutes from the March 11, 2014 Board Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Steve Ehrig made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Bruce Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Laura Mills gave the financial report. Mr. Kermit Thiele made a motion to approve the financial report and Mr. Barry Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the District's outstanding bills. The bills were as follows: \$90.13 to AT&T Mobility for basic mobile bill, \$189.32 to GVTC for phone and internet service, \$444.50 to Gonzales County Appraisal District for Quarterly Payment, \$400.00 to Texas A&M Soil and Water Testing Laboratory for water quality samples, \$578.50 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, \$163.96 to Ricoh for copier rental, \$149.74 to Quality Environmental Containers for sampling supplies, \$570.98 to Texas Workforce Commission for first quarter, and \$18.74 to Reese's Print Shop for office supplies. Mr. Miller made a motion to pay the District's bills. Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Western and Eastern Mitigation Funds' outstanding bills. The bills for the Western Fund were as follows: \$226.60 to the US Post Office for office rent, \$48.98 to Reese's Print Shop for office supplies, \$13,818.40 and \$1,559.45 to B&S Water Well Service for water well mitigation. The bills for the Eastern Fund were as follows: \$50.68 to Reese's Print Shop for office supplies. Mr. Miller made a motion to pay the Western and Eastern Mitigation Fund bills and Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed the agenda item concerning the extension of an irrigation permit by 120 days for Mr. Bruce Siebert. Mr. Sengelmann stated that the District has granted these extensions before and Mr. Siebert has given us a written request for the extension. Mr. Siebert was asked if his driller would be able to complete the well by the end of the 120-day extension and he answered 'yes'. After a brief discussion, Mr. Ehrig made a motion to approve the 120-day extension of Mr. Siebert's irrigation well permit. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed and took action on the proposed JTC Energy SWDW Permit before the Texas Railroad Commission. Mr. Charles English was present to state his concerns and provide additional information to the Board. The Board went into Executive Session from 5:50-6:00 PM. There were no decisions made during Executive Session, so the meeting was continued from the previous spot. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Thiele and seconded by Mr. Ehrig to drop the District's protest. The motion passed as Mr. Bruce Ticken, Mr. Ehrig, Mr. Patteson, and Mr. Thiele voted to drop the protest and Mr. Miller voted in opposition.

The Board discussed and took action on the proposed Marathon Oil SWDW Permit before the Texas Railroad

Commission. The proposed Marathon Oil injection well is located off of FM 443 near Dryer. The proposed injection interval is the Carrizo Formation. The injection zone is listed as 4,110 – 4,350 feet. Marathon Oil has not yet agreed to our terms of agreement for disposal wells. A hearing is set for April 14th, 2014. After a brief discussion, Mr. Patteson made a motion to continue the protest of the Marathon Oil SWDW. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed and took action on the renewal of the Schertz Seguin Local Government Corporation No. 8 Permit renewal. SSLGC requested a renewal of its public supply well No. 8 drilling and production permit. The well is located off of CR 127 approximately 6.5 miles northwest of the City of Nixon. The well is currently permitted to produce 1,616 ac-ft of water per year at an average rate of 1,000 gpm from the Carrizo Aquifer. The well was originally permitted under the 2 ac-ft per acre Rule which was amended to 1 ac-ft per acre in a subsequent Rule change. Rule 18.C states that “Wells previously permitted to produce at a higher rate per surface acre shall be reduced to the rate stated per surface acre in this rule beginning with permits scheduled to be reissued in 2012 and all permits therein after shall be reissued at this rate.” SSLGC acquired additional acreage to make up for this production rate reduction to maintain the current rate of 1,616 ac-ft of water per year. The permittee has substantially complied with all the rules of the District. SSLGC requested, in a letter dated March 14, 2014, a variance to District Rule 18.C to maintain a 2 ac-ft per acre production rate. SSLGC also requested that production permits for all twelve permitted public supply wells be reissued at the same time. SSLGC currently has permits for 6 wells, 1 well, 1 well, and 4 wells which were permitted and expire at different times. The Board rejected the SSLGC requests for the acre-ft rule variance and combining all twelve wells into a single permit. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the permit for 1,616 acre-ft of water per year at an average rate of 1,000 gpm. Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sengelmann went over the results of the latest Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) runs for GMA13. He went over existing DFCs and MAGs and GAM run scenarios developed to date – specifically scenarios 4 and 8. Mr. Sengelmann addressed changes in pumping and changes in drawdowns for the District. The GMA group would like to vote on a draft DFC at the May meeting, which is scheduled for just after our May Board meeting, so we need to determine if we want any additional runs. Bill Hutchinson is available to work with the Board on any additional modeling we may need.

The next agenda item was to discuss the schedule and procedures for amendment of the District’s rules. We received approval of our Management Plan from the TWDB and need to begin the revision to our Rules. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to allow public comments on possible changes to the rules until May 30, 2014. A notice will be published in the Gonzales and Caldwell County newspapers in the next week or so. After May 30, 2014, the General Manager and District Attorney will consolidate all comments present to the Board for review.

The Board discussed and took action on the proposed AgriLife GIS Program Update. We received a proposal from Texas A&M AgriLife to assist us with our well database system and GIS system. The objectives of the proposal are to update our various well databases into one cohesive database system that can be used with our ArcGis system for data display and analysis. We currently have six separate well databases, (registered wells, rig supply wells, water level wells, water quality wells, irrigation wells, and public supply wells) which are not linked together. By linking the database tables together we can reduce multiple data-entry work. Also the databases will be setup in a “form” format which will speed-up the data-entry process. Once the databases are setup and the information entered, we can begin creating ArcGis projects to analyze and map the data. The second phase of the project would assist us in preparing maps for our website. AgriLife would host and update our web maps for a certain period of time to allow us to see how the application works and then we can determine if we want to continue this process on our website. Mr. Sengelmann stated that the District has consulting fees in the Budget for this update. Mr. Miller made a motion and Mr. Ticken seconded the motion to approve the AgriLife Program Update. The motion passed unanimously.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Sengelmann gave his monthly manager's report. On March 5th he travelled to Lockhart to post the Regular Board Meeting agenda, then on March 6th and 7th he conducted an investigation into reports of oil in a water well located on CR 441. On March 17th he travelled to Seguin to pick up sample containers for the District's annual water sampling event. March 21st he travelled to San Antonio to attend the Region L Prioritization Workgroup Meeting. March 24th, 25th, 26th, and 31st he collected water samples from wells in the Wilcox, Carrizo, Queen City, and Sparta Aquifers. March 27th he travelled to Seguin to drop off split samples at the GBRA laboratory for analyses. Mr. Sengelmann said he has begun ordering the conductivity and water level transducers for our automatic water monitoring system. Mr. Sengelmann gave the water production reports for Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation, Aqua Water Supply Corporation, San Antonio Water Systems and Canyon Regional Water Authority. The Palmer Drought Index, as of April 1, 2014 indicates that we are in abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions.

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. Mr. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mitigation Fund Manager's Report:

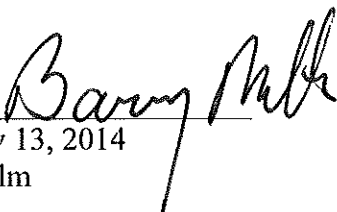
Mr. Benson gave his monthly manager's report. On March 1st he travelled to Smiley to meet B&S Water Well Service to discuss mitigation on the Borrer well. On March 3rd he went to the Lester T&T Farm well in Cost to discuss mitigation work with B&S Water Well Service. On March 6th he and Greg Sengelmann travelled to the Eastern side of the District to look at wells and discuss mitigation of the wells. He travelled to Cost on March 13th to observe B&S Water Well Service setting a pump in the Lester well. On March 14th he went to Leesville to look at two Carrizo wells at the Wilson place and discuss mitigation with Mrs. Wilson. March 16th he went to Cost to check on the progress of the Lester well. March 19th he went to the Eastern side of the District to look at the Carrizo well at Green Acres Nursery. On March 27th he travelled to Smiley to observe the pump being pulled and reinstalled on the Borrer well. On March 28th he went to Smiley to the Stahl well to meet B&S Water Well Service to discuss mitigation of the well. March 30th he met with B&S Water Well Service in Nixon to discuss mitigation work. On March 31st he travelled to Smiley to meet with B&S Water Well Service at the Stahl well and observed that installation of the well head had begun.

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. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Tieken, Mr. Ehrig, Mr. Patteson and Mr. Thiele voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Miller voting against the motion.

Approved By:



May 13, 2014
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