

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
August 12, 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, and Barry Miller. Also present for the meeting were GCUWCD General Manager Greg Sengelmann and GCUWCD Well Mitigation Manager Link Benson. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

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

The minutes from the July 8, 2014 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.

Mr. Greg Sengelmann gave the financial report. Mr. Bruce Tieken made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the District's outstanding bills. The bills were as follows: \$96.17 to AT&T Mobility for basic mobile bill, \$192.73 to GVTC for phone and internet service, \$170.84 to Texas Workforce Commission for unemployment taxes, \$49.00 to US Postal Service for postage, \$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, \$184.65 to Ricoh for copier rental, and \$3.29 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: \$7,981.80 for water well mitigation and \$6,156.53 to GVEC for electricity to a well. The bill for the Eastern Fund was as follows: \$226.60 to the US Post Office for office rent. Mr. Miller made a motion to pay the Western and Eastern Mitigation Fund bills and Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the certification of the 2014 appraisal rolls. The directors discussed the agenda item but took it up after some discussion on the budget and tax rate.

Next, the Board discussed the proposed 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget for the District. The directors and Mr. Sengelmann discussed each line item of the 2013-2014 Budget to date, adjustments to be made, and the proposed budget for 2014-2015.

The directors discussed receiving the certification of the 2014 appraisal rolls for Gonzales and Caldwell counties. Mr. Miller stated that the 2014 certified appraisal rolls had been received from the Gonzales County and Caldwell County Appraisal Districts. Mr. Miller made a motion to receive the rolls and Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed and took action on setting the proposed tax rate for the District. Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt a 2014 proposed tax rate of \$0.0045 of each \$100.00 value for the District. Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with three directors present at the meeting; Mr. Tieken, Mr. Ehrig, and Mr. Miller voting for the motion. Mr. Patteson and Mr. Thiele were absent from the meeting.

Next, Mr. Benson and the Board discussed the proposed 2014-2015 GCUWCD Western Mitigation Fund (WMF) Budget line items. Mr. Benson, Mr. Sengelmann and the Directors went over each line item of the 2013-2014 WMF Budget and discussed the proposed 2014-2015 WMF Budget.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the 2014-2015 GCUWCD Eastern Mitigation Fund (EMF) Budget. Mr. Benson, Mr. Sengelmann and the Directors went over each item for the EMF Budget and discussed the proposed 2014-2015 EMF Budget.

During the discussion of the budgets, the Directors and the General Managers' discussed salaries, hourly wages, and raises for the District personnel. No health care monies would be considered for District personnel. Mr. Miller and the Directors asked Mr. Benson to continue investigating the cost of plugging old wells. He would like him to get plugging bids and present the information to the Directors. They also discussed purchasing a vehicle for the District.

The Directors discussed a request for renewal of an irrigation well Drilling and Production Permit filed by Mary Ann Menning, the executor for the Mrs. Dorothy Ploeger Estate. Mr. Sengelmann read the particulars pertaining to the well and stated that the reduction from two acre feet to one acre foot applied to the renewal of the well. The Directors decided to take up the next item on the agenda before voting to the permit renewal.

Next the Director's discussed possibly taking enforcement action against Mr. Bill Seger for failure to comply with the District Rules on permitting and reporting. Mr. Sengelmann reviewed the history of the situation and the Directors discussed the action they wished to take. Mr. Miller made a motion for Mr. Sengelmann to send Mr. Seger a certified letter stating that he had 30 days, before the next board meeting, to apply to the District for a permit for his well and to report the water production of the well. Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board went back to the discussion and action of Item #13, the Ploeger/Menning permit renewal. After further discussion on the well, water needed, and water usage, Mr. Ehrig made a motion to renew the permit. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sengelmann and the Directors discussed the workshops being held to discuss the amendments to the District rules. An informal workshop was held on July 29, 2014 and the next workshop for comments to be received on the District rules will be on August 19, 2014, at 10:00 am in the District Office Conference room.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Sengelmann gave his monthly manager's report. On July 2nd traveled to Lockhart to post Regular Board Meeting agenda. On July 9th he traveled with Texas Water Development Board to conduct water quality sampling on four wells. On July 11th he traveled to Delhi to meet with HCPUA and Plum Creek Conservation District representatives to obtain information on two Carrizo Aquifer test wells drilled for a future permit application with PCCD. On July 22nd he traveled to the Lindeman property on CR 396 to complete a filed check for an industrial well permit. Measurement of distance to nearest property was taken and registration of three new wells completed. On July 28th he traveled to Gates Cemetery Road to locate two new water level observation wells for Yegua-Jackson. On July 29th he traveled to John Mercier's property on CR 187 to register two new wells. He identified one new well as Queen City Aquifer artesian well that recently ceased flowing and the other as Carrizo Aquifer well.

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 August 5, 2014 indicates that we are in abnormally dry 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. Tieken made a motion to approve the expenses and Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mitigation Fund Manager's Report:

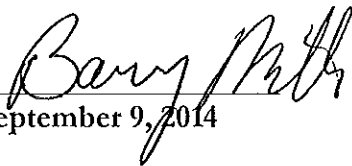
Mr. Link Benson gave his monthly manager's report. On July 2nd he met with Mr. Craig Hines of Canyon Regional Water Authority, to discuss the District request concerning the Dedicated Mitigation Fund Agreement. He traveled to Smiley to take water sample from the Patteson well. On July 3rd he traveled to Nixon to meet with B&S Water Well Service to discuss well mitigation. On July 10th traveled to Smiley to observe the log on Pickett well. N July 16th met with GVEC at the Patteson well to discuss electrical connections for the well. On July 18th went to Hodges well to check on mitigation for the well. On July 19th went to Harwood to check the Fairchild well for possible mitigation. On July 21st went to Harwood to look at the Hold well for possible mitigation. On July 30th traveled to Nixon to meet with B&S and 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. Ticken seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn:

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

Approved By:


September 9, 2014

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