

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
June 09, 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: Steve Ehrig, Barry Miller, Mr. Bruce Tieken, 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, Administrative Assistant Laura Martin and Administrative Assistant Brittany Kalisek. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

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

The minutes from the May 12, 2015 Board Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Bruce Patteson made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Kermit Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Laura Martin gave the financial report. Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to approve the financial report and Mr. Steve Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the District's outstanding bills. The bills were as follows: \$108.22 to AT&T Mobility for basic mobile bill, \$197.97 to GVTC for phone, and internet service, \$595.86 to the U.S. 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, \$182.95 to Ricoh for copier rental, \$4.92 to Reese's Print Shop for office supplies, \$ 34.17 and \$28.66 to Reese's Print Shop for shipping, \$1,062.00 to GBRA for water samples, \$120.00 to Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts for quarterly meeting registration, \$98.00 to U.S. Postal Service for postage paid, \$6.46 and \$ 23.08 to Caldwell County Appraisal District for quarterly payment, and \$363.75 to Gonzales County Appraisal District for quarterly payment. Mr. Thiele made a motion to pay the District's bills. Mr. Miller 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 \$0.00. The bills for the Eastern Fund were as follows: \$233.40 to the U.S. Post Office for office rent. Mr. Ehrig made a motion to pay the Western and Eastern Mitigation Fund bills and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed and took action on the annual audit report, presented by Mr. Jerry Floyd, of Floyd & Gindler, PC. Mr. Floyd presented the audit report and offered answers to questions by the Board. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the audit report. Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, a demonstration from Mr. Gabriele Bonaiti, PhD of Texas A&M, AgriLife Extension was presented. Mr. Bonaiti discussed how he has structured the current District database, and presented a webpage for the District that links to the current database. The website is a map with all of the District water well data available to date. AgriLife will host the GCUWCD website with well data for free for several months. No action required from the board.

Mr. Adam Foster from Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) presented information pertaining to water well drilling requirements, and procedure. Mr. Foster is in charge of compliance at TDLR, and has been inspecting wells in Gonzales County. Mr. Foster reviewed the rules of the state on water well construction compliance for the audience and the Board.

Following the presentation the Board discussed the best procedures to follow when a non-compliant well is

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 Sign-In Sheet.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Landowner (Y, N)</u>
Art Rosito	Y
Adam Foster	N
Geary Moore	N
Kent Holt	
Craig Hines	Yes
Sally Pitzer	
DONNIE JANICKY	Y
Ellis Villaluna	X
Marie Anderson	Yes
Les & Helen Falley	yes
Mark Porges	
TED BURTON	YES.

found, and reported. Mr. Miller made a motion to send a registered letter to the owner of the well and the water well driller, notifying of the non-compliance issue, and giving 30 days to have a plan of action; the District will also, send a carbon copy of the letter to the TDLR. Mr. Ticken seconded the motion.

The Board next discussed the Plugging and Abandonment Program. A draft policy and procedure manual for Plugging and Abandonment was presented to the board. After a discussion about the policy, rules and regulations, and best practices for the county between Board Members, General Manager, District Legal Council, and TDLR compliance officer; Mr. Miller made a motion to table the Plugging and Abandonment Program until changes are made in the current draft, more information is gathered, and Mr. Greg Ellis has an opportunity to review the manual. Mr. Patteson seconded the motion.

The Board went into Executive Session from 6:52 p.m. - 7:20 p.m. No decisions were made during Executive Session.

The Board then discussed proposed amendments to the District's Rules. Mr. Greg Sengelmann announced a Special Called Board meeting is scheduled on this topic for the public and Board Members on June 18, 2015. Mr. Greg Ellis provided a summary of the approved State level changes in the Rules and noted that those changes will be effective in September. No action is necessary.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Sengelmann gave his monthly manager's report. On May 4th, & 14th, he finished annual water quality sampling. On May 6th, he travelled to Lockhart to post March Board Meeting agenda. On May 13th, he travelled to Seguin to give a presentation to GBRA Operations Staff Group. On May 14th, he and Laura Martin participated in the Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Water Fairs in Caldwell County. On May 18th, he met with a representative from AgriLife Extension Service about an online format for the District website. On May 19th, he travelled to investigate a complaint at Anderson Price Etal., property about improper water usage. No issues of non-compliance were found. On May 20th, he gave a presentation on Water Management Issues at the World Environmental & Water Resources Congress in Austin. On May 22nd, he travelled to CR219, near Sample, to measure a well to be used for fracking by 1776 Energy Resources, LLC. On May 18th, and 26th, he travelled to Belmont to measure water levels on observation wells in the Carrizo aquifer after flooding. On May 25th, he traveled to Dreyer to evaluate the impact of the river flooding on the oil and gas facilities in the Guadalupe River floodplain area. Mr. Sengelmann gave the water production reports for Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation, which was about 969 ac-ft, Aqua Water Supply Corporation, which was about 209 ac-ft, San Antonio Water System, which was about 806 ac-ft, and Canyon Regional Water Authority, which was 39 ac-ft. The Palmer Drought Index, as of June 3, 2015 indicates that we are not under any drought conditions.

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

Mitigation Fund Manager's Report:

Mr. Link Benson gave his monthly manager's report. On May 1st, he travelled to Nixon to meet with B&S Water Well Service to discuss mitigation. On May 6th, he traveled to Smiley to the Mac Morris well site and met with Justen to discuss the well. On May 8th, he traveled to Smiley to the Mac Morris well site to look at the casing size and valves on top. On May 12th, he traveled to Bebe and met Sam Henderson to look at a well for possible mitigation. On May 15th, he traveled to New Braunfels and went to the TDLR meeting on rules and talked to Adam Foster. On May 18th, he traveled to Smiley to start reviewing wells for TDLR. On May 19th, he traveled to Smiley to review wells for TDLR. On May 20th, he traveled to Smiley to review wells for TDLR. On May 21st, he traveled to Smiley and met with Bruce Patteson to look at wells for TDLR. On May 22nd, he traveled to Smiley and spent the day with Mr. Adam Foster, a TDLR representative looking at wells. We found numerous wells in violation such as the top of the well not being cemented properly, aquifer comingling and

salt water flowing out of the well onto the ground. On May 25th, he traveled to Smiley to the Colmery well site for review for possible mitigation. On May 28th, he traveled to Nixon and met with B&S to discuss mitigation.

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

Adjourn:

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

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. E. C.', written over a horizontal line.

July 14, 2015

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