

**Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**May 12, 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, Barry Miller, Bruce Patteson, and Kermit Thiele. Also present for the meeting were GCUWCD Attorney Greg Ellis, GCUWCD General Manager Greg Sengelmann, GCUWCD Well Mitigation Manager Link Benson, and administrative assistant Laura Martin. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

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

The minutes from the April 14, 2015 Board Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Bruce Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Laura Martin gave the financial report. Mr. Patteson made a motion to approve the financial report, and Mr. Thiele 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, \$190.50 to GVTC for office phone and internet service, \$595.86 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, \$220.63 to Ricoh for copier rental, \$7.94 to Reese's Print Shop for office supplies, \$44.11 to Reese's Print Shop for shipping, \$54.86 to Reese's Print Shop for shipping, \$84.99 to Reese's Print Shop for shipping, \$72.16 to Reese's Print Shop for shipping. Mr. Thiele made a motion to pay the District's bills. Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Western and Eastern Mitigation Funds' outstanding bills. There were no bills for the Western Fund. The bills for the Eastern Fund were as follows: \$233.40 to the US Post Office for office rent. Mr. Miller made a motion to pay the Eastern Mitigation Fund bills, and Mr. Bruce Tieken seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed the agenda item concerning the Plugging and Abandonment Program. The Board requested additional information about the possible policies and procedures for the fund. A motion to table the Plugging and Abandonment Program until further information is received was made by Mr. Thiele. Mr. Tieken seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Manager's Report:**

Mr. Sengelmann gave his monthly manager's report. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Sengelmann travelled to Austin to testify at the House Natural Resource Hearing on HB 655. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, he travelled to San Antonio to attend Region L Water Planning Group meeting. On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Sengelmann travelled to Seguin to the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (GBRA) office to discuss a groundwater-river interaction study with Geological Survey representatives. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, he travelled to Lockhart to post the April Board Meeting agenda. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, he travelled to Austin to testify to the Senate agricultural, Water and Rural Affairs Hearing on Senate Bill 1903 (SB1903). On April 28<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Sengelmann and Ms. Laura Martin travelled to Red Rock to participate in the Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Water Fair, making edible aquifers for approximately 150 students. On April 9, 15, 21, 22, 23, 27, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup> he collected water samples from wells in the Wilcox, Carrizo, Queen City, Sparta, and Yegua-Jackson Aquifers. Mr. Sengelmann gave the water production reports for Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation, which was about 1,059 ac-ft, Aqua Water Supply Corporation, which was about 34 ac-ft, San Antonio Water Systems, which was about 899 ac-ft, and Canyon Regional Water

Authority, which was about 208 ac-ft. The Palmer Drought Index, as of April 28th, 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, Administrative Staff, and Board Members' 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:**

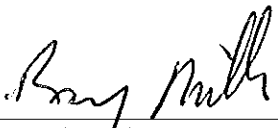
Mr. Link Benson gave his monthly manager's report. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, he travelled to Nixon and met with B&S Water Wells to discuss mitigation of wells in the District. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, he went to Gonzales to meet with Mr. Parker to discuss mitigation of a well for Ruth Parker. On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Benson met with B&S on Parker well to discuss mitigation. April 7<sup>th</sup>, he went to Gonzales to meet with Billy Parker to inspect his artesian well that quit flowing. On the same day, April 7th, he went to Gonzales and met with B&S on the Parker well. On April 7<sup>th</sup>, he travelled to Smiley and met with Mr. Mac Morris on his artesian well that stopped flowing. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, he travelled to Gonzales and met with Jamie Holden on a well for possible mitigation. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, he travelled to Smiley and met with B&S on Mr. Morris' well to discuss work. On the same day, April 10<sup>th</sup>, he travelled to Gonzales and met with B&S on Ms. Holden's well to discuss mitigation. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Benson travelled to Pilgrim and met Mr. Will Ruddock on a well for possible mitigation. On April 16<sup>th</sup>, he travelled to Nixon to discuss mitigation work with B&S. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Benson travelled to Gonzales and met with Mr. Patteson, Mr. Steve Ehrig, and representatives from San Antonio Water Systems (SAWS) to discuss water wells that have been drilled and completed and are producing in different water zones, which are illegal according to Texas Department of Licensing and Registration (TDLR), and District rules. On the same day, April 17<sup>th</sup>, he travelled to Pilgrim and met with B&S on Mr. Ruddock's well. On the same day, April 17<sup>th</sup>, he travelled to Gonzales, and inspected Ms. Pam Jackson's well. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, he went to Smiley and checked the progress of the electric line on Mr. Stahl's well. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, he travelled to Smiley and went to Mr. Morris' well to gather data. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, he travelled to Gonzales and met with B&S at Ms. Jackson's well and measured depth. The well is an old hand dug well not eligible for 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. Thiele to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approved By:**

  
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June 9, 2015  
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