

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
December 08, 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, Steve Ehrig, Barry Miller, and Kermit Thiele. Mr. Bruce Patteson was not in attendance. Also present for the meeting were GCUWCD General Manager, Greg Sengelmann, Mitigation Manager, Link Benson, Field Technician, Jim Benedict, and legal council, Greg Ellis, Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

Public Comment: No public comments were made. A recording of the board meeting and comments received has been filed at the District office.

The board discussed and took action on amendments and additions to the Board Policy for a Consent Agenda to be included. Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Kermit Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next item was the Consent Agenda including, the minutes from the November 10, 2015 Board Meeting, the Financial Report, District Bills to be paid, District Manager, Administrative Staff, Board Member, Field Technician and Mitigation Manager Expenses, Manager's Report, and Well Mitigation Manager's Reports. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Copies of District Documents are available at the District office. No listed items were removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Then the board discussed and took action on Resolution 2015-12-08a to amend the District's election cycle which currently has all directors serving concurrent four (4) year terms. Texas Water Code Sec. 36.059 requires the District to elect Directors according to the Precinct Method, as defined by Ch. 12, pg. 1105, Special Laws, Acts of the 46th Legislature, Regular Session 1939. Section 6 Ch. 12, requires directors to serve staggered terms and for the District to conduct elections every two years. To accomplish this Two of the directors will serve two-year terms and three of the directors will serve four-year terms in accordance with the schedule approved in Board Resolution 2015-12-08a. Mr. Steve Ehrig made a motion to adopt the amendment to the District's election cycle. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed and took action of the Director's drawing for two (2) and four (4) year terms. An uninterested third party presented the drawing box to the directors. Results of the drawing indicate that Director Precinct 1 term expires in two (2) years, Director Precinct 2 terms expires in four (4) years, Director Precinct 3 term expires in two (2) years, Director Precinct 4 term expires in four (4) years, Director Precinct 5 term expires in four (4) years.

Next, the board discussed and took action on Resolution 2015-12-08b calling for an election to be held on May 7, 2016. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-12-08b. Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Then the board discussed and took action on additions and amendments to the District's rules. The Directors, General Manager, and Mitigation Manager discussed the additions and amendments to the District rules. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the additions and amendments to the District's rules as presented. Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, the board took up a discussion on payment of attorney and court reporter fees for the Select Energy disposal well hearing. The District has not heard from the Rail Road Commission about the amount of fees or if the GCWUCD has been approved for party status. Mr. Miller made a motion to table this item until further information is known. Mr. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed and took action on setting permit fees for irrigation wells. Mr. Greg Sengelmann, General Manager and the Directors had a discussion about the fees of the district. Mr. Thiele made a motion to table the setting of permit fees for irrigation wells. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Directors discussed a request for an industrial well drilling and production permit by Mr. Royce Farrar. A revised permit application was provide by Mr. Farrar. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the request for an industrial well drilling and production permit. Mr. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

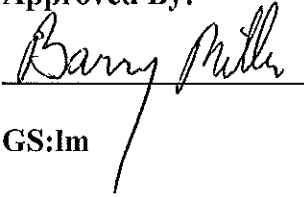
A discussion between the Directors, and Mr. Greg Ellis, attorney to prepare an Amicus Brief for the Lone Star GCD occurred. Mr. Miller made a motion to prepare an Amicus Brief for the Lone Star GCD. Mr. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion on the district's plugging and abandonment cost share program occurred between the Directors and the General Manager. No action was required.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Mr. Ehrig to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved By:



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