

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
June 13, 2017
Board Meeting

1. Call to Order.

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, Bruce Patteson, and Kermit Thiele.. Also present for the meeting were GCUWCD General Manager Greg Sengelmann, Mitigation Manager Link Benson, Legal Counsel Greg Ellis, and Administrative Assistant Laura Martin. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

2. Public Comments. Limit to 3 minutes per person.

Public comments were received from Mr. Larry Deharde. A recording of the board meeting and comments received are filed at the District office.

3. Consent Agenda (Note: These items may be considered and approved by one motion of the Board. Directors may request to have any consent item removed from the consent agenda for consideration and possible action as a separate agenda item):

- a. Approval of minutes of May 09, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Approval of minutes of May 23, 2017 Public Hearing.
- c. Approval of the Financial Report.
- d. Approval of the District's bills to be paid.
- e. Approval of the Mitigation Fund bills to be paid.
- f. Approval of District Manager, Administrative Staff, Board Member, Field Technician, and Mitigation Manager Expenses.
- g. Approval of Manager's Report (monthly report, transporter usage, drought index).
- h. Approval of Well Mitigation Manager's Report (well mitigation progress).
- i. Approval of Field Technician's Report (well registrations, water levels, water quality).

The Board of Directors took action on the Consent Agenda including, minutes of the May 09, 2017 Board Meeting, minutes of the May 09, 2017 Public Hearing, the Financial Report, District Bills to be paid, District Manager, Administrative Staff, Board Member, Field Technician and Mitigation Manager Expenses, and Manager's Reports. Mr. Kermit Thiele made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Bruce Patteson seconded the motion with the exclusion of the Mitigation Fund Bills to be paid. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss and possibly take action on any item removed from Consent Agenda.

The Board of Directors removed the agenda line item 3.e. (Mitigation Fund bills to be paid) to discuss the reimbursement for a previously mitigated well for Mr. Mac and Mrs. Debbie Morris. After review of the submitted invoice Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to approve Invoice #1564 with the removal of the first three line items then to be paid balance in full, and Invoice #1725 to be paid in full, with the inclusion of an agreement with the landowner that they acknowledge this is a one time mitigation and sign a waiver for the mitigation work. Mr. Steve Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Appoint, Ms. Crystal Cedillo, Tax- Assessor-Collector, as the individual to calculate and prepare the 2017 Effective, Rollback, and Sales Tax Rates for the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District.

Next, the board discussed the appointment of Ms. Crystal Cedillo as tax-assessor-collector, and the individual to calculate and prepare the 2017 effective, rollback, and sales tax rates for the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District. Mr. Miller made a motion to appoint Ms. Crystal Cedillo as the Tax-Assessor-Collector for the 2017 effective, rollback, and sales tax rates for Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District. Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss and possibly take action on posting a notice for a new District financial auditor.

The General Manger and board discussed locating a new Financial Auditor. Mr. Miller made a motion to send out a Request for Qualifications to prospective Financial Auditors. Mr. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss and possibly take action on amendments to the District's Water Well Plugging Fund and Policy Manual and updating the Mitigation Fund Water Well Drillers Contract.

After review and discussion by the board and general manager regarding the changes made to the Plugging Policy Manual & the Water Well Drillers Contract. Mr. Miller made a motion to amend the Water Well Plugging Fund Policy Manual and the Mitigation Fund Water Well Driller's Contract as stated. Mr. Patteson seconded them motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss and possibly take action on additions and amendments to District Rules 16 & 21.

The Board of Directors, general manager, legal counsel, and mitigation manager discussed the changes to District Rules 16 & 21. Remove the option to perforate a well for plugging was discussed and considered a non-substantial change. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve amendments to District Rules 16 & 21 with the correction of removing the word perforation from Rule 21 B.2.a. Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Executive session pursuant to § 551.071 attorney-client matters.

The board, general manager, legal counsel, and mitigation manager convened for Executive session pursuant to § 551.071 attorney-client matters at 6:11 p.m. The Board and staff reconvened at 6:43 p.m.

10. Discuss and possibly take action on the Districts Western Mitigation Fund policy and procedures.

After reconvening the board and general manager discussed the amendments of the Mitigation Fund Policy and Procedures. Mr. Miller made a motion to place in affect the procedure that landowners must come to the District office and sign a form indicating they have received a copy of the Mitigation Policy and Procedures and acknowledge the approved and covered charges prior to any mitigation work completion with a copy to be given to the water well driller. Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Discuss and possibly take action on the Districts 2016 Water Well Drillers Audit.

The general manager presented to the board a list of violations found in the District's 2016 Water Well Drillers Audit. Legal counsel, Mr. Greg Ellis, recommended the board grant the general manager & legal counsel all necessary authority to enforce the current policy to require the problem be corrected or the well be plugged & the general manager offer to settle the violations based on the penalties and sanctions schedule. Mr. Miller made a motion to instruct the general manager and legal counsel to proceed to fine each water well driller listed in the District's 2016 Water Well Driller's Audit for each separate and individual violation listed according to the District's penalties and sanctions schedule. If the well is not able to be fixed in accordance with applicable rules it shall be plugged. Mr. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

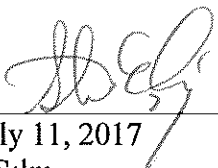
12. Discussion of other items of interest by the Board and direction to management based on the items set forth above.

The President of the Board, Mr. Bruce Tieken, requested that an informational article be sent to the newspapers to remind the general public the importance of conservation especially during summer months.

13. Adjourn.

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

Approved By:



July 11, 2017

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