

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Board of Directors

October 10, 2017

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, Administrative Assistant, Laura Martin, Mitigation Manager Link Benson, and legal counsel Greg Ellis. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

Call to Order.

Public Comments. Limit to 3 minutes per person. Mr. Jeff Scheuhele, Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District, made public comment. Mr. Gene Herbold and Mr. Larry Deharde, water well drillers, made public comments. A recording of the board meeting and comments received in writing are filed at the District office.

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):

Approval of minutes of September 12, 2017 Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate.

Approval of minutes of September 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

Approval of the Financial Report.

Approval of the District's bills to be paid.

Approval of the Mitigation Fund bills to be paid.

Approval of the Monitoring Well Project bills to be paid.

Approval of District Manager, Administrative Staff, Board Member, Field Technician, and Mitigation Manager Expenses.

Approval of Manager's Report (monthly report, transporter usage, water levels, drought index).

Approval of Well Mitigation Manager's Report (well mitigation progress).

Approval of Field Technician's Report (well registrations, water levels, water quality).

The consent agenda was reviewed by the Board of Directors and Mr. Steve Ehrig made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Barry Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

Discuss and possibly take action on accepting electronic transfers of funds.

In response to Senate Bill 865 relating to a groundwater conservation district's use of electronics fund transfers the board discussed and took action on accepting ACH transfers. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept ACH receipts. Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on approving the United States Postal Service rental lease.

Mr. Bruce Tieken made a motion to table this action item until information about possible 6 month to 1 year lease agreement options could be discussed, including information about penalties if the contract was terminated early. Mr. Miller seconded the motion to table the item. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on approving the RICO copier/fax/scanner contract renewal.

A discussion regarding the newest Microsoft updates making the Ricoh Copier no longer compatible with the

district's network system occurred. Mr. Miller made a motion to not renew the Ricoh Copier lease until the company provided a fix for the issue. Mr. Kermit Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on a resolution to adopt the Groundwater Management Area 13 Proposed Desired Future Conditions and Relevant Aquifer Designations.

The general manager, Mr. Greg Sengelmann and the Board of Directors discussed the Groundwater Management Area 13 Proposed Desired Future Condition and relevant Aquifer Designations. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the GMA-13 Proposed Desired Future Conditions and Relevant Aquifer Designations. Mr. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on the District's enforcement actions against Herbold Water Well Drilling.

The board then discussed the enforcement actions against Herbold Water Well Drilling. Mr. Gene Herbold made a comment on his behalf. Mr. Larry Deharde, Deharde Water Well Drilling made a comment, and Mr. Jeff Scheuhele, Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District, made a comment. Mr. Miller made a motion to dismiss the enforcement actions against Herbold Water Well Drilling. Mr. Ticken seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Miller, Mr. Ticken, and Mr. Thiele approving the motion. Mr. Ehrig voted nay to the dismissal of the enforcement action.

Discuss and possibly take action on the District's enforcement actions against Maresh Drilling Co., Inc.

The general manager, Mr. Sengelmann addressed the board regarding the enforcement actions against Maresh Drilling, Co., Inc. Ms. Jessica Mann, legal counsel; representing Mr. Dwayne Simper addressed the board with supporting evidence. Questions from the board were directed at Mr. Simper. Mr. Miller made a motion to table this enforcement action. Mr. Ticken seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Discussion about the Monitoring Well Project and the current phase of development occurred between the board and general manager. All three Guadalupe County sites should be confirmed this week. A site visit will occur and then bid will be posted.


Review of the ongoing Water Well Driller's Audit occurred with updates on progress for J&S Water Wells and Alsay during the plugging and abandonment process. Mr. Thomas Moy also has a well to plug and he may request the District to approve a different plugging method.

A draft Brackish Water Resource Report for GMA-13 is available and the district will provide comments.

Adjourn.

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

Approved By:


November 14, 2017

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