Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Board of Directors
December 14, 2021
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, Kermit Thiele, and Mark Ainsworth. Also present for the meeting were GCUWCD Interim General Manager, Laura Martin, and legal counsel, Greg Ellis. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

Call to Order.
The President of the Board of Directors called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Public Comment.
No public comment was made. A recording of the board meeting has been 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 November 09, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.
Approval of the Financial Report.
Approval of the District's, Mitigation Funds, and Monitoring Well Project Fund 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, 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. Barry Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Kermit Thiele 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 appointing a Board Member for District 2.
No action taken at this time.

Discuss and possibly take action on hiring a General Manager for the District.
No action taken at this time. An executive session was requested for the next regular board meeting.

Discuss and possibly take action on joining the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.
The Board of Directors, and Interim General Manager discussed membership options for the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. Mr. Mark Ainsworth made a motion to join the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. Mr. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on effective communication strategies to increase awareness of the District's functions and groundwater resources.
Next, the Board, and Interim General Manager, discussed additional options available on effective communication strategies to increase awareness. No action was taken on this item.

Discuss and possibly take action on initial redistricting analysis for the District.
The Board of Directors reviewed and discussed the initial redistricting analysis for the District. Mr. Miller made a motion to not redistrict. Mr. Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on legal counsel engagement letter for district lobbyist.
Then the Board reviewed a legislative representation agreement presented by legal counsel Mr. Greg Ellis. Mr. Ainswoth made a motion to authorize and approve the engagement letter under the contract for legal counsel for Mr. Ellis to represent the District during legislative session. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive session pursuant to § 551.071 attorney-client matters.
The board, interim general manager, and legal counsel, convened for Executive session pursuant to § 551.071 attorney-client matters at 5:50 p.m. The Board and staff reconvened at 5:58 p.m.

Discuss and possibly take action on the District's enforcement action against Leon Davis Water Well & Service Company.
The Board, and legal counsel discussed the ongoing enforcement actions against Leon Davis Water Well & Service Company.

Presentation of legislative/legal updates from legal counsel.
Mr. Ellis presented information to the Board regarding the ongoing legislative session.

Discussion of other items of interest by the Board and direction to management based on the items set forth above.
No action was taken on this item.

Adjourn:
A motion was made by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Approved By:

January 11, 2021