Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
February 14, 2023
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, Kermit Thiele, Barry Miller, Mark Ainsworth, and Mike St. John. Also present for the meeting were GCUWCD 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 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment: No public comments were made. A written record of the board meeting and comments received 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 January 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.
Approval of the Financial Report.
Approval of the District's bills to be paid.
Approval of the Mitigation Funds 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).

Mr. Mike St. John made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Mark Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on any item removed from Consent Agenda.
No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Discuss and possibly take action on renewal of CD #8548 at Sage Capital Bank expiring on August 14, 2023.
Rates for CD's from local banks were discussed. Mr. St. John made a motion to move CD #8548 from Sage Capital Bank to Randolph Brooks FCU. Mr. Ainsworth seconded the motion. Signature authority is granted on this CD to the five (5) board members, Bruce Tieken, President, Kermit Thiele, Vice-President, Barry Miller, Secretary, Mark Ainsworth, Director, and Mike St. John, Director. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on an irrigation water well permit for EP Valley Investments, Fred Loya in the Carrizo aquifer.
This item was canceled by the applicant and not considered by the board.

Discuss and possibly take action on a renewal of a water well permit for City of Gonzales HWY 97 in the Carrizo aquifer.
Then, the Board and General Manager discussed the renewal of a public supply well for Mr. City of Gonzales HWY 97. Permittee complies with district rules and the permit. Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to approve the permit renewal request for City of Gonzales HWY 97. Mr. Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on a renewal of a water well permit for City of Gonzales Treatment Plant in the Carrizo aquifer.
Next, the Board and General Manager discussed the renewal of a public supply well for Mr. City of Gonzales Treatment Plant. Permittee complies with district rules and the permit. Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to approve the permit renewal request for City of Gonzales HWY 97. Mr. Mike St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of annual audit report by Montemayor Britton Bender PC and possible action on accepting the report.
Ms. Laura Martin, General Manager presented the 2021-2022 annual audit to the Board of Directors. The audit report made no recommendations on amending any Policy and Procedures. Mr. Ainsworth made a motion to accept the annual audit for fiscal year 2021-2022. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the District 2022 Annual Report.
The District 2022 Annual Report was completed and a copy is available on the District's website. No action was necessary.

Discuss and possibly take action on a revised legal counsel engagement letter from Gregory Ellis, GM Ellis Law Firm, P.C.
Contract for legal counsel engagement were discussed. Mr. Ainsworth made a motion to approve the revised legal counsel engagement letter from Gregory Ellis, GM Ellis Law Firm, P.C. Mr. Kermit Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of legislative/legal updates from legal counsel.
Legal counsel to the district, Mr. Greg Ellis, discussed with the board ongoing legislative and legal updates.

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

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 6:13 p.m.

Approved By:

Barry Miller
March 14, 2023