# **Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District**

## Minutes of the Board of Directors

May 14, 2024 Board Meeting

#### 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: Mr. Barry Miller, Mr. Kermit Thiele, Mr. Mark Ainsworth, Mr. Bruce Tieken, and Mike St. John. Also present for the meeting was GCUWCD Manager, Ms. Laura Martin, Legal Counsel, Greg Ellis, and Mr. Glenn Glass. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

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

Public comments were received from Ms. Sally Ploeger, landowner, on behalf of Mr. Ted Boriack, landowner. Ms. Ploeger, landowner, made a public comment. Mr. Mark Ploeger, landowner, made a public comment on behalf of the Water Protection Association (WPA). 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):

- a. Approval of minutes of April 09, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Approval of the Financial Report.
- c. Approval of the District's bills to be paid.
- d. Approval of the Mitigation Fund bills to be paid.
- e. Approval of District Manager, Administrative Staff, Board Member, Field Technician, and Mitigation Manager Expenses.
- f. Approval of Manager's Report (monthly report, transporter usage, drought index).
- g. Approval of Well Mitigation Manager's Report (well mitigation progress).
- h. Approval of Field Technician's Report (well registrations, water levels, water quality).

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

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

## Discuss and possibly take action on a Carrizo, Irrigation permit renewal for Ms. Laurel Ince.

The General Manager and the Board of Directors discussed and approved the permit renewal for a Carrizo irrigation well for Ms. Ince. Mr. Barry Miller made the motion to pass the permit renewal and Mr. Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Discuss 2024 Water Quality Report.

None.

General Manager discussed with the Board the completed 2024 Water Quality results for the District. The water quality report is available on the District's website.

#### Discuss and possibly take action on the Model Security Plan.

After a discussion with general counsel Mr. Miller made a motion to table the item and Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Discuss and possibly take action on canvassing the election.

Mr. Bruce Tieken made the motion to pass canvassing the election and Mr. St. John seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### Statement and Oath of Office for elected Officers.

The directors and General Manager, Ms. Laura Martin, completed the Election of the Officers of the Board with the reading and signing of the Statement of Officer, Secretary of State form #23-3, and completion of the Oath of Office, Secretary of State form #23-2. The Oaths of Office were notarized by Ms. Laura Martin, Notary.

## Discuss and possibly take action on selecting Board Member Offices.

Selecting of Officers of the Board of Directors occurred office by office. Mr. Miller made a motion that Mr. Tieken resume as President of the Board and Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Miller made a motion for Mr. St. John to be appointed as Vice President and Mr. Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Tieken made a motion that Mr. Miller resume as Secretary/Treasurer and was seconded by Mr. Glenn Glass. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Ainsworth will resume as Director, and Mr. Glass will take the position as Director.

## Presentation of legislative/legal updates from legal counsel.

Mr. Greg Ellis presented legislative and legal updates.

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

None.

#### Adjourn.

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

Approved By:

June 11, 2024

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