

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Board of Directors

May 13, 2025

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

Public Comments. Limit to 3 minutes per person.

Public comments were received from Dr. Keith Richardson-landowner, Ms. Sally Ploeger-landowner, Mr. Joe Solansky-landowner, Mr. Ted Boriack-landowner, Ms. Haley Clampit-landowner, Ms. Pam St. John-landowner, Mr. Mark Ploeger- WPA/landowner, Mr. Leroy Menning-landowner. 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. Barry Miller 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.

None.

Discuss 2025 Water Quality Report

The General Manager and the Board of Directors discussed the report. A copy is available on the district website/

Discuss direction to management for Draft Rules.

General Manager discussed with the Board the Draft Rules. Motion to table for a later date made by the board.

Discuss and possibly take action to appoint Crystal Cedillo, Tax Assessor-Collector.

The General Manager and the Board of Directors discussed appointing Ms. Cedillo. Mr. Mark Ainsworth made a motion to appoint Ms. Cedillo as Tax Assessor-Collector and Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on Texas Water Development Board Water Conservation Advisory Council.

The General Manager and the Board of Directors discussed appointing Kelly Cochran from Guadalupe County as advisory council person, Mr. Miller made a motion Mr. Ainsworth made a second then voted no, Mr. St.

John voted no, Mr. Glass voted no, Mr. Tieken voted no, motion did not pass. Mr. Larry Dunbar nominated himself to be nominated to the board, Mr. Miller made a motion, Mr. Glass Seconded it motion passed unanimously to appoint Mr. Dunbar.

Discuss and possibly take action on a production permit renewal for SAWS in Carrizo for public supply.

General Manager discussed with the Board the compliance of SAWS and the permit renewal request. Motion made by Mr. St. John a second was made by Mr. Miller, Mr. Miller voted Aye, Mr. Ainsworth voted Aye, Mr. St John voted Aye, Mr. Glass voted Nay, Mr. Tieken voted Aye, the motion passed.

Discuss and possibly take action on a permit renewal for Mr. Kennon Cantley in the Carrizo for agricultural and frack.

General Manager discussed with the Board the permit application. Mr. Ainsworth made a motion to approve the permit renewal request, Mr. Glass seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on the GBRA permit amendment application (continuation of final hearing)

Board Members and Greg Ellis discussed with GBRA manager Mr. Charlie Hickman to clarify the information on the application and different phases of construction. Mr. Ainsworth made a motion to go into executive session to discuss with legal council, the motion was seconded by Mr. St. John. All board members except Mr. Miller went into Executive session at 6:44 PM and returned from Executive session at 7:24PM. No action taken is session. Mr. Glass made a motion to continue the hearing next month, seconded by Mr. Ainsworth, Mr. Miller abstained from voting, Mr. Ainsworth voted Aye, Mr. St. John voted Aye, Mr. Glass voted Aye, Mr. Tieken Voted Aye, motion passed.

Discuss and possibly take action on the Advanced Water Well Technologies wellbore inspection report for City of Smiley well No. 2

General Manager discussed with the Board the use of the well after a camera was used to determine the casing is still in tact but there shows to be high levels of bacteria in the well. The City of Nixon wants to use the well for fire suppression and was advised that if it was ever wanted to be used for public supply it would need to be treated. There is currently no pump in the well. No action taken.

Presentation of legislative/legal updates from legal counsel.

Mr. Greg Ellis presented legislative and legal updates.

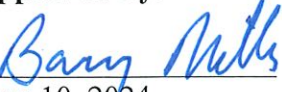
Discussion of other items of interest by the Board and direction to management based on the items set forth above.

None.

Adjourn.

A motion was made by Mr. Ainsworth to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved By:


June 10, 2024
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