

**Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
April 09, 2024  
Regular 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 at 5:34 pm. Present for the meeting were directors: Mr. Bruce Tieken, Mr. Mark Ainsworth, Mr. Kermit Thiele, and Mr. Mike St. John. Also present for the meeting was GCUWCD General Manager Laura Martin and Legal Counsel Greg Ellis. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

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

Public comments were made by Mr. Ted Boriack, landowner. A recording of the board meeting and comments received are filed at the District office and on the District's website.

**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 March 12, 2024 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 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 Board of Directors acted on the Consent Agenda; Mr. Mark Ainsworth made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Mike St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Bruce Tieken abstaining due to not being able to review the Draft Board Packet.

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

None.

**Discuss the acceptance of a resignation letter from Dr. James Benedict (Jim), Field Technician.**

The Board of Directors discussed and accepted the resignation letter from Dr. James Benedict (Jim), Field Technician.

**The Board of Directors paused the meeting for a ten-minute recess to wait for legal counsel.**

**Executive session pursuant to § 551.074 Government Code for discussion of personnel matters.**

The Board of Directors went into an executive session at 5:57 pm to discuss personnel matters. The meeting was called back to order at 6:16 pm. There was no action taken in the executive session.

**Discuss and possibly take action on scheduling a workshop for GCUWCD Rule amendments and calling of a public hearing.**

Mr. Ainsworth made a motion to schedule a workshop for the GCUWCD Rule amendments and call a public hearing on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. 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. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

**Approved By:**

  
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May 14, 2024

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