

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
August 13, 2024
Regular 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: Mr. Bruce Tieken, Mr. Barry Miller, Mr. Mark Ainsworth, and Mr. Michael St. John. Mr. Glenn Glass was not in attendance. Also present for the meeting were GCUWCD General Manager Ms. Laura Martin, and Legal Counsel Mr. Gregory Ellis. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

Call to Order.

The President of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:51 PM.

Public Comments. Limit to 3 minutes per person.

Ms. Sally Ploeger, landowner, made a public comment. A recording of the board meeting and comments received are filed at the District office and on the District 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):

- a. **Approval of minutes of July 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, 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 Report (monthly report).**

The consent agenda was reviewed by the Board of Directors. Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Mark Ainsworth 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 Receipt of the Certification of 2023 Appraisal Rolls for Gonzales and Caldwell Counties.

The Board of Directors received the 2023 Appraisal Rolls for Gonzales and Caldwell Counties. Mr. Ainsworth made a motion to accept and receive the Appraisal Rolls for Gonzales and Caldwell Counties. Mr. Michael St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on revisions of the District's fiscal year 2023-2024 budget.

No action taken.

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

No action taken.

Discuss and possibly take action on the District's fiscal year 2024-2025 budget.

No action taken.

Discuss and possibly take action on setting Proposed Tax Rate for the District.

The General Manager and Board of Directors discussed the tax rate, and the rollback rate. Mr. Miller made a motion to set a proposed tax rate of 0.002817%. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on the Western Mitigation Fund fiscal year 2024-2025 budget.

No action taken at this time.

Discuss and possibly take action on the Eastern Mitigation Fund fiscal year 2024-2025 budget.

No action taken at this time.

Discuss and possibly take action on renewal of CD #8549 at Sage Capital Bank expiring on August 14, 2024.

The General Manager and Board of Directors discussed the various rates offered from the local banks on Certificates of Deposit over \$100,000. Mr. Miller made a motion to rollover CD#8549 into a Sage Capital Bank of Gonzales for 12 months at a 5.00% rate. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on adopting the GCUWCD Draft Rules.

No action was taken at this time.

Discuss and take action on a permit renewal for an irrigation well in the Carrizo Aquifer for well owners Ms. Sally Ploeger, Mr. Mark Ploeger, and Mrs. Mary Ann Menning.

The General Manager and the Board of Directors discussed the permit renewal to approve the permit renewal for an irrigation well in the Carrizo City Aquifer for Ms. Sally Ploeger, Mr. Mark Ploeger, and Mrs. Mary Ann Menning. Mr. Ainsworth made a motion to renew the permit. Mr. Bruce Ticken seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and take action on a permit renewal for Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation for Carrizo wells #1-12.

The General Manager and the Board of Directors discussed approving the permit renewal for Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation for Carrizo wells #1-12. Mr. Ainsworth made a motion to approve the permit renewal. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on a Bank Resolution to update bank signatures.

Mr. Miller made a motion to pass the bank resolution to update all bank signature cards with the current board members. Mr. Ticken seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and take action on a resolution adopting the revised Management Plan.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt and submit the revised Management Plan. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of legislative/legal updates from legal counsel.

Mr. Greg Ellis discussed Legislative and legal updates.

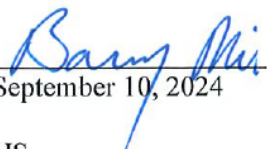
Discussion of other items of interest by the Board and direction to management based on the items set forth above.

Discussion took place about the S.O.A.H. preliminary hearing timeline. No action was taken.

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 7:03 PM.

Approved By:


September 10, 2024

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