

**Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
August 12, 2025  
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, Mr. Michael St. John and Mr. Glenn Glass. 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 5:48 PM.

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

Ms. Sally Ploeger, landowner, Ms. Betty Martin, landowner, Mr. Joe Solansky, landowner, Mr. Leroy Manning, landowner, Mr. Ted Boriack, landowner, and Mr. Mark Ploeger, landowner, all 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 08, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Approval of the minutes of July 30, 2025, Special Meeting.
- c. Approval of the Financial Report.
- d. Approval of the District's bills to be paid.
- e. Approval of the Mitigation Fund bills to be paid.
- f. Approval of District Manager, Administrative Staff, Board Member, Field Technician, Mitigation Manager Expenses.
- g. Approval of Manager's Report (monthly report, transporter usage, drought index).
- h. Approval of Well Mitigation Manager's Report (well mitigation progress).
- i. 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. Mike St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

**Discussion on the District's June water level report.**

Discussed.

**Discuss and possibly take action on a resolution designating water level observation well District ID I125, to Queen City monitoring well MWQC-6 as a replacement observation well.**

General manager and Board discussed converting the replacement observation well. Mr. Mark Ainsworth motioned to approve the resolution. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mike St. John. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss and possibly take action on Receipt of the Certification of 2025 Appraisal Rolls for Gonzales and Caldwell Counties.**

The board received the appraisal rolls for Gonzales and Caldwell counties. A motion made by Mr. Barry Miller to approve the receipt of the certification. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike St. John. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Barry Miller to approve the amendment of the District's fiscal year 2024-2025 budget.

Motioned was seconded by Mr. Mike St. John. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Executive Session started at 6:10 PM and the Board returned at 6:28 PM.

**Discussion and possibly take action on the District's fiscal year 2025-2026 budget.**

Action was tabled.

**Discuss and possibly take action on receipt of the 2025 No-New-Revenue and Voter Approval Rates from the Tax Assessor-Collector.** We will not be discussing an action for the voter approval rate, that would require voter approval.

Mr. Mark Ainsworth made a motion to approve the paperwork by the tax assessor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Glenn Glass. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Barry Miller to set the no-revenue tax rate to .002729. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mike St. John. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss and possibly take action on the Western Mitigation Fund fiscal year 2025-2026 budget.**

Action was tabled.

**Discuss and possibly take action on the Eastern Mitigation Fund fiscal year 2025-2026 budget.**

Action was tabled.

**Discuss and possibly take action on renewal of CD #8549 at Sage Capital Bank expiring on August 14, 2025.**

Renewing CD 8549 at Sage Capital Bank with 4% interest rate for 1 year. Motion was made by Mr. Mark Ainsworth and was seconded by Mr. Mike St. John. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss and possibly take action on setting forth a board committee to review the Mitigation Manual.**

Action was tabled.

**Discuss and possibly take action on entering an interlocal agreement with Lost Pines GCD, Fayette County GCD, Guadalupe County GCD, Pecan Valley and, Evergreen GCD.**

Action was tabled.

**Discuss and possibly take action on adopting the GCUWCD draft rules.**

Action was tabled.

**Discuss and possibly take action on considerations of desired future conditions.**

General manager and Board discussed the Groundwater Management Area 13 timeline for DFC process.

**Discuss and possibly take action on creating board dedicated email addresses for the District Board Members.**

Action was tabled.

**Discuss and possibly take action on the purchase of a water well camera.**

Approval on the Strahl LLC 500 meter well camera for \$xx,xxx.00 A motion was made by Mr. Barry Miller and was seconded by Mr. Mike St. John. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss and possibly take action on changing insurance carriers for building insurance.**

A better competitive rate was found by changing our building insurance with TML. A motion was made by Mr. Barry Miller and seconded by Mr. Glenn Glass. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss and possibly take action on increasing liability insurance coverage for the District.**

A 3 million liability at a \$1000.00 deductible coverage with TML was approved for the District. The motion was made by Mr. Mike St. John and seconded by Mr. Mark Ainsworth. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Gregg Ellis updated the board on legislative and legal matters ongoing.


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

None.

**Adjourn.**

Mr. Glenn Glass made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Mike St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

**Approved By:**

  
September 3, 2025

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