

**Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**February 11, 2025**  
**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. Mike St. John Mr. Glenn Glass. Also present for the meeting were GCUWCD General Manager Laura Martin and legal counsel Greg Ellis. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

**Call to Order**

The president of the Board of Directors called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**Public Comment:** Public comments were received from Ms. Sally Ploeger, landowner, Mr. Ted Boriack, landowner, Mr. Mark Ploeger, landowner, made a public comment on behalf of himself and 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):**

**Approval of minutes of January 14, 2025 Public Hearing Draft Management Plan**

**Approval of minutes of January 18, 2025 Workshop District Draft Rules.**

**Approval of the Financial Report.**

**Approval of the District's bills to be paid.**

**Approval of the Mitigation Funds 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).**

**Discuss and possibly take action on any item removed from 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 items added to the agenda, an invoice for the RICO copy machine and Alliance Regional Water Authority (ARWA) Production since coming online in September 2024.

**Discussion on the District's January 2025 water level report.**

Then, the Board and General Manager discussed the District's January water level report along with the trend drawdown line measurements of the Western and Eastern areas of the District. The break down shows all aquifers and the breakdown of each Aquifer from 2012 to current.

**Discuss and possibly take action on the District's 2024 annual report.**

No action taken. The General Manager provided the 2024 Annual Report to the Board of Directors. The report is also available on the District's website.

**Discussion on the Mitigations Program 2024 annual Report.**

No action taken. The General Manager provided the Mitigation 2024 Annual Report to the Board of Directors. The report is also available on the District's website.

**Presentation of annual audit report by Montemayor Britton Bender PC and possible action on accepting the report.**

Ms. Laura Martin, General Manager presented the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 annual audit draft to the Board of

Directors. There were no misrepresentations from the data provided by the District. Next month's Board meeting will have the final report ready for approval. Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to accept the annual audit draft for fiscal year 2023-2024. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss and possibly take action on the purchase of a camera for water wells and boreholes.**

This item was tabled for a further date. No action was taken.

**Discuss and possibly take action on the purchase of additional rain gauges.**

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of the rain gauges, Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Board members left the meeting and went behind closed doors to hold an Executive session.

**Discuss and possibly take action on the Mitigation Management position.**

Decision was made to terminate Link Benson as Mitigation Manager, in Executive session. Mr. Miller made a motion to terminate Mr. Link Benson as Mitigation Manager, effective February 28, 2025. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Legal counsel to the District, Mr. Greg Ellis, discussed with the board ongoing legislative and legal updates.


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

No action was taken at this time.

**Adjourn:**

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Ainsworth to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Glenn Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

**Approved By:**

  
March 11, 2025  
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