

**Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
January 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 5:51 p.m. Present for the meeting were directors: Mr. Bruce Tieken, Mr. Barry Miller, Mr. Mark Ainsworth, Mr. Kermit Thiele, and Mr. Mike St. John. Also present for the meeting was GCUWCD General Manager, Mrs. Laura Martin-Preston, and legal counsel, Ms. Natasha Martin, and Mr. Bobby Salehi. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

Public Comments. Limit to 3 minutes per person.

Public comments were received from Mr. Mark Ploeger, landowner, Mr. Larry Dunbar, attorney, Ms. Sally Ploeger, landowner, Mr. LeRoy Menning, landowner, Mr. Ted Boriack, landowner, and Ms. Trish Carls, attorney. A recording of the meeting is available in 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 December 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

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).

Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of removing the District's bills to be paid. Mr. Mike St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Copies of District documents are available at the District office. No listed items were removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Mr. Mark Ainsworth made a motion to amend and approve the District's bills to be paid. Mr. Kermit Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on approval of the GCUWCD Management Plan Resolution.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt the proposed GCUWCD Management Plan Resolution with the direction of the District's General Manager, Mrs. Laura Martin-Preston to make the terminology consistent with the desired future conditions adopted by Groundwater Management Area 13 (GMA 13). Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on a resolution to add General Manager to have bank access to the Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union accounts.

Mr. Ainsworth made a motion to pass the resolution to add the District's General Manager, Mrs. Martin-Preston, to have bank access to the Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union accounts for reporting purposes. Mr. Thiele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

No action at this time. A Rules Committee of Mr. Miller and Mr. St. John was formed.

Discuss and possibly take action on Judge Stephen Ables, hearing examiner's proposal for decision regarding party status.

Mr. Miller made a motion to accept Judge Stephen Ables findings and to accept the amendment finding of fact #13 that stated that Mr. Ted Boriack submitted a document titled "Affidavit" which did not comply because it was not verified. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive session pursuant to § 551.071 Government Code for discussion of attorney-client matters.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:18 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:38 pm. No action taken at this time.

Discuss and possibly take action on a permit amendment request for Canyon Regional Water Authority in the Carrizo Aquifer.

No action was taken at this time.

Presentation of legislative/legal updates from legal counsel.

Legal counsel to the District, Ms. Natasha Martin, discussed with the Board ongoing legislative updates.

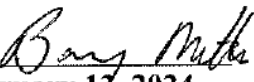
Discussion of other items of interest by the Board and direction to management based on the items set forth above.

None.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting and Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Approved By:


February 13, 2024
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