

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
March 11, 2025
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 5:30 p.m. Present for the meeting were directors: Mr. Bruce Tieken, Mr. Barry Miller, Mr. Kermit Thiele, Mr. Mike St. John, and Mark Ainsworth. 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 5 minutes per person.

Ms. Sally Ploeger, landowner, speaking on behalf of herself, and Mr. Mark Ploeger landowner and representative of WPA, made public comments. A recording of the meeting is available 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 February 11, 2025, 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).

Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Mr. Mike St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

No action necessary.

Discuss and possibly take action on annual review and re-adoption of the District's Financial Policy.

The Board of Directors, and General Manager reviewed and discussed the re-adoption of the District's Financial Policy. Mr. Mark Ainsworth made a motion to approve the Financial Policy as presented. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Board of Directors, and General Manager reviewed and discussed the audit report. Mr Ainsworth made a motion to approve the audit report. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on setting a Public Hearing for Draft Rules.

The Board of Directors, and General Manager reviewed and discussed the Public Hearing for the Draft Rules. April 8, 2025 date, prior to the regular business meeting at 5:30pm, was set for the Public Hearing for the Draft Rules. Mr. Ainsworth made a motion to approve the date and time. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on setting the order of presentations by parties, and time limitations for oral presentations for the parties of the contested case hearing.

The Board of Directors, Mr. Greg Ellis, the General Manager, the permit applicant and protestants in the

audience discussed setting the order of presentations by parties, and time limitations for oral presentations for the parties of the contested case hearing. Mr. Ainsworth made a motion to grant up to 30 min for each party to provide their presentation. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of the SOAH Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority permit amendment application Final Hearing and oral presentations from the parties.

The Board of Directors, discussed with Mr. Ellis who explained the SOAH Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority permit amendment application Final Hearing. Emily Rodgers, an Attorney representing GBRA spoke first, Larry Dunbar, an Attorney representing Mark Ploeger and the WPA, spoke second, Mark Ploeger spoke third, Ted Boriack, representing himself spoke fourth, Adam Friedman, and Attorney for the General Manager, spoke fifth. GBRA Attorney Emely Rodgers, spoke a rebuttal. Mr. Ainsworth asked two questions to GBRA. James Beach, Hydrogeologist representing GBRA and Darryl Nichols General Manager of GBRA, responded to Mr. Ainsworth question. Mr St. John asked a question and the GBRA Attorney, Ms. Rodgers and the boards Attorney, Mr. Ellis answered his question. Motion by Mr. St. John. Second by Mr. Ainsworth to continue the hearing on the next board meeting after they come back from Executive Session and Mr. Miller will not be in the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously. Mr Miller abstained from the vote. A transcript of this agenda item is available at the District office.

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

The Board of Directors went into an executive session 7:46 pm to discuss attorney-client matters. The meeting was called back to order at 8:03 pm. There was no action taken in the executive session. Mr. Miller was not in executive session.

Presentation of legislative/legal updates from legal counsel.

Mr. Ellis presented legislative and legal updates to the Board.

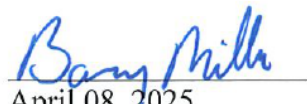
Discussion of other items of interest by the Board and direction to management based on the items set forth above.

No action necessary.

Adjourn.

Mr. Ainsworth made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Approved By:


April 08, 2025
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