

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
September 10, 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. Glenn Glass, Mr. Mark Ainsworth, and Mr. Michael St. John. Also present for the meeting was General Manager, Laura Martin, and legal counsel, Mr. Greg Ellis. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

Call to Order.

The President of the Board, Mr. Tieken called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM. after the Public Hearing.

Public Comments. Limit to 3 minutes per person.

Ms. Sally Ploeger, landowner, Mr. Mark Ploeger, landowner, and Ms. Laverne Brozowski, landowner, made a public comment. Ms. Ploeger, and Ms. Betty Martin, landowner, made a public comment on behalf of Mr. Ted Boriack, landowner. A recording of the board meeting and comments received are filed at the District's 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 August 13, 2024 Public Hearing.

Approval of minutes of August 13, 2024 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).

The consent agenda was reviewed by the Board of Directors and Mr. Mark Ainsworth made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Michael 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 a resolution for a moratorium on new permits and permit amendments until the draft rules are adopted.

Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to put a moratorium on new permits and permit amendments until the draft rules are adopted. Mr. Michael St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on setting the tax rate for the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year.

Mr. St. John made a motion to set a tax rate of .002817% for the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year, Mr. Mark Ainsworth. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on revisions to the District's fiscal year 2023 – 2024 Budget.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the revisions to the District's fiscal year 2023- 2024 Budget as presented. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on the District's fiscal year 2024 – 2025 Budget.

Mr. St. John made a motion to approve the District's fiscal year 2024- 2025 Budget as presented. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on the District's Western Mitigation Fund fiscal year 2024 – 2025 Budget.

Mr. Bruce Tieken made a motion to approve the District's Western Mitigation Fund fiscal year 2024- 2025 Budget as presented. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on the District's Eastern Mitigation Fund fiscal year 2024 – 2025 Budget.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the District's Eastern Mitigation Fund fiscal year 2024- 2025 Budget as presented. Mr. Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and possibly take action on the scheduling of a draft District Rule amendment workshop.

No action taken.

Discuss and possibly take action on draft District Rule amendments.

No action taken.

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

No action taken.

Discuss and possibly take action on the agenda layout, and general board policies regarding virtual public comments.

Mr. Tieken made a motion that the District does a trial run the last quarter of 2024 to do virtual public comments with stipulations regarding time limits and preregistration by 5:00 pm the day of the meeting. The Board will not recognize or interrupt any meeting or public hearing due to connectivity issues. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and take action on a permit renewal for an irrigation well in the Carrizo Aquifer for E.P. Valley.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the permit renewal for E.P. Valley's irrigation well in the Carrizo Aquifer. Mr. Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and take action on a permit renewal for an irrigation well in the Carrizo Aquifer for Mr. Troy Kisner.

Mr. Ainsworth made a motion to not renew the permit renewal for an irrigation well in the Carrizo Aquifer for Mr. Troy Kisner. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and take action on a permit renewal for an industrial well in the Carrizo Aquifer for Seger Family Investments, LLC.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the permit renewal for an industrial well in the Carrizo Aquifer for Seger Family Investments, LLC. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation on website navigation.

GCUWCD's General Manager, Ms. Laura Martin provided a demonstration on how to navigate through the District's website.

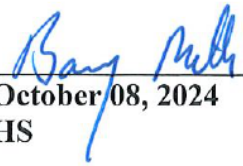
Presentation of legislative/legal updates from legal counsel.

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

None.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller to adjourn the regular board meeting and Mr. Glenn Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Approved By:


October 08, 2024
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