



GCGCD MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GUADALUPE COUNTY
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
200 N. Austin St. Ste. # 301
Seguin, TX 78155
Thursday, July 13, 2023 @ 4:30 PM



CALL TO ORDER – President Mr. Starcke called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.

DETERMINE A QUORUM – Verified. Board members present: Hil Starcke, Bill Jones, Jeff Schuehle, Robert Raetzsch, and Matt Miranda.

Others in attendance: In-person: Kelley Cochran, Omar Maldonado, Bill Klemt, Caroline Hrcncir, Shawn Vickers, Andrew McBride, Joe York, Kyler Felux, John Hay, Mike Gershon, Madison Huerta, and Humberto Ramos. Virtually: Andy Donnelly.

- 1. Invitation of citizens or Directors to speak in advance of District’s regular business (limited to 3 minutes each – agenda items/non-agenda items).** No comments received.
Mr. Starcke offered to move the Ranchy McRanchface permit hearing and presentation by Shawn Vickers to the top of the meeting to allow attendees opportunity to leave earlier.
Agenda items 17, 18, and 15 were discussed/considered before resuming regular order.
- 2. Accept Resignation letter from Hilmar Blumberg.** Motion to accept the resignation letter from Hilmar Blumberg by Matt Miranda. Second by Jeff Schuehle. Motion approved.
- 3. Discussion and possible action to elect officer position of Secretary.** Mark, not present at the meeting, in advanced volunteered and stated that if the board decided to select him for the position, he would agree. Motion to elect Mark Gustafson to the position of Secretary by Bill Jones. Second by Robert Raetzsch. Motion approved.
- 4. Discussion and possible action to remove Hilmar Blumberg as authorized signer on all GCGCD financial accounts.** Motion to remove Hilmar Blumberg as authorized signer on all GCGCD financial accounts by Robert Raetzsch. Second by Bill Jones. Motion approved.
- 5. Discussion and possible action to add an authorized signer to First United bank account.** Motion to authorize Mark Gustafson as an authorized signer to First United bank account by Bill Jones. Second by Robert Raetzsch. Motion approved.
- 6. Approve Minutes of regular meeting held on June 8, 2023.** Motion to approve minutes for meeting held on June 8, 2023 by Matt Miranda. Second by Bill Jones. Motion approved.
- 7. Review Palmer Drought Index, TWDB Drought Report and Rain Fall in GCGCD area.** Reviewed. Omar told the Board that three TexMesonet stations lost communication, but the issue was corrected, and no data was lost.
- 8. Review Production data June 2023.** Reviewed.
- 9. Public Funds Investment Report – Kelley Cochran, PFI Officer.** June 15th transferred \$25,000 from FU Bank to TexPool account. Board reviewed WAM, current bank statements, and TexPool newsletter detailing book and market value of investments in portfolio. Last month’s interest on TexPool account was \$3,894.94.
- 10. Discussion and possible action to approve Financial Reports for June 2023.** Treasurer Mr. Jones reviewed the financials and found them to be in order. Motion to approve financial reports for June 2023 by Bill Jones. Second by Matt Miranda. Motion approved.

11. **Discussion and possible action to engage services of Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates, P.C. to conduct financial audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.** Agreement similar to previous years, with a cost increase of \$275. Motion to engage services of Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates, P.C. to conduct financial audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 by Bill Jones. Second by Jeff Schuehle. Motion approved.
12. **Discussion and possible action to approve renewal of irrigation permit (AG-IRR-2018-WX-08) Justin Farris for 5 AF/YR.** Permit holder meets requirements for renewal under GCGCD rule 5.3(g). Motion to renew permit for five years by Jeff Schuehle. Second by Robert Raetzsch. Motion approved.
13. **Discussion and possible action re: Variance to drilling permit (Colvin AG-IRR-2022-WX-06).** Kelley summarized reason for variance. Well spacing meets TDLR standards. GCGCD Rule 5.4(c) allows for a well to be sited less than 100 feet from adjacent property line provided written permission from the adjacent property owner be submitted to the District. Motion to approve the spacing variance by Bill Jones. Second Robert Raetzsch. Motion passed.
14. **Presentation by Kiva Consulting, Shawn Vickers – GCGCD Internal Interactive Map.** Shawn demonstrated the web-based application he created for the District to integrate District data with interactive tools, consolidating data into one, user friendly, internal application accessible from multiple platforms, eliminating the need for multiple software subscriptions.
15. **Legislative update: Mike Gershon.** Mike Gershon introduced Lloyd Gosselink's newest associate, Madison Huerta. Madison gave an update on bills that passed during the 88th Regular Session, focusing on the bills that affect groundwater conservation districts.
16. **REPORTS**
 - A. **Kelley Cochran: General Manager Report** – AGS finalized Task 2A report. Inquiry letter sent to landowner requesting information to verify compliance under Chapter 36 TWC and GCGCD Rules related to the proposed use of two water wells located in Luling area. Investigating complaint submitted to District by Comal-Guadalupe Soil & Water Conservation District #306 re: well off Huber/Rudeloff Rds.
 - **Association updates** – Participated in the TWDB/TAGD GMA Roundtable discussion June 20th; TGWA board meeting July 22; Hutchinson anticipates having draft GAM ready for GMA 13 meeting Sept. 15th. GMA 13 is scheduled to appoint a replacement for representative on Region L; Diane Savage retiring.
 - **Other District business** – Caroline and I toured EAA Education & Outreach Center; Water levels measured June 27-28th – unable to rent vehicle from Soechting Motors – dealership sold, will attempt to negotiate agreement with new owners – unable to reach all wells in my personal truck, had to estimate level on Carter well. HOBO meter in MW-CZ-08 (FM 1117) not functioning. Removed transducer. Sent off to company to retrieve data and replace broken part, researching alternatives; Three Public Information Act requests this month – two fulfilled, one in progress. Budget committee scheduled to meet July 18th; Summer newsletter scheduled to publish end of month. Working with SSLGC to finalize PWS renewal application with amendments – scheduling public hearing for August.
 - B. **Omar Maldonado: Field Report** – Introduced Caroline to the Seguin Sunrise Lions Club to deliver a presentation on xeriscaping.
 - C. **Caroline Hrcir: Education/Outreach Report** – Caroline shared her experiences from touring the EAA Education Center and presenting xeriscaping tips to the

Seguin Sunrise Lion's Club.

- D. **William B. Klemt, PG - Consulting Hydrogeologist** – Bill Klemt summarized the June 2023 water level report. Short term (June 2022-June 2023), both aquifers showed very little change. Long term (2013-2023) declines in the CRWA area average ~ 3 feet/year – In the SSLGC area ~2.5 feet/year.
 - E. **CRWA** – Humberto Ramos discussed the rehab of Well 1 in Guadalupe County and the increased demand for water from Wells Ranch due to the taste and order situation currently occurring with the water supplied from Lake Dunlap/Guadalupe River. The low water levels coupled with the extreme temperatures has caused a rise in algae impacting the quality of water. Therefore, CRWA will be supplying more water to its customers from the Wells Ranch. Additionally, CRWA continues to acquire water rights in Guadalupe County.
 - F. **SSLGC** – Andrew McBride shared construction updates on the parallel pipeline and roads for the Guadalupe Project along with a status update on the expected production rates of well GU-2. SSLGC is working with the District to finalize applications for Carrizo permit renewal along with several major amendments to be discussed at permit hearing tentatively scheduled for August 10th.
 - G. **SHWSC** – Update on well 3A from Neil Deeds, Intera: Construction is complete. Initial development by jetting has occurred. The development and pump crew will arrive on site to bail and swab the well, then set a temporary pump for further development. After development, wait time for the well to recover and then do a 10-hour step and 36-hour constant rate test, followed by water quality sampling.
 - H. **CCSUD** – Stephanie Haseloff sent the following email: "Aside from development beating down our doors, CCSUD has nothing new to report."
 - I. **CSWR** – Currently compiling verification documents of proof of water rights and anticipate having renewal application submitted in a few months (expires end of November 2023).
17. **Permit hearing** – This agenda item was moved to the top of the meeting order. Mr. Starcke paused the regular meeting at 4:32 PM to open the permit hearing.
- Ranchy McRanchface, LLC permit application requesting 145 AF/YR of Wilcox aquifer groundwater to supplement surface water collected in 15-acre lake designed to be used to irrigate a golf course.**
- a) **Invitation for public comment** – No comments received.
 - b) **GCGCD staff – present/summarize application** – Kelley Cochran summarized the request: proposed use of the well, the site location, aquifer, estimated depth and capacity of the well, area of influence, lake design/proposed function, and administratively completeness of the application.
 - c) **Permit applicant/representative(s) – comments** – John Hay, representing the applicant, thanked the District for assisting with the process and asked the board to grant the permit – offering additional details related to the golf course and lake construction. Andy Donnelly (attending virtually) summarized the anticipated effects report prepared by AGS for the applicant.
 - d) **GCGCD Hydrogeologist – Bill Klemt comments** – Mr. Klemt summarized his memo submitted to the board which estimated the transmissivity of the area. Mr. Klemt discussed the 'typical' pumping scenario as outlined in the AGS report and the anticipated drawdowns at the well and one mile and two miles at a pump rate of 700 GPM. Mr. Klemt highlighted that the AGS report stated the specifics of the pumping

well are not known at this time. Mr. Klemt recommended the board approve the request, encouraging additional data as detailed in his memo be collected and submitted to the District prior to producing the well. Mr. Starcke noted that the applicant owns the water rights required by our rules for the requested amount and the amount is within our allocated MAG.

e) **Invitation for additional public comments** – Humberto Ramos asked what CCN or water service providers are near the proposed location. Mr. Hays stated there are no other water sources in the area. The City of Luling has a line approximately three miles away but the site is not within the city limits or the ETJ so they will not extend the line. The site is located within the SHWSC jurisdiction, but the closest line is ten miles away and is too costly. No other comments were received.

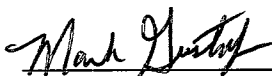
f) **Adjournment of Public/Permit hearing** – Mr. Starcke adjourned the permit hearing at 4:43 PM to re-open the regular meeting.

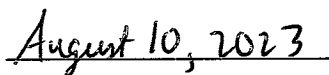
18. **Discussion and possible action re: Ranchy McRanchface, LLC permit application** – Mr. Starcke requested a motion. Matt Miranda made a motion to approve the applicant's request for 145 AF/YR of Wilcox groundwater with the conditions that the applicant provide the data suggested by Bill Klemt: (1) Geophysical logging of the pilot hole, (2) pumping test of the completed well (24-36 hours) and recovery (12-24 hours) preferably with observation well(s); pumping test water level measurements to be taken every 15 minutes, (3) Pumping during the test should be about 700 GPM, (4) Data to be submitted to the District for review prior to producing the well. Second by Bill Jones. Mr. Starcke asked the applicant if they were planning to perform these tests for their own benefits and Mr. Felux and Mr. York stated they most likely were. Mike Gershon suggested Mr. Starcke confirm the applicant is agreeable to the permit conditions set forth in the motion. The applicants agreed they were. With no further discussion, Mr. Starcke called for a vote. Motion carried 4-1.

19. **Possible items for discussion/consideration at next meeting.** No comments received.

20. **Perales, Allmon & Ice, P.C. (Executive Session Recommended).** No executive session.

21. **ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM.


Secretary


Date

