



**GCGCD MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE GUADALUPE COUNTY**  
**GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**200 N. Austin St. Ste. # 301**  
**Seguin, TX 78155**  
**Thursday, June 8, 2023 @ 4:30 PM**



**CALL TO ORDER** – President Mr. Starcke called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

**DETERMINE A QUORUM** – Verified. Board members present: Hil Starcke, Bill Jones, Hilmar Blumberg, Mark Gustafson, and Robert Raetzsch.

Others in attendance: In-person: Kelley Cochran, Omar Maldonado, Bill Klemt, Caroline Hrcir, and Andrew McBride. Virtually: Billy Phenix, Regina Franke, Stephanie Haseloff, and Marisa Perales (executive session only).

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.
2. **Approve Minutes of regular meeting held on May 11, 2023.** Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting held on May 11, 2023 by Mark Gustafson. Second by Bill Jones. Motion approved.
3. **Review Palmer Drought Index, TWDB Drought Report and Rain Fall in GCGCD area.** Reviewed.
4. **Review Production data May 2023.** Reviewed.
5. **Review GCGCD Public Funds Investment Policy.** The GCGCD Investment Policy (as adopted June 13, 2019) was reviewed by the Public Funds Investment Officer during her recertification of PFIA training and by the Board in preparation for this meeting. The policy remains in compliance with state law and investments of the District meet the primary objectives preserving the safety of the principal, liquidity of the funds (TexPool – one day), and maximization of yield of the portfolio while maintaining public trust in the investments. Motion to readopt the policy as is by Bill Jones. Second by Hilmar Blumberg. Motion approved.
6. **Discussion and possible action to approve Financial Reports for May 2023.** Treasurer Jones commented on the amount of interest being earned from TexPool account and that the District still has sufficient funds in Special Projects and Furniture categories, if needed. Motion to approve financial reports for May 2023 as submitted by Bill Jones. Second by Mark Gustafson. Motion approved.
7. **Discussion and possible action to approve transfer of ownership of irrigation permit AG-IRR-2018-WX-08 from Marvin Kresta to Justin Farris.** Sale of property complete and administratively complete application received by District. Motion to approve transfer of ownership of irrigation permit AG-IRR-2018-WX-08 to Justin Farris by Bill Jones. Second by Hilmar Blumberg. Motion approved.
8. **Permit hearing - CCSUD permit PWS-2018-WX-02** – President Starcke paused the regular meeting at 4:37 PM to open the permit/public hearing. Kelley outlined the water rights audit process for permit renewals and Kelley and Omar summarized the findings of the CCSUD water rights audit. Regina and Stephanie thanked the District for the work on the amendments which revealed additional availability of water already leased by CCSUD but not permitted.
  - A. **Discussion on minor amendment for public water supply permit PWS-2018-WX-02** – Minor amendment to decrease in the quantity of groundwater for withdrawal by 1.348 AF/YR due to the reduction in acreage leased by CCSUD identified by updated surveys

related to sale/division of property.

- B. Discussion on major amendment for public water supply permit PWS-2018-WX-02 –** Major amendment requests an increase in the quantity of groundwater withdrawal by 26 AF/YR due to an increase in surface acreage of parcels leased by CCSUD but not currently attached to permit.
  - C. Discussion on renewal of CCSUD permit PWS-2018-WX-02 –** CCSUD permit is set to expire on June 30, 2023. With no additional public comments received, Mr. Starcke closed the permit/public hearing at 4:42 PM to resume the regular meeting.
- 9. Discussion and possible action to approve minor amendment of CCSUD Wilcox permit PWS-2018-WX-02.** Mr. Starcke asked Mr. Klemt to comment on the CCSUD request prior to taking action on the amendments so Mr. Klemt gave his report on the CCSUD wellfield, elaborating on the difference between artesian and water table aquifers. Mr. Klemt reviewed water level declines in the Wilcox for past 20 years and performed computer simulations of water levels to approximate 50-year drawdown scenarios to include the increased requested amount of groundwater withdrawal. Memo of his findings is included with the CCSUD permit application with his recommendation to the Board to approve the requests. Motion to approve minor amendment of CCSUD Wilcox permit PWS-2018-WX-02 to decrease the quantity of groundwater for withdrawal by -1.348 AF/YR from the Wilcox aquifer (current permit 741.6 AF – 1.348 AF = 740.252 AF) by Hilmar Blumberg. Second by Bill Jones. Motion approved.
- 10. Discussion and possible action to approve major amendment of CCSUD Wilcox permit PWS-2018-WX-02.** Motion to approve major amendment of CCSUD Wilcox permit PWS-2018-WX-02 which would increase the amount of groundwater withdrawal by 26 AF/YR (adjusted quantity post approval of minor amendment, 740.252 AF + 26 AF = 766.252 AF/YR) by Hilmar Blumberg. Second by Bill Jones. Motion approved.
- 11. Discussion and possible action to approve renewal of CCSUD Wilcox permit PWS-2018-WX-02.** CCSUD meets requirements for renewal per GCGCD Rules. Motion to approve renewal of CCSUD Wilcox permit PWS-2018-WX-02 for an additional 5 years (new expiration, June 2028) in the new amount of 766.252 AF/YR from the Wilcox aquifer by Hilmar Blumberg. Second by Bill Jones. Motion approved.

## **12. REPORTS**

### **A. Kelley Cochran: General Manager Report**

- **Association updates –** Attended TAGD Spring Business meeting and Boot Camp: Field Edition and recertification for Public Funds Investment training; purchased domain name gma13.org – researching web hosting companies for consideration at Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> GMA 13 meeting.
- **Other District business –** continued work on golf course application – anticipate holding a public hearing next month. Advanced Groundwater Solutions has been retained by Ranchy McRanchface to assist in completing the anticipated effects report required for an administratively complete application submission; drafting budget for next fiscal year – budget committee will meet in July and have draft for board consideration at the August board meeting; Visiting EAA Education & Outreach Center with staff next week – working on updating GCGCD website and conservation/outreach programs and presentations this summer w/Caroline.

**A. Billy Phenix – Legislative Update –** (joined virtually) – Mr. Phenix gave a summary wrap up of the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative session bills that he was tracking for the District. Mr. Phenix discussed the TWDB sunset review had been completed.

**B. Omar Maldonado – Field Report.** Participated in TX Agrilife Extension Water Fair events at

Navarro Intermediate and Schertz Elementary; received certificate of appreciation for participating in the Geronimo and Alligator Creek Cleanup; a total of 2,140 pounds of trash was picked up during the spring cleanup; attended the TAGD GCD Boot Camp in Pflugerville and a field trip to one of the TWDB observation well sites; December 14<sup>th</sup> date saved for holiday party at Dos Rios Bar and Grill.

○ **Managed Aquifer Recharge Presentation.** Covered the SAWS H2Oaks Center and the New Braunfels Utilities ASR project.

- C. **William B. Klemt, PG - Consulting Hydrogeologist** – Mr. Klemt gave his report prior to action on agenda item #9.
  - D. **CRWA** – Humberto emailed his regrets for not attending the meeting and shared the following updates: CRWA is actively seeking water leases in Guadalupe County, Well # 1 is still offline, CRWA is coordinating with GCGCD to schedule a tour of Wells Ranch facility (for GCGCD intern Caroline), and CRWA is still working on submitting an administratively complete application to Gonzales UWCD [permit amendment for 920 AF].
  - E. **SSLGC** – Andrew McBride gave a status update on the Guadalupe Project, parallel pipeline project, and construction updates on the treatment plant. Mr. McBride asked for a meeting with Kelley soon to begin working on amendments to SSLGC Carrizo permit to consolidate the individual wells into a wellfield permit and to request increase in quantity of groundwater withdrawal per the updated APC allocation.
  - F. **SHWSC** – Rig mobilized on site to drill well # 3A – working with Intera to have Bill Klemt on site to review soil samples and geophysical logging.
  - G. **CCSUD** – Regina reiterated her appreciation of the District with regards to the amendment and renewal processes. CCSUD is connecting with developers around the well field near Kingsbury discussing plans to develop that area within the next 3-5 years.
  - H. **CSWR** – working on obtaining the required water rights to renew permit in November of this year.
13. **Possible items for discussion/consideration at next meeting** – no suggestions received.
14. **Perales, Allmon & Ice, P.C. (Executive Session Recommended) Advise of attorney re: pending or contemplated litigation (TX Gov't Code, Ch. 551.071)** – Mr. Starcke paused the regular meeting at 5:28 PM. Marisa joined the meeting virtually and Mr. Starcke opened executive session at 5:29 PM.
15. **Discussion and possible action re: Pending or contemplated litigation** – Mr. Starcke closed the executive session at 6:07 PM and resumed the regular meeting. Hilmar Blumberg made a motion for the District to advance litigation to the Texas Supreme Court level. No second. Motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Starcke asked the board if anyone wanted to make another motion. Bill Jones made a motion that the District not advance litigation to the Texas Supreme Court level. Mark Gustafson questioned if that motion was necessary due to the previous motion not carrying. There was no second to Mr. Jones' motion. No action was taken on either motion.
16. **ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

Mark Denton  
Secretary

August 10, 2023  
Date

