



GCGCD MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GUADALUPE COUNTY
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
200 N. Austin St. Ste. # 301
Seguin, TX 78155
Thursday, May 11, 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, Robert Raetzsch, Matt Miranda, Mark Gustafson, Hilmar Blumberg, and Jeff Schuehle.

Others in attendance: In-person: Kelley Cochran, Omar Maldonado, Bill Klemt, Andrew McBride, and Humberto Ramos. Virtually: Billy Phenix, James Beach, & Andy Donnelly. 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 April 13, 2023.** Motion to approve regular meeting minutes from April 13, 2023 by Mark Gustafson. Second by Matt Miranda. Motion approved.
- 3. Approve minutes of special meeting held on April 18, 2023.** Motion to approve special meeting minutes from April 18, 2023 by Hilmar Blumberg. Second by Bill Jones. Motion approved.
- 4. Review Drought Management Plan.** Per Management Plan, the GM will review the Drought Management Plan annually. Reviewed by Board and GM, no changes suggested.
- 5. Review Palmer Drought Index, TWDB Drought Report and Rain Fall in GCGCD area.**
Reviewed.
- 6. Review Production data April 2023.** Reviewed.
- 7. Discussion and possible action to add Kelley Cochran and William Jones as officers on all TCM Bank accounts.** Motion to approve adding Kelley Cochran and William Jones as officers on all TCM Bank accounts by Matt Miranda. Second by Mark Gustafson. Motion approved.
- 8. Discussion and possible action to approve Financial Reports for April 2023.** Motion to approve financial reports for April 2023 by Jeff Schuehle. Second by Bill Jones. Motion approved.
- 9. REPORTS**
 - A. Kelley Cochran: General Manager Report**
 - **Association updates** – On May 1st & May 2nd, in my role as Administrator of GMA 13, I testified in opposition of SB 2570 (Zaffirini) and companion bill HB 5401 (Raymond) as originally filed which would create a GCD in Webb County. Committee substitutes were eventually drafted that removed the major concerns of the original bills (automatic MAG, no confirmation hearing, appointed directors not required to be registered voters in county) – bill is pending vote; Registered Omar to attend TAGD bootcamp on best practices for fieldwork, reporting, data collection, monitor well technologies, and maintenance programs – along with business meeting June 6th; TAGD & TWDB GMA roundtable discussion June 20th to discuss the previous round of DFCs as we move into the beginning of the 4th round – lessons learned to be shared by the Administrators of all 16 GMAs; TWDB

finalized GAM for Southern portion of QCSCW; Bill Hutchison working on updates for submission to the TWDB by end of this calendar year.

- **Other District business** – Spring newsletter published. Earth Day pictures in newsletter; Continued work on processing Ranchy McRanchface application to irrigate golf course – working towards holding a public hearing July 13th; Drafting budget for next fiscal year – plan to schedule meeting with budget committee; continue to develop in house web-based app with Shawn Vickers.
- B. **Billy Phenix – Legislative Update.** Mr. Phenix shared updates on current bills that he has been tracking for the District. HB 1598 (Darby) has passed House but not Senate as of meeting date.
- C. **Omar Maldonado – Field Report.** Participated in cleanup with the Seguin Sunrise Lions along Eastwood Drive and King Street; participated in the Spring Geronimo and Alligator Creek Cleanup; attended NGWA MAR field trip visiting the SAWS H2Oaks Center and the NBU ASR well site; GCGCD attended the 2023 Earth Day Festival in Seguin; attended Region L meeting; plans to join 4H Spring Water educational outreach with Matt Miranda at Navarro ISD on May 12th and Schertz on May 15th.
- D. **William B. Klemt, PG - Consulting Hydrogeologist** – Mr. Klemt gave a presentation on how to calculate transmissivity and permeability using a well's specific capacity for both artesian and water table situations.
- E. **James Beach – Task 2A Update** (presented virtually) James Beach and Andy Donnelly shared the Task 2 A updates from the localized impacts of permitted pumping from the Carrizo aquifer using 1 x 1 mile size of grid blocks to cover the active areas of the Carrizo in Guadalupe County. This analytical solution was used to estimate current impact (feet of water level decline) by each permittee based on historic pumping. Once the revised GAM (Hutchison) has been completed, Task 2B will identify impacts on a regional scale for both the Carrizo and the Wilcox aquifers – tabulating magnitude of water level decline from each permittee and the percentage of impact caused by each permittee. AGS will work with Bill Klemt to identify the approximate transition between confined and unconfined portion of each aquifer.
- F. **CRWA** – Humberto Ramos reported that Well # 1 is currently off line while CRWA consults with rehab contractors. Wells Ranch Phase 3 project is still attempting to lease water rights in both Guadalupe and Gonzales counties, but they still have not met their anticipated goals in Guadalupe County, so the project has shifted to work with GCUWCD to amend permits to increase water withdrawal – applications are pending in GCUWCD. Updates have been submitted to Region L water project demand estimates.
- G. **SSLGC** – Andrew McBride gave a construction status update on the SSLGC parallel pipeline and treatment plant. Pilot project to test filters for TCEQ and water quality testing for Well GU # 3 is still underway. The screens are being cleaned on GU # 2.
- H. **SHWSC** – Daniel offered apologies for not attending in person – SHWSC is still recovering from the tragic passing of Elizabeth Robbins, business administrator; expected mobilization of rig to drilling site week of May 22nd – Bill Klemt will be involved with the E-logging of Well 3A; working to convert to Special Utility District – some benefits include ability to participate in Region Water Supply projects at a

higher than 10% level to secure water at a lower rate with tax exempt bonds; ability for employees to participate in TCDRS.

- I. **CCSUD** – Stephanie reported that Crystal Clear continues to work on obtaining future water sources as well as developing those already in place; CCSUD is planning a meeting within the next couple of weeks with the City of Seguin’s Economic Development dept. to discuss possible projects along 130 and how that may impact the CCSUD system development which is rapidly increasing. CCSUD is working with developers daily as our system continues to grow. Working with GCGCD to hold public hearing June 8th on major and minor amendments prior to renewal of permit PWS-2018-WX-02.
- J. **CSWR** – The utility will begin going door to door to obtain the required signatures from customers to renew water rights per PWS-2018-CZ-03 (November 2023 expiration).

10. **Possible items for discussion/consideration at next meeting** – no suggestions offered.

11. **Perales, Allmon & Ice, P.C. (Executive Session Recommended)** – Mr. Starcke paused the regular meeting at 5:45 PM.

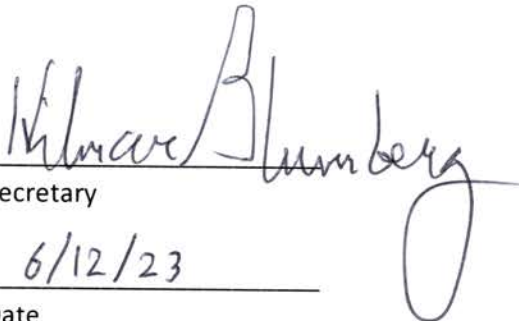
A. **Advise of attorney re: pending or contemplated litigation (TX Gov’t Code, Ch. 551.071)**
Mr. Starcke opened executive session with attorney Marisa Perales at 5:47 PM.

B. **Personnel matters (TX Gov’t Code, Ch. 551.074)** – Mr. Starcke ended the attorney consultation portion of executive session at 6:19 PM to discuss personnel matters. Executive session ended at 6:28 PM and Mr. Starcke resumed the open session of the meeting at 6:28 PM

12. **Discussion and possible action re: Pending or contemplated litigation** – no action.

13. **Discussion and possible action re: Personnel matters** – Mr. Jones made the motion to give the General Manager a 5% merit raise. Hilmar Blumberg added the effective date of May 15th and seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

14. **ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.


Secretary
6/12/23
Date

