

## GCGCD MINUTES

MEETING OF THE

### GUADALUPE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Thursday, October 12, 2023 @ 4:30 PM

200 N. Austin St. Ste. # 301

Seguin, TX 78155

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

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

**Others in attendance:** Kelley Cochran, David Smith, Ben Glynn, Bill Klemt, Adam Telfer, Humberto Ramos, Madison Huerta, Andrew McBride, and Omar Maldonado.

- 1. Invitation of citizens or Directors to speak in advance of District’s regular business.** None.
- 2. Approve Minutes of regular meeting held on September 14, 2023.** Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held Sept. 14, 2023 as presented by Bill Jones. Second by Matt Miranda. Motion approved.
- 3. Review Palmer Drought Index, TWDB Drought Report and Rain Fall in GCGCD area.** Reviewed.
- 4. Review Production data September 2023.** Reviewed. Kelley displayed the Q3 calendar year production totals by aquifer and by entity. It was noted that CSWR has produced 82% of permitted amount as of end of September. All other PWS permit holders are tracking as expected under 75%.
- 5. Public Funds Investment Report, end FY 2022-2023 – Kelley Cochran, PFI Officer** – On September 28<sup>th</sup> - \$20,000 was transferred from GCGCD First United checking into TexPool account. TexPool account earned over \$36,000 in interest last fiscal year. Kelley displayed the WAM and summarized public funds investment portfolio for the period ending September 30, 2023 in accordance with PFIA 2256.023.
- 6. Discussion and possible action to approve Financial Reports for September 2023.** Motion to approve the financial reports for September 2023 by Matt Miranda. Second by Bill Jones. Motion approved.
- 7. David Smith - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, 4-H2O Program Coordinator** – David Smith discussed the different tiers of the 4H water programs and shared photos of the water ambassadors engaging with the community and learning about water across the state of Texas. Mr. Smith spoke of the value of the programs that offer leadership, mentorship, and community service opportunities to youth in Texas. Mr. Smith stated that the programs are funded entirely from donations, mostly from the generosity of groundwater conservation districts.



8. **Public hearing** - Mr. Schuehle paused the regular meeting at 4:55 PM to open the public hearing.
- A. Springs Hill Water Supply Corporation (SHWSC) Carrizo permit PWS-2011-CZ-04 Major amendment request to increase the annual quantity of groundwater authorized to be withdrawn – addition of 204.242 AF/YR.** Administratively complete application was submitted by SHWSC.
- i. **Invitation for public comment** – No comments received.
  - ii. **GCGCD staff – present/summarize amendment** – Kelley summarized the amendment request. A full water rights audit was conducted by the District. SHWSC secured additional water rights in order to be able to provide water to their customers.
  - i. **Permit applicant/representative(s) – comments.** No representative from SHWSC was present.
  - ii. **GCGCD Hydrogeologist – Bill Klemt comments** – Mr. Klemt ran computer simulations using the 3 wells including the historic use permit total of 914 AF to estimate drawdown for 14 months (end of historic use permit January 2025). Comparison simulations were made including the requested additional water of 204.242 AF for same time frame. Incremental water level changes were calculated to be approximately 10 feet at the pumping wells. The additional pumping will not harm the aquifer. Water quality problems are not anticipated.
  - iii. **Invitation for additional public comments** – Humberto Ramos representing County Line SUD offered support for the permit being granted, recognizing the need for SHWSC to obtain additional water for its customers.
- B. ADJOURNMENT of public hearing** – Mr. Schuehle adjourned the public hearing and resumed the regular meeting at 4:58 PM.
9. **Discussion and possible action to approve major amendment request by SHWSC to increase the annual quantity of groundwater authorized to be withdrawn to permit PWS-2011-CZ-04 by an additional 204.242 AF/YR.** Motion to approve the request to include the additional water rights of 204.242 AF/YR to SHWSC permit PWS-2011-CZ-04 by Bill Jones. Second by Mark Gustafson. Motion approved.

## 10. REPORTS

### A. Kelley Cochran: General Manager Report

- o **Association updates** – TAGD videos from Summit are available on TAGD YouTube channel – encouraged the board to watch the Correlative Rights panel discussion that I participated on. TDLR – accepting comments on proposed rule changes related to water well drillers and water well pump installers until Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – summary of proposed rules available on TDLR website; GBRA – I met with Charlie Hickman, Executive Manager of Engineering, at GBRA’s new offices in Gruene/NB on September 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss conjunctive use potential of groundwater and surface



water sources as related to Guadalupe and surrounding counties per GCGCD Management Plan Goal 4. Mr. Hickman shared with me several projects currently in development in an attempt to meet the projected growth of the area's water needs. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension- Fall cleanup of Geronimo & Alligator Creeks was held on Saturday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – Caroline participated. GCGCD sponsored the event and worked with TLU student organizations to increase participation by contributing to TLU student organizations; Master Naturalists – Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> GCGCD presented an overview on the District's mission and purpose along with the topic of Rainwater Harvesting; TGWA – next meeting will be in Waco on Saturday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – I'll attend virtually from out of town; Region L – next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>; RRC – Meeting scheduled with Travis Baer Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss Management Plan Goal 5 – addressing Natural Resources.

- **Other District business** –Water levels were obtained on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, we were able to use my personal vehicle to reach all well sites – will research cost of District purchasing vehicle for District - HOB0 meters in MW 8 (FM 1117) & MW 1B (Nockenut Rd.) not responsive, removed. Refurbished meter only lasted one month – no plans to replace, will use sonic meter or E-Line. We still have 2 functioning; District approved minor amendment request by SHWSC to reduce the quantity of groundwater to be withdrawn by 2.72 AF/YR due to loss of water rights attached to permit PWS-2011-CZ-04; Omar resigned – his last day was Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – appointment of Caroline to Interim Administrative Assistant - update on job posting and outsourcing field work to consultant; I met with Laura Martin, GM of GCUWCD to discuss water level measurements and production in Gonzales Co. – working together for future reporting; Bill Klemt and I met with CRWA's General Manager, operations manager, and RW Harden hydrologists on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss future water needs of CRWA within GCGCD and possible locations for additional Wilcox well field, expansion of current Carrizo wellfield, and additional monitoring wells; BEG Roundtable discussion on well performance tool is scheduled for Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>; Fall Newsletter will publish on October 31<sup>st</sup> and will include Mr. Klemt's water level report; District is recording videos of presentations – will be added to Director's USB drives; Luling golf course (Ranchy McRanchface) has an application pending for a new commercial well permit (under 100 GPM) to service maintenance shed – drilling permit approval pending field verification; scheduled to post notice for rule making hearing to be held Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – proposed edits will be posted on website; Opportunity to speak to Dr. Mace's groundwater students at the Meadow Center.

**B. William B. Klemt, PG - Consulting Hydrogeologist** – Bill Klemt summarized the September 2023 Water Level Report displaying maps of drawdowns for both the Carrizo and Wilcox aquifers – showing both long-term (10 year) averages and short-term declines. Mr. Klemt is confident that the District will meet the current DFC.

**C. CRWA** – Adam Telfer presented a water usage summary of Wells Ranch in Guadalupe County previous year comparison with 2023 usage and projected amounts for rest of year for both the Carrizo and the Wilcox aquifers.



- D. **SSLGC** – Andrew McBride gave an update on the Guadalupe Project. He announced that SSLGC is considering the possibility of replacing one or two wells and will be coming to the District once the decision has been made to request the appropriate permits to continue developing wells within the wellfield.
- E. **SHWSC** – No representative in attendance.
- F. **CCSUD** – Regina emailed no CCSUD activity within GCGCD area.
- G. **CSWR** – Ben Glynn spoke about the difficulty CSWR was having obtaining signatures for water rights from the Guadalupe County customers within the Oak Hills water service area. Mr. Glynn recognized that the CSWR permit is up for renewal in November and that they currently do not have sufficient water rights to renew as permitted. He mentioned CSWR has now hired a firm to assist with the acquisitions. He stated he will be in attendance at our November meeting and asks the board to consider options as they work towards obtaining the required amount of water rights.

**11. Possible items for discussion/consideration at next meeting** – No suggestions.

**12. Lloyd Gosselink law firm/Perales, Allmon & Ice, P.C. (Executive Session Recommended).** Mr. Schuehle paused the regular meeting at 5:25 PM to enter into executive session for consultation with attorney (Madison Huerta) in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Mr. Schuehle adjourned the executive session at 6:16 PM and resumed the regular meeting.

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Schuehle adjourned the meeting at 6:16 PM.

Mark Gustafson

Mark Gustafson, Secretary

November 9, 2023

Date

