



## GCGCD MINUTES

### MEETING OF THE GUADALUPE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

200 N. Austin St. Ste. # 301

Seguin, TX 78155

Thursday, March 9, 2023 @ 4:30 PM



**CALL TO ORDER** – President Mr. Starcke called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.

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

Others in attendance: In-person: Kelley Cochran, Omar Maldonado, Caroline Hrcir, Humberto Ramos, and Andrew McBride. Virtually: Bill Klemt, Billy Phenix, and Linsey Brucks.

**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 from citizens or directors.

**2. Approve Minutes of regular meeting held on February 9, 2023.** Motion to approve minutes of meeting held on February 9, 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 February 2023.** Reviewed.

**5. Discussion and possible action to approve Financial Reports for February 2023.** Motion to approve financial reports for February 2023 by Jeff Schuehle. Second by Robert Raetzsch. Motion approved.

**6. REPORTS**

- A. Kelley Cochran: General Manager Report** – Next month I will have a full public funds investment report – transferred \$50,000 into TexPool on March 7<sup>th</sup>; GCAD parcels have been verified – 2023 Carrizo water rights posted on website; Processed renewal applications of irrigation permits Weidner (150 AF) and Hubertus (10 AF) for an additional five years; working with CCSUD to renew PWS permit (741.6 AF – June); Working with County assisting with update to their rules/procedures for new developments with requests for water wells to contact the District for permits, spacing rules and regulations; Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – attended Master Gardener event at AgriLife office on invitation by Dr. Larry Sunn, Comal Trinity GCD board secretary – invited to present at Master Gardener and Master Naturalists meetings this year on various topics (TexMesonet, Rainwater Harvesting, Xeriscaping; GCGCD Monitor Well Program); Caroline will be extended internship through end of summer – working as outreach & education coordinator for the District – presenting at speaking engagements.
- **Association updates** – GMA 13 met February 17<sup>th</sup> – engagement letter with Bill Hutchison signed; next meeting scheduled for Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. TAGD has finalized GCD Tool Kit; GBRA new General Manager – Darrell Nichols.
  - **Other District business** – Staff has completed cybersecurity training; GCGCD registered for Earth Day Event (April 29<sup>th</sup>) purchased tote bags for distribution. Next month – updates on AGS Task 2A and BEG pilot study and District interactive

well database tool by Kiva Consulting.

- B. **Billy Phenix – Legislative update** – Last week to file bills in the Texas Legislature – then Committees meet; discussion of current bills tracking for GCGCD.
  - C. **Omar Maldonado – Field Report**
    - **Field Report** – Maintenance issues addressed for Baker Ranch, Jones Ranch, and Diamond Half TexMesonet stations; attended TAGD elections webinar; overview of the Texas Water Data Hub website.
    - **Addressing Natural Resource Issues: 31 TAC 356.52(a)(1)(E); TWC §36.1071(a)(5)** – Summarized visit to NRCS office.
  - D. **Caroline Hrcir – Brush Management** – Caroline gave a presentation on brush management and how to manage cedar, huisache, and mesquite using physical/mechanical removal methods. Bill Jones discussed the benefits of prescribed burns – highlighting the need to consult professionals.
  - E. **William B. Klemt, PG - Consulting Hydrogeologist** – Connectivity issues – unable to give report.
  - F. **CRWA** – Humberto Ramos reported - Wilcox Well #6 is back on while Wilcox Well #3 is offline; developing plan to invite Caroline to tour Wells Ranch facility; discussed HB 3059; major permit amendment in Gonzales concerning Wells Ranch Phase 3 to produce more water (+920 AF/YR) and to increase pump size for Gonzales Well #14.
  - G. **SSLGC** – Andrew McBride reported construction of roads and pipelines is ~95% done; materials for pipelines are slower due to manufacturing issues; Wells #4, 6 and 7 are nearing surface completion; Wells #2, 3, and 11 pump tests are being reviewed; Guadalupe County plant construction is moving forward to a late summer/early fall due date.
  - H. **SHWSC** – Kelley gave report for SHWSC - Update of progress of Well 3A from Neil Deeds (Intera) – TCEQ permits in place. Driller approved (West Texas Water Well Service) – approximate schedule for early April. The size of the rig will allow to test 500’ below the bottom of the Carrizo, which is estimated to go through two sand packages. Cannot go deeper without a larger rig (cost prohibitive). They will share drilling schedule once mobilization date is firmed up and will share geophysical logging, pump test data, etc. during drilling & development.
  - I. **CCSUD** – Kelley met with Regina this morning. Working on renewal application for PWS-2018-WX-02 permit (expires June), verifying water rights/leases/parcel divisions.
7. **Possible items for discussion/consideration at next meeting.** No items discussed.
8. **Frederick, Perales, Allmon & Rockwell, P.C. (Executive Session Recommended).** Regular meeting paused at 5:30 PM to enter executive session at 5:31 PM. Executive session ended at 6:01 PM.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.** Regular meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

*Helmut Blumberg*  
Secretary

4-13-23  
Date

