



GCGCD MINUTES

MEETING OF THE GUADALUPE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

200 N. Austin St. Ste. # 301

Seguin, TX 78155

Thursday, April 13, 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, Hilmar Blumberg, Jeff Schuehle, Mark Gustafson, and Robert Raetzsch.

Others in attendance: In-person: Kelley Cochran, Omar Maldonado, Shawn Vickers, Bill Klemt, Caroline Hrcir, Dan Myers, John Hay, and Justin Thompson. Virtually: Billy Phenix.

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. No comments.

2. Approve Minutes of regular meeting held on March 9, 2023. Motion to approve minutes for meeting held on March 9, 2023, by Jeff Schuehle. Second by Hilmar Blumberg. Motion approved.

3. Review Palmer Drought Index, TWDB Drought Report, and Rain Fall in GCGCD area.

Reviewed.

4. Review Production data March 2023. Reviewed.

5. Public Funds Investment Report – Kelley Cochran, PFI Officer. FY 2022-2023 Q2 report given by Kelley in accordance to reporting standards outlined in PFIA 2256.023. Kelley is scheduled to renew PFI training June 7th at the TAGD business meeting. Course taught by Greg Ellis.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve Financial Reports for March 2023. Treasurer Bill Jones reviewed packet and found it to be in order. Mr. Jones commented favorably on interest earned from TexPool account. Motion to approve financial reports for March 2023 by Jeff Schuehle. Second by Bill Jones. Motion approved.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 04132023 re: GCAD parcel identification. Kelley summarized the reasons to reaffirm by resolution of the District the role of the Guadalupe County Appraisal District and property owners' responsibilities as it pertains to verification of parcel data/surveys. Motion to approve Resolution 04132023 by Jeff Schuehle. Second by Hilmar Blumberg. Motion approved 6-0.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve renewal of Ullrich Wilcox irrigation permit (IRR-2018-WX-05) for 20 AF/YR. Motion to approve renewal of Ullrich Wilcox irrigation permit (IRR-2018-WX-05) for 20 AF/YR by Hilmar Blumberg. Second by Bill Jones. Motion approved.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve renewal of Keith & Sunda Weidner Wilcox irrigation permit (IRR-2018-WX-06) for 150 AF/YR. Motion to approve renewal of Keith & Sunda Weidner Wilcox irrigation permit (IRR-2018-WX-06) for 150 AF/YR by Jeff Schuehle. Second by Hilmar Blumberg. Motion approved.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve renewal of Charlie Hubertus Wilcox irrigation permit (IRR-2018-WX-07) for 10 AF/YR. Motion to approve renewal of Charlie Hubertus Wilcox irrigation permit (IRR-2018-WX-07) for 10 AF/YR by Bill Jones. Second by Jeff Schuehle. Motion approved.

11. REPORTS

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

- **Association updates** – TGWA Geoscience seminar held March 31st was a massive success. Sold out event - Dr. Mace autographed textbook to GCGCD; GCGCD will be participating at the Geronimo/Alligator Creek Clean Up event on April 22nd; GCGCD will have same booth space as last year at Seguin’s Earth Day event on April 29th; Spring 4-H Water program mid-May – District to accompany 4-H at local schools; TAGD business meeting June 6th -7th – possible GCD Bootcamp for field technicians; registration is open for TAGD Groundwater Summit (August 29th -31st) in San Antonio. Dr. Mace has invited me to be a on panel discussion at TAGD Summit topic “Correlative Rights or Correlative Wrongs”; Next Region L meeting is scheduled for May 4th; Next GMA 13 meeting is scheduled for September 15th.
- **Other District business** – Working on permit renewals/amendments for CCSUD, SSLGC, and CSWR; water rights verification for all permit holders in progress – working with GCAD to obtain updated parcel data – as GCGCD databases use GCAD parcel data to determine ownership; Application to drill a new well/production permit for an irrigation well for a golf course in progress – working with applicant to obtain required documents; potential transfer of Irrigation permit (Kresta) re: sale of property prior to renewal (August 31, 2023); Spring Newsletter is scheduled to publish May 1st. Congratulations to Caroline – set to graduate from TLU on Saturday, May 13th – she will continue on with the District this summer working on community outreach programs; James Beach will join us next month with an update on Task 2A; Water level measuring days have been scheduled for June 19th & 20th.

B. Billy Phenix – Legislative Update – Joined virtually to update Board on status of bills we are tracking. 46 days remaining in session. Billy is actively lobbying on behalf of the interests of GCGCD.

C. Justin Thompson – BEG Pilot Program – Groundwater Recoverability Tool – Dr. Thompson presented the Pilot Program and Alpha version results of the BEG’s Hydro-Economic Well Performance Tool. Dr. Thompson explained the motivation behind building the tool was driven to aid GCDs in quantifying socioeconomic impacts as directed by Chapter 36 in the DFC process. Dr. Thompson discussed the aquifer and well parameters involved in calculating the costs to recover groundwater and shared GCGCD analysis from the data provided by the District. Dr. Thompson thanked the Board for participating in the model program.

D. Shawn Vickers – District well log application – Shawn Vickers - Kiva Consulting gave a presentation on a new web app he’s developing for the District to provide a more efficient way to use the District’s spatial data without the need of multiple GIS software licenses, additional training, and support.

E. Omar Maldonado – Field Report. TexMesonet stations mowed; attended Bandera wells assessment webinar; registration open for the Geronimo and Alligator Creek Cleanup; nominated for Service Chair in Seguin Sunrise Lions Club.

F. William B. Klemt, PG - Consulting Hydrogeologist – Bill Klemt discussed water level declines over last 20 years in the Gonzales well fields from pumping by SSLCG, CRWA, and SAWS.

- G. **CRWA** – Humberto emailed his regrets for missing our meeting. He’s attending the Texas AWWA Conference (American Water Works Association). He reported: Operations – Well #3 completed and passed sampling protocol and is ready to be put back into service. Well #1 is pending a contract for a contractor to rehab the well. CRWA continues to lease water within Guadalupe County. In 2022, CRWA over pumped its permit with Gonzales County UWCD by 26.7 AF. Overage was due to operator error which was the result of failing to switch from the Gonzales to Guadalupe well field. Subsequently, self-reporting was provided to the staff of GCUWCD about the overage, corrective action was taken, and Standard Operating Procedures were developed to avoid this from occurring in the future. At the GCUWCD meeting held on April 11, their board took action to fine CRWA \$500 (\$250 for the water and \$250 for an administrative fee). CRWA was prepared at the meeting to rectify the situation with an approved settlement agreement and check. CRWA and other wholesalers within GCUWCD are awaiting a draft amended Western Mitigation Agreement to provide more funds for the Western mitigation fund.
 - H. **SSLGC** – Dan Myers delivered an update on drilling status and well development. Pilot testing of wells in progress. Well # 3 initially reported high iron levels, another test is set to take place once road construction has been completed. Kelley added that the District is working on verification of water rights for Carrizo permit (expires Sept. 2023). Amendment to increase quantity of groundwater withdrawal in progress.
 - I. **SHWSC** – Intera shared rig mobilization schedule with the District. Drilling of well 3A set for week of April 24, 2023. Daniel Pepin phoned in update that Annual Meeting went well – lawyers are handling lawsuit from developer and he’s unable to comment on it further.
 - J. **CCSUD** – Working with Regina to verify ownership of water leases to renew permit before expiration date June 30, 2023. Due to updated/corrected surveys filed with the County and reported by the GCAD following the sale and division of parcels leased by CCSUD, an application to amend the current permit to reduce the quantity of groundwater withdrawal by 1.3475 AF/YR is pending. (741.6 AF/YR to 740.252 AF/YR).
 - K. **CSWR** – District’s attorney approved letter and water rights acquisition form drafted by CSWR to be distributed to all CSWR customers within the Oak Hills Ranch Water utility renewing water rights associated with current permit and attempting to obtain leases of additional water rights for possible amendment request. Current permit set to expire November 30, 2023.
12. **Possible items for discussion/consideration at next meeting.** Set a date to hold a special meeting to confer with attorney in executive session to discuss lawsuit. Notice will be posted to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, April 18th at 4:30 PM.
 13. **Frederick, Perales, Allmon & Rockwell, P.C. (Executive Session Recommended).** Attorney unavailable. No executive session.
 14. **ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Wilmar Blumberg
Secretary
5-11-23
Date

