



# MINUTES

## GCGCD

### GUADALUPE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

200 N. Austin St., Ste. 301

Seguin, Texas 78155

Thursday, April 14, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER** – President Hilmar Starcke called the meeting to order at 4:41 PM.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**DETERMINE A QUORUM** - Verified. Board members in attendance: Hilmar Starcke, Bill Jones, A. Robert Raetzsch, Jeff Schuehle, and Mark Gustafson.

Others in Attendance: (In-person) Kelley Cochran, Omar Maldonado, Bill Klemt, Shawn Vickers, Humberto Ramos, & Daniel Pepin. (Virtual) Jim Harris and Stephanie Olson-Haseloff.

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 March 10, 2022.** Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting held on March 10, 2022 by Bill Jones. Second by Jeff Schuehle. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Review Palmer Drought Index, TWDB Drought Report and Rain Fall in GCGCD area.**  
Reviewed.
4. **Review Production data March 2022.** Reviewed.
5. **Report from Public Funds Investment Officer – Kelley Cochran, GM** – Interest rates are rising. Collected short term CD rates from local banks. Not moving funds at this time.
6. **Discussion and possible action to approve Financial Reports for March 2022.** Motion to approve financial reports for March 2022 by Bill Jones. Second by Jeff Schuehle. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Discussion and possible action to engage lobbying services of Phenix Saenz LLC for the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.** Kelley explained the value of having a lobbyist tracking and monitoring potential bills and more importantly, having someone in place to advocate on behalf of the District at the Capitol. Mr. Jones told the board that the budget committee met and this proposal is within this fiscal year’s budget and the rates are very reasonable. Motion to engage lobbying services of Phenix Saenz LLC for the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session by Bill Jones. No Second.
8. **Discussion and possible action Re: Impact Analysis Proposal by Advanced Groundwater Solutions, LLC.** Motion to move forward with the Impact Analysis Proposal by Advanced Groundwater Solutions, LLC by Bill Jones. Second by Mark Gustafson. Bill Klemt and Shawn Vickers commented on the value of the project. Motion passed unanimously.
9. **Carrizo Model Update – Presentation by Shawn Vickers, Kiva Consulting.** Shawn gave an overview of the updated 2022 model, the data that went into the update, and the process by which the data was evaluated and included.
10. **REPORTS**
  - A. **Kelley Cochran: General Manager Report**
    - **Association updates** – GMA 13 - expecting administratively complete letter from

TWDB next week – next GMA 13 meeting is April 22<sup>nd</sup> – next GCGCD meeting will adopt the DFCs – worked with Mike Gershon on drafting updated Interlocal Agreement for the GMA; Attended Hill Country Alliance Groundwater: Planning for the Future and registered to attend Managing Water Resources for a Growing Community; registered Omar & myself TAGD virtual Bootcamp April 25<sup>th</sup>; Applications open for 4-H Water Ambassadors now through May 15<sup>th</sup> – GCGCD proud to sponsor. TGWA board meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup>.

- **Other District business** – Approved irrigation permit under GCGCD Rule 5.3(a)(3) for Randolph Schwenn for 5 AF/YR of Wilcox to irrigate coastal hay; redistricting update; Groundwater Foundation Sponsor a Classroom opportunity to provide aquifer kits to schools; Spring Newsletter will publish following Earth Day event. Omar’s pay increase will be reflected in next month’s financials.
- B. **Omar Maldonado – Field Report.** Attended Earth Day event orientation; visited TexMesonet stations for maintenance with Mark Olden from TWDB; replaced batteries of transducer at FM 1117; planned replacement for transducer at FM 466; issue with erosion at MWCZ-8 site resolved; new ASR report from TWDB re: GBRA’s Mid-Basin Water Supply Project; displayed map showing location of RRC injection wells within GCGCD.
- C. **William B. Klemt, PG - Consulting Hydrogeologist.** Bill Klemt discussed the Mid Basin Water Supply Project and the hydrogeological criteria needed to start an aquifer storage and recovery well field.
- D. **CRWA** – Humberto Ramos confirmed a letter being distributed to further lease water rights; report on the 12,000 acre-foot Wells Ranch 3 project due by the end of May; John Kaufman is the new CRWA General Manager starting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- E. **SSLGC** – No report given.
- F. **SHWSC** – Daniel Pepin introduced himself to the Board; Ronnie Glenewinkel retired from the SHWSC Board of Directors and replaced by Keith Stephen; plans to expand surface water plant underway; looking into drilling a new well to replace the plugged Mesa Well #3.
- G. **CCSUD** – Stephanie Olson-Haseloff discussed that the elevated storage tank project is 80% to completion; a second elevated tank project will commence after the first one has been built.

11. **Possible items for discussion/consideration at next meeting.** District drilling monitor wells.

12. **Frederick, Perales, Allmon & Rockwell, P.C. (Executive Session Recommended)** – No executive session. Marisa emailed an update outlining the process to obtain water quality data collected at POCG per TCEQ rules and the issued permit. A public information request will be sent to obtain all of the monitoring data submitted by POCG thus far.

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

  
Hilmar Blumberg, Secretary

5-12-22  
Date

