



GCGCD MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GUADALUPE COUNTY
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
200 N. Austin St. Ste. # 301
Seguin, TX 78155
Thursday, August 10, 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, Jeff Schuehle, Robert Raetzsch, Mark Gustafson, and Matt Miranda.

Others in attendance: Kelley Cochran, Omar Maldonado, Caroline Hrnir, Justin Braune, Humberto Ramos, and John Kaufman.

- 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 July 13, 2023** – Motion to approve minutes from July 13th meeting by Matt Miranda. 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 July 2023** – Reviewed.
- 5. Public Funds Investment Report – Kelley Cochran, PFI Officer** – Kelley transferred an additional \$10,000 into TexPool account to take advantage of current interest rates. Board reviewed WAM, current bank statements, and TexPool newsletter detailing book and market value of investments in portfolio. Interest in TexPool account for month of July was \$4,152.83.
- 6. Discussion and possible action to approve Financial Reports for July 2023** – Motion to approve the financials as submitted by Jeff Schuehle. Second by Bill Jones. Motion passed.
- 7. Discussion and possible action to approve the budget for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2024.**
Motion to approve the budget for FY 2023-2024 as presented by Bill Jones. Second by Jeff Schuehle. Motion passed.
- 8. Discussion and possible action to order a General Election (Guadalupe County, November 7th).** Motion to order General Election by Jeff Schuehle. Second by Robert Raetzsch. Motion passed.
- 9. Discussion and possible action to authorize Contract for Election Services with Guadalupe County.** Motion to authorize contract for election services with Guadalupe County by Matt Miranda. Second by Jeff Schuehle. Motion passed.
- 10. Discussion and possible action to authorize Joint Election Agreement and Election Service Contract with Guadalupe County.** Motion to authorize joint election agreement by Bill Jones. Second by Mark Gustafson. Motion passed.
- 11. Discussion and possible action to authorize General Manager to draft request for proposals Re: drilling monitor wells.** Motion by Bill Jones to authorize General Manager to work with Bill Klemt and legal counsel to draft request for proposals for drilling monitor wells for water quality monitoring in the Wilcox outcrop and a subsequent project to drill monitor well(s) for water level/quality monitoring in the Wilcox aquifer. Second by Mark Gustafson. Motion passed.

12. Justin Braune, Texas 4-H Water Ambassador, Guadalupe County – Justin Braune presented on Tier 1 and Tier 2 water projects he participated in through the 4-H Water Ambassador Program. He thanked the Board for donating to the program. Justin shared his experiences and gratitude for the opportunity to learn.

13. REPORTS

- A. Kelley Cochran: General Manager Report** – Received response from landowner re: clarification of use of wells listed as exempt. Working with landowner assisting with plugging of older wells and potential funding from RRC program. Working with an RV park to permit a well. USB drives issued to each Director to maintain digital copies of District reports, board packets, essential documents. Working to amend SHWSC permit to correct GPS coordinates for drilling well in excess of permitted location. CSWR continues to acquire water rights from utility customers with slow progress.
- **Association updates** – TGWA is working on rebranding itself under new Executive Director Bobby Bazan, refocusing its Mission, designing a new logo, etc. The quarterly business meeting in July was well attended. Discussion of adding CE classes to business meetings. TAGD Groundwater Summit is August 29-31 – I will be on a panel led by Dr. Robert Mace discussing correlative rights. Elections will be held at the TAGD quarterly meeting; I have been nominated for the position of Parliamentarian. I accepted the nomination to enhance my knowledge of Robert's Rules as I am Administrator of GMA 13. GMA 13's next meeting is scheduled for September 15th – Dr. Hutchison is expected to preview the updated GAM. TWDB has released a procedural guidance document for requesting an update to Groundwater Availability Models based on new data. Russell Labus is retiring from EUWCD end of September. GMA 13 will elect a new representative to fill vacancy of Diane Savage on GMA 13 board and representative for Region L. Region L update: August 3rd heavy focus on 2020-2030 projects involving permitting/construction/desalination/Direct Potable Reuse/brackish water. Population and water demand workgroups meeting to address projections.
 - **Other District business** – On July 28th the GCGCD Summer Newsletter published; On August 2nd, I approved a minor amendment to Ranchy McRanchface's permit COM-2023-WX-01 that requested to change the location of where the groundwater would be pumped from the permitted 15-acre lake to a smaller 2-acre lake. After consultation with Mr. Klemt, and Board President approval, I approved the request. The reduced evaporation loss would be a more efficient use of groundwater resource. Drilling began this week. Staff coordinating to be on site for specific milestones. Mr. Schuehle restated his objection to the permit. On August 17th I will be attending a free, one-day Groundwater Summit put on by Post Oak Savannah (Milam & Burleson Counties) to discuss the state and regional water planning, the Vista Ridge Project, DFCs, water level monitoring, etc. On August 24th I will present in Giddings, TX on our Carrizo Model development of policy and water rights allocation. Lost Pines GCD is reviewing their rules and invited me to present at a Rule Making Stakeholder Committee meeting to discuss GCGCD's Saturated Thickness Model.
- B. Omar Maldonado – Field Report.** The Railroad Commission had 65 oil and gas wells plugged within Guadalupe County during their 2023 fiscal year. HOB0

transducer has been repaired. Data unrecoverable. Expected to have refurbished unit back next week and will reinstall. Colvin well completed, will finalize production permit next week.

- C. **Caroline Hrcir – Indirect Potable Reuse** – Caroline presented on indirect potable reuse addressing GCGCD Management Plan goal recharge enhancement: 31 TAC 356.52(a)(1)(G); TWC §36.1071(a)(7).
- D. **William B. Klemt, PG - Consulting Hydrogeologist** – Not in attendance.
- E. **CRWA** – John Kaufman reported that CRWA continues to obtain water leases in Guadalupe County to be able to meet increased demand.
- F. **SSLGC** – Andrew McBride updated on the progress of the treatment plant. GVEC providing power to the plant soon. Well GU-4 pilot project is advancing. Well GU-2 was plugged over the weekend. Plugging report will be sent to the District. Hydro Resources and SSLGC are contemplating whether to replace the well or compensate SSLGC.
- G. **SHWSC** – Neil Deeds (Intera) reported on the success of the development of Well 3A. Waiting on lab results for dissolved constituents. They will share once available. Danielle Lam notified District that SHWSC is working on obtaining Carrizo water rights and anticipates requesting amendment to increase quantity of groundwater to be withdrawn by end of this calendar year.
- H. **CCSUD** – Regina stated that she has nothing to report at this time.

14. Public hearing – Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation (SSLGC) Carrizo permit PWS-2018-CZ-02. President Mr. Starcke paused the regular meeting at 5:32 PM to enter into the public hearing.

- A. **Invitation for public comment** – No comments received.
- B. **GCGCD staff – present/summarize applications.** Kelley summarized the applications.
 - i. **Minor amendment request to change names of wells as listed in permit** – Three wells have been renamed by SSLGC necessitating a minor amendment to correct/update name of wells GU-6, GU-7 & GU-8 to avoid confusion and maintain consistency.
 - ii. **Major amendment request to change location of groundwater withdrawal – correct coordinates of Well GU-3** – Well drilled in excess permissible by GCGCD Rule 6.3(a).
 - iii. **Major amendment request to change location of groundwater withdrawal – correct coordinates of Well GU-4** - Well drilled in excess permissible by GCGCD Rule 6.3(a).
 - iv. **Major amendment request to increase the annual quantity of Carrizo aquifer groundwater to be withdrawn by 976.858 acre feet per year for a total of 5,009.38 AF/YR.** In accordance with the adopted 2022 Carrizo Saturated Thickness Model and allocation of Annual Production Cap (APC) of 16,000 AF/YR adopted May 12, 2022 – the verified Carrizo water rights owned/leased by SSLGC equal 5,009.38 AF/YR.
 - v. **Major amendment request to alter the size or capacity of a well in order to consolidate multiple wells under one permit.** As permitted, each of the 5 wells has a maximum allocation of 806.5 AF/YR associated with specific wells. As permitted, each of the 5 wells has been approved for ~500 GPM. GCGCD Rule 5.4(o) allows for consolidation of multiple wells under one permit. The

increase of water rights, as amended and consolidated under one permit for the Guadalupe Well Field, would allow for flexibility to adjust production based on the ability/capacity of a specific well within the permitted well field while maintaining well spacing as defined by GCGCD Rule 5.4(a) and maximum average rates of production set by Rule 5.4(i).

- vi. **Application to renew SSLGC permit PWS-2018-CZ-02** – Administratively complete.
 - C. **Permit applicant/representative(s) – comments** – Andrew McBride, General Manager for SSLGC, thanked GCGCD for working on the applications and added that consolidating the well field would also allow for flexibility for regular maintenance on wells – should a well need to be turned off, others could continue to provide water for their customers without interruption.
 - D. **GCGCD Hydrogeologist** – Bill Klemt comments submitted by memo on 7/28/23 to the Board stating “this increase is based on computer output from the 2022 Carrizo Saturated Thickness Model. This increase is not expected to significantly increase water level declines”.
 - E. **Invitation for additional public comments** – no comments.
 - F. **ADJOURNMENT of public hearing** – Mr. Starcke adjourned public hearing at 5:38 PM. Regular meeting resumed at 5:38 PM.
15. **Discussion and possible action on minor amendment request to change names of wells as listed in permit.** Motion to approve minor amendment by Bill Jones. Second by Jeff Schuehle. Motion passed.
 16. **Discussion and possible action on major amendment request to change location of groundwater withdrawal – correct coordinates of Well GU-3** Motion to approve by Bill Jones. Second by Jeff Schuehle. Motion passed.
 17. **Discussion and possible action on major amendment request to change location of groundwater withdrawal – correct coordinates of Well GU-4.** Motion to approve by Bill Jones. Second by Jeff Schuehle. Motion passed.
 18. **Discussion and possible action on major amendment request to increase the annual quantity of Carrizo aquifer groundwater to be withdrawn by 976.858 acre feet per year for a total of 5,009.38 AF/YR.** Motion to approve by Bill Jones. Second by Jeff Schuehle. Motion passed.
 19. **Discussion and possible action on major amendment request to alter the size or capacity of a well in order to consolidate multiple wells under one permit.** Motion to approve by Bill Jones. Second by Jeff Schuehle. Motion passed.
 20. **Discussion and possible action to approve renewal of SSLGC Carrizo permit PWS-2018-CZ-02.** Motion to approve by Bill Jones. Second by Jeff Schuehle. Motion passed.
 21. **Possible items for discussion/consideration at next meeting** – Mr. Starcke invited Humberto to share. Humberto Ramos announced his resignation from CRWA and new employment at County Line Special Utility District. He stated he was pleased to see GCGCD invite a younger generation to get involved in groundwater. He also stated that he will continue to attend our meetings and continue his involvement with Region L. Mr. Ramos will bring a retail perspective from CLSUD, as opposed to the wholesale perspective from CRWA. Mr. Starcke thanked Mr. Ramos for his years of providing the District with information and for his dedication to attending our meetings and keeping the Board informed.

22. Lloyd Gosselink Law firm / Perales, Allmon & Ice, P.C. (*Executive Session Recommended*) –
No executive session.
23. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM

Mark Gustafson
Mark Gustafson, Secretary

Sept. 14, 2023
Date

