



## GCGCD MINUTES

### MEETING OF THE GUADALUPE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

200 N. Austin St. Ste. # 301

Seguin, TX 78155

Thursday, February 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, Matt Miranda, Hilmar Blumberg, Mark Gustafson, A. Robert Raetzsch, and Jeff Schuehle.

Others in attendance: In-person: Kelley Cochran, Omar Maldonado, Humberto Ramos, Andrew McBride, Savannah Harrington, and Caroline Hrcir. Virtually: Bill Klemt, Marisa Perales, Stephanie Olson-Haseloff, and 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). Matt Miranda introduced Savannah Harrington, the new Prairie View A&M Ag agent. No additional comments from citizens or directors.

**2. Approve Minutes of regular meeting held on January 12, 2023.** Motion to approve minutes of meeting held on January 12, 2023, 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 January 2023.** Reviewed.

**5. Discussion and possible action to approve Financial Reports for January 2023.** Motion to approve financial reports for January 2023 by Jeff Schuehle. Second by Hilmar Blumberg. Motion approved.

**6. Discussion and possible action to approve 2022 GCGCD Manager’s Report.** Motion to approve 2022 GCGCD Manager’s Report by Matt Miranda. Second by Bill Jones. Motion approved.

**7. REPORTS**

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

- **Association updates** – Attended TWDB Water for Texas; Attended TGWA 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – awarded Ground Water Science Division “Person of the Year”; finalized event details and opened registration for Geoscience seminar March 31<sup>st</sup>; TAGD winter conference rescheduled due to winter storm; GMA 13 scheduled to meet February 17<sup>th</sup> to enter contract with Bill Hutchison for 4<sup>th</sup> round of DFCs and discuss having a dedicated website for the GMA.
- **Other District business** – Published District’s Winter 2022-23 Newsletter; registered staff for cyber security training; working on BEG pilot program; working on validating GCAD property ownership files; James Beach working on Task 2A.

**B. Billy Phenix – Legislative update** – (joined virtually) Mr. Phenix announced the deadline for filing bills is March 10<sup>th</sup>; He gave a summary of seven bills that impact GCDs for the current Texas Legislature.

**C. Omar Maldonado – Field Report-** new equipment and battery installed at Grones Ranch TexMesonet station; attended TGWA Annual Convention in San Marcos along with Kelley; attended TRWA webinar about private water wells along with

basic well maintenance; attended Region L meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

○ **Presentation on Controlling and Preventing Waste of Groundwater**

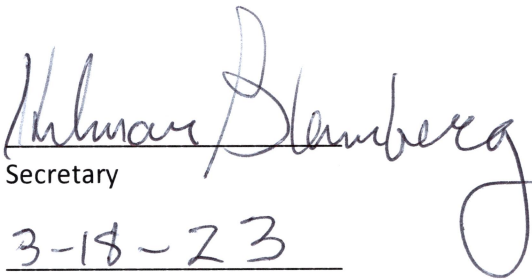
**31 TAC 356.52(a)(1)(B); TWC §36.1071(a)(2)** – Bill Jones asked a question regarding whether water used for golf courses could be considered ‘waste’ based on definitions under Chapter 36.

- D. **Caroline Hrcir – Xeriscaping** – Caroline covered which plants are suitable in Texas weather that are drought resistant/drought tolerant, require less water, and are aesthetically attractive.
- E. **William B. Klemt, PG - Consulting Hydrogeologist** – Klemt summarized the January water level report; Carrizo water levels declined about 1.43 feet; Wilcox water levels remained stable.
- F. **CRWA** – Humberto discussed updates in GCUWCD. Gonzales County mitigation program is divided into two sections - east and west of the San Marcos River; western portion ran out of money and was leant money provided by entities for the eastern section to mitigate wells; To date ~200 wells have been mitigated in the program; CRWA watching HB 1699 (King) relate to Evergreen UWCD – export fees on water transferred out of the District; Texas’ financial surplus could allocate up to \$3 billion for funding improvements of infrastructure.
- G. **SSLGC** – Andrew McBride thanked the District for inviting him to water level measurement field day; pump test for Well #3 scheduled for Saturday – Monday.
- H. **SHWSC** – Daniel Pepin did not attend the meeting. No report given. Kelley mentioned that GCGCD will be working with SHWSC to obtain geophysical logging of well 3A.
- I. **CCSUD** – Stephanie notified the Board that CCSUD is joining Wells Ranch Phase 3; currently moving forward with drilling their Trinity wells.

**8. Possible items for discussion/consideration at next meeting.** No items discussed.

**9. Frederick, Perales, Allmon & Rockwell, P.C. (Executive Session Recommended).** Regular meeting paused at 5:23 PM to enter executive session. Executive session ended at 5:44 PM.

**10. ADJOURNMENT.** Regular meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.

  
Secretary

3-18-23  
Date

