



MINUTES
GCGCD
GUADALUPE COUNTY GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
200 N. Austin St., Ste. 301
Seguin, Texas 78155
Thursday, January 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER – President Hil Starcke called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DETERMINE A QUORUM - Verified. Board members in attendance: Hilmar Starcke, Bill Jones, Matt Miranda, Mark Gustafson, Jeff Schuehle, and Hilmar Blumberg.

Others in Attendance: Kelley Cochran, Omar Maldonado, Bill Klemt (phone), Judge William Old, Kevin Spencer, Theresa Budd, Chris Pepper, Curt Campbell, Shawn Vickers, and Marcus Brooks.

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.
2. **Oath of Office – Directors of Districts 1, 2, 5 & 7** – Judge William Old administered the Oath of Office to the Directors of Districts 1, 2, 5, & 7.
3. **Discussion and possible action to elect officers {Water Code §36.054(b)}.** Motion to keep board members in their current positions by Mark Gustafson. Second by Matt Miranda. Motion passed unanimously.
 - A. **President** – Hilmar Starcke remains President.
 - B. **Vice President** – Jeff Schuehle remains Vice President.
 - C. **Secretary** – Hilmar Blumberg remains Secretary.
 - D. **Other** – Bill Jones remains Treasurer.
4. **Discussion and possible action to reorganize / reappoint committees {Water Code §36.061(5)(B)}.** Motion to keep the Budget and Audit/Finance Committees as is: GM, President & Treasurer by Mark Gustafson. Second by Matt Miranda. Motion passed unanimously.
 - A. **Budget Committee** – Kelley Cochran, Hilmar Starcke and Bill Jones.
 - B. **Audit/Finance Committee** – Kelley Cochran, Hilmar Starcke and Bill Jones.
5. **Discussion and possible action to renew execution of \$10,000 bonds payable to the District for newly elected Directors of Districts 1, 2, 5, & 7 {Water Code §36.055 (c) and §49.055 (c)}.** Motion to renew execution of \$10,000 bonds payable to the District for newly elected Directors of Districts 1, 2, 5, & 7 by Hilmar Blumberg. Second by Bill Jones. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Approve Minutes of regular meeting held on November 11, 2021.** Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 11, 2021 as presented by Matt Miranda. Second by Hilmar Blumberg. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Approve Notice of potential quorum posting December 9, 2021.** No action taken.
8. **Review Palmer Drought Index, TWDB Drought Report and Rain Fall in GCGCD area (November 2021 & December 2021 and 2021 annual summary).** Reviewed.

9. **Review Production data November 2021 & December 2021 and 2021 annual summary.**
Reviewed.
10. **Report from Public Funds Investment Officer – Investment performance report on TexPool Kelley Cochran, GM** – Kelley shared the November & December 2021 investment performance report as outlined in the TexPool newsletters.
11. **Discussion and possible action to approve Financial Reports for November & December 2021.** Motion to approve financial reports for November and December 2021 by Bill Jones. Second by Hilmar Blumberg. Motion passed unanimously.
12. **Discussion and possible action to approve financial audit prepared by Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 {Water Code §49.149(a)}** – Audit committee met January 6th – edits incorporated into final draft. Motion to approve financial audit by Bill Jones. Second by Matt Miranda. Motion passed unanimously.
13. **Permit Hearing for Recreational Production Permit by Kiteboard Ranch, LLC**
 - A. **Conduct hearing then adjourn** – Permit hearing began at 4:46 PM. Kelley provided a summary of the proposed permit and Bill Klemt gave his opinion to the Board about the permit. Kevin Spencer gave a presentation showcasing data collected from Kiteboard Ranch wells. Permit hearing adjourned at 5:01 PM.
 - B. **Discussion and possible action on application** – Motion to approve the recreational permit by Kiteboard Ranch, LLC for 321 AF/YR of Wilcox groundwater by Hilmar Blumberg. Second by Matt Miranda. Motion passed unanimously.
14. **Evaluation of Census Report 2020/2010 comparison – Kiva Consulting, Shawn Vickers.** Shawn Vickers gave presentation on 2010/2020 census comparison which supports the requirements for redistricting the GCGCD election boundaries.
15. **Discussion and possible action to draft Redistricting Plan.** The Board recognized the need to move forward with redistricting. No action taken.
16. **REPORTS**
 - A. **Kelley Vickers: General Manager Report**
 - **Association updates**

TWDB – Meeting with Director Kathleen Jackson, Director Brooke Paup, and Executive Administrator Jeff Walker – Twitter posted on TWDB account by Director Jackson January 5th. TWL connected me with a mentor, David Mauk, GM of Bandera County River Authority & GCD – met Dec. 10th.

GMA 13 – On Dec. 30th, Mike Keester resigned from LRE Water prior to the finalization of the Explanatory Report. Jordan Furnans, VP of TX Operations took over the project to complete the final revisions and submission requirements. Jordan was involved with the Webb County client’s request to change the proposed DFC to include additional pumpage. The potential conflict of interest was discussed at the Nov. 5th, 2021, meeting and statements addressing the issue are included in the final draft of the Explanatory Report. Meeting Friday, Jan. 14th action items to adopt Resolution relating to conflict-of-interest disclosure statements for future agreements and to approve final draft of Explanatory Report for submission to TWDB deadline Tuesday, Jan. 18th.

GCUWDC – Laura Martin named General Manager Jan. 11th board removed interim from title. Appointment of Director to Precinct 2 Michael St. John. GCGCD & GCUWDC working to renew Interlocal Agreement related to monitoring well program after submission of DFCs and Explanatory Report to TWDB.

TGWA – Q4 Fountainhead published; Geoscience seminar Jan. 25th Upper Trinity GCD, Springtown; 75th Annual Convention Frisco Jan. 26-28

TAGD – Published December TAGD 2021 Salary Study – available only to the membership – in depth salary analysis of all full-time positions in GCDs; Winter business meeting Feb. 8th & 9th Bee Caves – will include legislative updates, case law updates by Mike Gershon, presentations on brackish groundwater comingling, GCDs and real estate transactions, and updates from TDLR, TWDB, RRC, and TCEQ.

Region L – Next meeting Feb. 3rd

- **Other District business** – Insurance savings joining TMLIRP; Renegotiating contract with Xerox; Kutscher PWS Well update; Water level measurements will be conducted Jan. 18th for the HOB0 meter sites and January 19th for all other MW; Winter Newsletter will publish Jan. 31st; required staff will be taking Cybersecurity training course; Workshop with PWS permit holders to discuss potential well remediation program Jan. 21st; 2021 annual performance report is complete and will be on agenda in February for approval; continued work on enhancing digital water level measurement maps for report, and annual review of saturated thickness model and parcel data from GCAD underway.
- B. Omar Maldonado – Field Report.** Attended the Low Impact Development Workshop on December 1st; attended the Agricultural Conservation Grants webinar; review of 91 total registered wells in GCGCD for 2021; 1,870 lbs. of trash removed during the Geronimo and Alligator Fall Cleanup; performed maintenance to TexMesonet weather stations on January 5th and 6th; discussed moving TexMesonet station from SHWSC office to new location highlighted by Maureen Sanders after previous area of interest did not come to fruition.
- C. William B. Klemt, PG - Consulting Hydrogeologist.** Bill Klemt discussed the upcoming water level measurements to be taken by GCGCD next week.
- D. CRWA** – Humberto shared via email that the posting for the General Manager position at CRWA will close on January 30, 2022.
- E. SSLGC.** Kelley and Omar were invited to take pictures of SSLGC well field drilling operations in February.
- F. SHWSC.** No report given.
- G. CCSUD** – Stephanie sent email “We have several quarantined folks at CCSUD, and I am one of them. We haven’t had too much going on the past couple of months. We are starting our search for more water always wanting to stay a step or two ahead. Developments are coming to us left and right which will push the need for us to put into service some of our wells. Please feel free to continue reaching out to me with those customer questions you get. Stay healthy!”
- 17. Possible items for discussion/consideration at next meeting.** Bill Jones discussed the possibility of hiring an intern later this year.
- 18. Frederick, Perales, Allmon & Rockwell, P.C. (*Executive Session Recommended*)** – No executive session.
- 19. ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Hilmar Blumberg
Hilmar Blumberg, Secretary

2-10-22

Date

