

## REGULAR **MEETING MINUTES**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes** January 17, 2024

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on January 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office located at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, Texas.

Directors Present:

Travis Wegenhoft, Al Mahalitc, Ann Pavliska, Michael Lanier, Marv Ulbricht, Rebecca Moulder

Directors Absent:

Sam Parks

Staff Present:

Jim Brasher

Guests:

None

President Wegenhoft declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Permit Hearing Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 20, 2023 were approved.

GM Brasher informed the Board that the appeal of Andew Labay's Existing and Historic permit has been withdrawn.

GM Brasher presented a Class B Operating permit application submitted by Trent Kelley. Director Mahalitc moved to re-issue a three-year permit for OP-B-0008 for 6.0 ac-ft. The motion was seconded by Director Lanier and carried unanimously. GM Brasher will try to gather more information on the operational capabilities of the second well on the property.

GM Brasher presented the Annual Report. Director Mahalitc moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher gave an update on violations and open investigations:

Meyer Water Well - The driller has not responded to letters. The District's attorney, Monique Norman, has drafted a letter and informed the driller he has been assessed a fine of \$1,200, due by February 9, 2024.

Texas Southern Drilling – Driller has been assessed a fine of \$200, due by February 9, 2024.

Maral Drilling - Driller has been assessed a fine of \$2,000, due by February 9, 2024. The District will also report violations to TDLR.

GM Brasher reported on the following:

Water Level Monitor Well Report Highland Lakes and Other LCRA Projects Region K/GMA 15 Status of Permit Renewals and Water Usage Reports

GM Brasher presented the 2023 Q4 Investment Report. Director Pavliska moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and carried unanimously.

GM Brahser presented the December 2023 Expenditure Report. Director Mahalitc moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the Engagement Letter request from Siedel Schroeder for the FY 2023 audit. Director Mahalitc moved to table action until the next meeting. The Board agreed by consensus. District staff will review other options.

Director Mahalitc moved to approve previously discussed salary increases of 6% for 2024 for GM Brasher and OM Ferguson. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Ann Pavliska, Treasurer/Director

Meeting minutes approved by:

Sam Parks, Secretary

3-20-24 Date