



<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR MEETING MINUTES</p>

**Regular Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2023**

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on January 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, Texas.

Directors Present: Travis Wegenhoft, Sam Parks, Ann Pavliska, Marv Ulbricht, Rebecca Moulder
Directors Absent: Al Mahalitic, Michael Lanier
Staff Present: Jim Brasher, Kim Ferguson
Guests: Andy Labay, Holly Labay, Kelsey Calvez

President Wegenhoft declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

OM Ferguson administered the Oath of Office to Rebecca Moulder.

President Wegenhoft led the pledge and invocation.

Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 15, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Kelsey Calvez gave a presentation on the water quality database project she has been working on for the District. Phase two will include integrating data to the District's website. The Board agreed by common consent to proceed with the project.

GM Brasher presented a Class B Operating permit application submitted by Frank Cash, Jr. Director Parks moved to approve a three-year permit for 30.5 ac-ft. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher reported on three expired permit renewals. He presented the following permits for consideration:

Applicant:	Philip Johnson/Corey Piekert
Type:	Class B Operating
Location:	Sandy Creek Road, Rock Island
Proposed Usage:	Irrigation and Waterfowl
Amt Requested:	1,080 ac. ft.

Director Parks moved to approve a three-year permit for 1,080 ac-ft. and waive the permit application fee. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and carried unanimously.

Applicant:	Rafael Ortega
Type:	Class B Operating
Location:	Hwy. 90A, Altair
Proposed Usage:	Exempt (Not Used)
Amt Requested:	Not Specified

Director Parks moved to approve a three-year permit for 3.0 ac-ft. and waive the permit application fee. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

Applicant: Robichaux Land Co.
Type: Class A Operating
Location: CR 218, Weimar
Proposed Usage: Wildlife and Fish
Amt Requested: Not Specified

Director Parks moved to approve a three-year permit for 22.5 ac-ft. and waive the permit application fee and require a meter on both wells. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher discussed the proposed management zone and associated amendments to rules.

GM Brasher gave an update on the Arbuckle Reservoir located in Wharton County. The expected completion date has changed from middle 2023 to late 2024.

GM Brasher presented water level data for State Monitor Wells in Colorado County. These wells show that CCGCD is abiding by the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) as approved by the CCGCD Board and GMA 15.

GM Brasher reported on several new residential developments in the county.

GM Brasher gave an update on a violation by Alva Mabel Hernandez Lara. This well was not registered with the District prior to drilling and was drilled by an unlicensed driller. The deadline given to cap the illegal well and drill a new well has lapsed. To date, the District has not been notified if the well has been capped or a new well drilled. GM Brasher will follow up with the well owner.

GM Brasher gave an update on two violations by Glen Bonds (Aqua Star, LLC). The driller failed to provide accurate coordinates of the proposed well and provide a State of Texas Well Report within 60 days of completion. A fine of \$200 for each violation was assessed and the fine was received. However, the corrected State of Texas Well Report was not provided. GM Brasher will send another letter to the driller.

GM Brasher gave an update on a Class C Operating permit issued to 3S Ranch (Slade Schiurring). Mr. Schiurring has exceeded his three-year permitted amount after two years. Director Parks motioned to assess a \$500 fine for exceeding the permitted amount and require installation of a mag meter by March 31, 2023. Fines will continue to be assessed if not installed by March 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

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

GM Brasher reported on the following matters:

- Permit Renewals and Annual Water Use Reports
- Key monitor well levels
- Region K/GMA 15
- Highland Lake levels
- Fourth Quarter Investment Report

OM Ferguson presented the December 2022 Expenditure Report. Director Moulder moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

OM Ferguson presented an audit engagement letter from auditors, Seidel Schroeder, for the District's 2022 Fiscal Year audit. The cost of the audit would be between \$6,800 and \$7,300. The audit process would begin in

March and results would be reported in May. Director Pavliska moved to approve the engagement letter from Seidel Schroeder. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and carried unanimously.

OM Ferguson gave an update on the QuickBooks errors and 941 tax return amendments. She will continue working with Jane Broughton of Seidel Schroeder to resolve the errors and make necessary adjustments. Ms. Broughton will begin working on previous year amendments in February.

Director Parks inquired about the condition of the District vehicle. GM Brasher reported that the 2008 Chevrolet truck has been having possible transmission issues. It was decided by the Board to get an estimate on the cost of repairs before moving forward with the purchase of a new vehicle.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Ferguson, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved by:



Sam Parks, Secretary

2-15-23

Date