



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

**Regular Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2023**

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on December 20, 2023
at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office located at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, Texas.

Directors Present: Al Mahalitic, Sam Parks, Ann Pavliska, Michael Lanier, Marv Ulbricht, Rebecca Moulder
Directors Absent: Travis Wegenhoft
Staff Present: Jim Brasher, Kim Ferguson
Guests: None

Vice President Mahalitic declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Permit Hearing Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 18, 2023 were approved.

GM Brasher presented a Class A Existing and Historic amendment application from Andrew Labay. The Board agreed by consensus to deny the amendment application as stipulated in District Rules and to approve a supplemental three-year permit for 90.0 ac-ft.

GM Brasher presented a Class B Operating permit application submitted by Darmor Group, LLC. Director Parks moved to approve a three-year permit for 817.5 ac-ft. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher presented a Class B Operating permit amendment application submitted by TFT Utilities, Inc. Director Ulbricht moved to approve a three-year permit for 186.0 ac-ft. The motion was seconded by Director Lanier and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher presented a Class A Operating permit amendment application submitted by Lazy S Holding, Inc. Director Parks moved to approve a three-year permit for 272.5 ac-ft. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska. The motion was carried with four votes in favor and two votes against.

Violations and Open Investigations:

Meyer Water Well –The Board gave GM Brasher authority to refer this case to the District's legal counsel if no response is received by January 2, 2024.

Maral Drilling – Director Lanier moved to access a \$1,000 fine per violation and report violations to TDLR. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

Washington County Water Wells/JB Water Wells – Due to several previous violations, a \$200 fine was assessed for failure to register a new well. Payment was received from JB Water Wells.

Texas Southern Drilling – Director Ulbricht moved to access a \$200 fine to Texas Southern Drilling for failure to submit a State of Texas Well Report within 60 days of completion of a well. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and carried unanimously.

Zavala Drilling – GM Brasher will send a second letter to the driller regarding the illegally drilled well.

Jesus Bocanegra Colin – This well was self-drilled. The State of Texas Well Report has not been received. GM Brasher will follow up with a second letter to request a copy of the report.

Resort Holdings – This permit has exceeded the permitted amount by 243.4 ac-ft. GM Brasher will contact the new owner to discuss usage.

Alpha 777 – The new owner has not responded to two previous letters. GM Brasher will attempt to make contact with the owner once more.

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 budget line-item adjustments. Director Pavlisa moved to approve the line-item adjustments. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and carried unanimously.

OM Ferguson presented the October and November 2023 Expenditure Reports. Director Pavliska moved to approve both reports. The motion was seconded by Director Lanier and carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the Engagement Letter request from Siedel Schroeder for the FY 2023 audit. OM Ferguson will compare audit pricing from local businesses and report back to the Board.

OM Ferguson discussed the Texas Department of Information Resources Model Policy to comply with SB 1893 sent by the District's attorney, Monique Norman. The Board agreed by consensus to initiate the blocking of listed apps and websites from accessing the District's Wi-Fi network.

Vice President Mahalitic announced that the Board would recess to executive session as permitted by Section. 551.074, Texas Government Code. He said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision or vote in executive session would be made or taken.

Note: The Board met in executive session from 8:40 p.m. to 8:52 p.m.

Vice President Mahalitic reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:53 p.m. with a quorum present.

Vice President Mahalitic announced that the Board agreed to a 6% salary increase for 2024 for GM Brasher and OM Ferguson.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Ferguson, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved by:



~~Sam Parks, Secretary~~

1-14-24

Date