

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## Regular Meeting Minutes February 15, 2023

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on February 15, 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: Staff Present Al Mahalitc, Michael Lanier Jim Brasher, Kim Ferguson

Guests:

Mark Dannemiller

President Wegenhoft declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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

GM Brasher presented a Class B Operating permit application submitted by Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station. Director Parks moved to approve a three-year permit for 600.0 ac-ft. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher presented a Class B Operating permit application submitted by Darmor Investments, LP. Director Parks moved to approve a three-year permit for 50 ac-ft. and require a meter. 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

GM Brasher provided the total number of county-wide registrations recorded by the District. The total number of wells registered with the District is 5,749. This consists of 1,881 new wells and 3,868 existing wells. 5,179 of these wells are exempt. In 2023, 19 wells have been registered. 15 of these wells are exempt and 4 are non-exempt.

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. A State of Texas Well Report has been received from Zavala Drilling for the new well. CCGCD is still pending a copy of the plugging report for the illegal well. Staff will follow up with Zavala Drilling.

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 corrected State of Texas Well Report was recently located on TDLR's database indicating corrections were made January 31, 2023.

GM Brasher gave an update on a Class C Operating permit issued to 3S Ranch (Slade Schiurring). A \$500 fine has been assessed for exceeding the permitted amount. Additionally, the District requires installation of a mag meter by March 31, 2023. Fines will continue to be assessed if not installed by March 31, 2023. To date, no response has been received.

GM Brasher reported that no response has been received from a letter mailed to Robichaux Land Company regarding the installation of two meters.

GM Brasher proposed a revised fee schedule. Among the revisions is an administrative fee for the re-issue of lapsed permits. Fees for re-issued and new permit applications are as follows: Class A - \$25; Class B - \$50; Class C - \$75. Director Moulder moved to approve the new fee. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

OM Ferguson presented the January, 2023 Expenditure Report. Director Pavliska moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Director Parks and carried unanimously.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Ferguson, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved by:

Sam Parks. Secretary