



**REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2022**

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on August 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, Texas.

Directors Present: Travis Wegenhoft, Andy Labay, Ann Pavliska, Russell Trefny, Michael Lanier
Directors Absent: Sam Parks, Al Mahalitic
Staff Present: Jim Brasher, Kim Ferguson
Guests: Hugo Richter, Gary Ulrich

President Wegenhoft declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

President Wegenhoft led the pledge and invocation.

Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 16, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Comments were made by guests Hugo Richter and Gary Ulrich.

GM Brasher gave an update on the Robichaux Land permits (OP-A-0170 & OP-A-0179) and future development. Both permits may need to be revised as the usage purpose of each has likely changed since originally granted.

GM Brasher presented a Class B Operating permit application for livestock and waterfowl from Scott Hooper. Director Trefny moved to approve a three-year permit for 51.0 ac-ft. and require a meter. The motion failed for lack of a second. Director Labay moved to approve a three-year permit for 51.0 ac-ft. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher gave an overview of planned District rules amendments and geographical boundaries for creation of a management zone north of Columbus where the Gulf Coast Aquifer thins and the aquifers are more sensitive to pumping. Director Lanier moved to approve hiring Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, water consultants, for technical review to determine boundaries of a Management Zone 2 for services not to exceed \$10,000 without Board approval. The motion was seconded by Director Trefny and carried unanimously. It was noted Andy Donnelly with the firm had already begun work on defining the zone.

GM Brasher discussed the need for a second and improved device for measuring water levels in monitor wells. Director Pavliska moved to approve the purchase of a new water level monitoring device not to exceed \$1,200. The motion was seconded by Director Trefny and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher presented the District Mid-Year Report.

GM Brasher reported on two potential driller/well owner violations. The first is a public supply well located in Eagle Lake. The well was not registered with the District, and a State of Texas Well Report could not be found in the TWDB database. The second is for a new well recently registered with the District. The driller has not complied with the District's request to provide accurate coordinates.

GM Brasher presented or reported on the following matters:

- Key monitor well levels
- Region K/GMA 15
- Highland Lake levels

OM Ferguson presented the Monthly Expenditure reports for June and July, 2022. Director Pavliska moved to approve both expenditure reports. The motion was seconded by Director Lanier and approved unanimously.

GM Brasher presented proposed line-item amendments to the District's 2022 budget. Director Pavliska moved to approve the proposed amendments. The motion was seconded by Director Labay and carried unanimously.

Consideration was given to the District's budget for 2023. GM Brasher presented various budget alternatives, Director Lanier moved to approve a proposed 2023 Budget in the amount of \$245,560. The motion was seconded by Director Labay and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher presented several tax rate scenarios for tax year 2022. Director Pavliska moved to propose a tax rate of \$.00825 per \$100 valuation for tax year 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Trefny and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher presented the 2nd Quarter 2022 Investment Report.

GM Brasher reminded the Board that Directors Andrew Labay (Place 6, At Large) and Russell Trefny (Place 2, Precinct 2) will be term limited this year and cannot be reelected. Also, Director Al Mahalitic's term (Place 4, Precinct 4) will expire in November. GM Brasher asked the Board to give thought to anyone who might be interested in these positions. August 22, 2022 is the last day for a candidate to file for a place on the election ballot.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Ferguson, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved



Sam Parks, Secretary

9-15-22

Date