



**REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2022**

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on December 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, Texas.

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

President Wegenhoft declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

President Wegenhoft led the pledge and invocation.

OM Ferguson administered the Oath of Office to Marv Ulbricht.

Permit Hearing Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 17, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

GM Brasher presented a Class B Operating (Aggregate) permit application for Darmor Investments, LP. Director Mahalitic moved to approve a three-year permit for 450 ac-ft. and require meters for both wells. The motion was seconded by Director Lanier and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher gave an update on a Class C Operating permit issued to 3S Ranch. The well owner has exceeded his three-year permitted amount after two years. This permit requires an amendment and a permit renewal application. Two letters have been mailed to the well owner. No response has been received as of this date.

GM Brasher gave an update on rules amendments and geographical boundaries for the proposed new management zone north of Columbus where the aquifers are more sensitive to pumping. GM Brasher will continue working with consultant, Andy Donnelly with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc., to determine expected maximum pump rates within the proposed zone.

GM Brasher provided an update on the new water quality database being implemented by Kelsey Calvez. The project should be completed by year-end. GM Brasher expects Ms. Calvez will attend a future board meeting to discuss the project and how the District might share well data on the District website.

GM Brasher reported on 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. The driller has failed to respond to emails and a letter mailed on November 11, 2022. Director Mahalitic moved to assess a \$200 fine for violation of Rule 2.3.1.b and an additional \$200 fine for violation of Rule 3.2.4.c. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

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 well owner is working with Neuendorff Water Well Service to have the illegal well plugged and a new well drilled.

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

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

GM Brasher presented proposed line-item adjustments to the 2022 Budget. Director Lanier moved to approve the adjustments. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

OM Ferguson gave an update on a tax table error in QuickBooks that has affected Medicare and Social Security deductions. He has contacted a supervisor at Siedel Schroeder to discuss correction of the errors. He is awaiting a response.

President Wegenhoft 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 8:02 p.m. to 8:11 p.m.*

President Wegenhoft reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:12 p.m. with a quorum present.

Director Pavliska moved to approve a 5% salary increase effective January 1, 2023 for both General Manager, Jim Brasher and Office Manager, Kim Ferguson. The motion was seconded by Director Mahalitic and approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Ferguson, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved by:

  
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Sam Parks, Secretary

1-18-23  
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Date