



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### Regular Meeting Minutes September 15, 2022

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on September 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, Texas.

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

President Wegenhoft declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Permit Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes dated August 18, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Comments were made by guest, William Brown.

GM Brasher discussed the development of a private 18-hole championship level golf course near Columbus. GM Brasher met with Hal Sutton and Clayton Watz to discuss plans and potential impacts on the water level in the area. The developers plan to submit a permit application prior to the November board meeting.

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. GM Brasher will continue working with consultant, Andy Donnelly with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc., to define the area and determine expected maximum pump rates within the proposed zone.

GM Brasher reported that he has communicated with a possible intern to review water quality data from TCEQ and generate a database for CCGCD. Kelsey Calvez is a Texas A&M graduate with a degree in Environmental Sciences. She is currently in the master's program in GIS Data Management. The project objective is to develop a georeferenced database that enables the user view water quality data by location and search for water quality constituents of interest. The expected project completion date is year-end 2022. Director Mahalitic moved to approve the intern's salary not to exceed \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and approved unanimously.

GM Brasher reported on a drilling violation for Alva Mabel Hernandez Lara. Ms. Lara did not respond to the District's letter by the September 9, 2022 deadline. The Board consensus was to assess a fine of \$250 for failure to properly plug an abandoned well which was illegally drilled on her property. Fines will continue monthly until the well is plugged.

GM Brasher continues to investigate a possible illegally drilled well at Taco Tony's in Eagle Lake.

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 report for August 2022. Director Mahalitic moved to approve the expenditure report. The motion was seconded by Director Parks and approved unanimously.

President Wegenhoft presented a plaque to board member, Russell Trefny, to commemorate his ten years of service to the District. GM Brasher reminded the Board that Place 1, Precinct 1 and Place 6, At Large will become vacant positions upon election day and asked the Board to give thought to anyone who might be interested in these positions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Ferguson, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved

  
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Sam Parks, Secretary

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