



**REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2023**

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on August 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office located at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, Texas.

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

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

Regular Meeting Minutes dated July 19, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

GM Brasher reviewed the proposed boundary between Management Zones 1 and 2. He discussed several requirement scenarios in MZ 2 and associated proposed amendments to the District Rules.

GM Brasher reported Kelsey Calvez continues to work on a database that would provide valuable water quality data for the District. He indicated that there may be an annual software subscription cost. Ms. Calvez will continue working on the database and investigate pricing options.

GM Brasher reported that Region K and the water modeling committee met in Austin on July 12, 2023. Population and water demand data was completed. The committee will begin working on water modeling at the next meeting scheduled for August 21, 2023.

GM Brasher reported that he attended a GMA 15 meeting in Victoria on July 13, 2023. Requests for proposals for consulting work have begun. CCGCD's cost share is \$7,500 covering a 5-year period which the District may be able to split between this year and next. Director Ulbricht moved to approve the \$7,500 cost share covering a 5-year period. The motion was seconded by Director Lanier and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher reported that Director Mahalitic did an on-site inspection of the illegal well drilled at 2215 FM 950 south of Eagle Lake. There is no indication that the illegal well was plugged and a new well was drilled as reported by Zavala Drilling. GM Brasher will contact TDLR to discuss further.

GM Brasher reported on the following matters:

- Water Level Monitor Report
- Highland Lake levels
- Mid-Year Report

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

Consideration was given to the District's budget for 2024. Director Parks moved to approve a proposed 2024 Budget in the amount of \$249,880. The motion was seconded by Director Lanier and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher presented several tax rate scenarios for Tax Year 2023. Director Lanier moved to propose a tax rate of \$.00750 per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2023. This is a decrease in the rate adopted last year. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher indicated that the District's Investment Policy requires re-adoption on an annual basis. Director Pavliska moved to re-adopt the investment policy. The motion was seconded by Director Parks and carried unanimously.

The Board discussed lease versus purchase options for a new District vehicle. Director Parks will follow up with dealerships and request three sealed bids.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Ferguson, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved by:


Sam Parks, Secretary

9-20-23
Date