

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes September 20, 2023

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on September 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office located at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, Texas.

Directors Present: Travis Wegenhoft, Sam Parks, Ann Pavliska, Michael Lanier, Marv Ulbricht, Rebecca Moulder

Directors Absent:

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Staff Present:

Jim Brasher, Kim Ferguson

Guests:

None

President Wegenhoft declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Regular Meeting Minutes dated August 16, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

GM Brasher reviewed the proposed boundary between Management Zones 1 and 2. He discussed associated proposed amendments to the District Rules. Completed chapter amendments have been submitted to the District's attorney, Monique Norman, for review. GM Brasher continues to work on incomplete chapters.

GM Brasher discussed extreme drought conditions in the county. Drought severity information has been posted on the District's website and Facebook page. Letters have been sent to approximately 20 landowners requesting voluntary reductions in pumpage.

GM Brasher reported on the following matters:

Water Level Monitor Report Highland Lake levels Region K/GMA 15

GM Brasher gave an update on the violation by Alva Mabel Hernandez. The Board agreed by consensus to send a letter to Ms. Hernandez and the driller, Zavala Drilling. If the driller fails to respond to the District's requests for information, a \$1,000 fine will be assessed.

GM Brasher gave an update on the violations by Meyer Water Well. The Board agreed by consensus to send a second letter to Granvel Meyer, Jr. to request information regarding completed wells. Director Ulbricht moved to fine Meyer Water Well \$200 for each violation and report the violations to TDLR. The motion was seconded by Sam Parks and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher reported on a possible violation by Maral Drilling for failing to submit State of Texas Well Reports to the District. The Board agreed by consensus to send a letter and allow 30 days for response.

GM Brasher reported that he met with a representative from Wellntell on August 29, 2023. Wellntell develops and installs water information systems for the purpose of resource management. The Board asked GM Brasher to provide an explanation of how this information would be used once collected. GM Brasher will report back at a later meeting.

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

President Wegenhoft will follow up with Anthony Pena to discuss setting up an informal audit of the District's electronic security and computer system.

OM Ferguson presented a new sign showing the District's logo to be erected in front of the office at a cost of \$450 to \$500. Minor revisions to the logo were suggested. It was agreed to proceed with the purchase.

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

President Wegenhoft requested an amendment to Regular Meeting Minutes dated July 19, 2023 regarding the approval of the Juneteenth holiday. The minutes should have read "Director Pavliska moved to amend the Director and Employee Policy to include the Juneteenth holiday. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and approved unanimously."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Ferguson, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved by:

Sam Parks, Secretary

Date