

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
1-19-2026

1. Call to Order – Prayer - Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Smith led the prayer.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Water District Pledge. “May we be responsible stewards of our natural resources.”
3. Roll Call – Art Dohmann, Barbara Smith, Reagan Sahadi, Gene Moreland, Terrell Graham. Also present was Michelle Shelton, GM. Colt Williams and Tate Bammert were absent.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Graham introduced and welcomed Bill Parmley, Amy Moreland, Corey Pedeville, Jana Davies, Joshua Council, Theresa Tippin and Jordan Furnans attended virtually.
5. Public Comment – Mr. Dohmann requested public input on their interest in the Groundwater District and this meeting. Mr. Parmley is interested in all groundwater issues as it relates to his ranching business, Theresa Tippin is interested in water conversations in general, especially as it related to Corpus Christi, Jana Davies and Joshua Council are here for the permit hearing, Amy Moreland is attending in support of Gene Moreland, Corey Pedeville introduced himself as a candidate running for County Judge and interested in the workings for the Groundwater District as it relates to long term growth and long term sustainability.

Individual Agenda Items

6. Swearing in of new Board Member for Place 2 – Mrs. Shelton swore in Gene Moreland, new Board member for Place 2.
7. Election of Board Officers and assignment of Bank signatories – Mr. Dohmann nominated Ms. Smith for Board President. Question was asked of Ms. Smith if she was willing to serve. She responded in the affirmative. Mr. Sahadi seconded. There being no further nominations, Mr. Dohmann moved nominations cease. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion for nominations ceasing carried unanimously. The motion for Ms. Smith as President carried unanimously. Mr. Graham requested to step down as Vice President. Nominations were open for Vice President. Mr. Sahadi nominated Gene Moreland for Vice President. Mr. Graham seconded. Ms. Smith moved that nominations cease. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion for nominations ceasing carried unanimously. The motion for Mr. Moreland as Vice President carried unanimously. Mr. Graham moved that Mr. Graham and Mr. Korth be removed from the bank signatory as required by District policy that only officers are signatory on the bank card and to replace with Ms. Smith and Mr. Moreland. Mr. Williams and Mrs. Shelton will remain as signatories on the bank card. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Hearings

8. Open Public Hearing- Under Section 36.404, of the Texas Water Code, the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors does hereby give notice of a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, January 19, at 5:00 p.m. at the Groundwater District Office, 118 S. Market St., in Goliad, Texas. The purpose of this hearing is to hear public comments on the applications for an operating permit. – The Public Comment portion of the hearing was open at 5:20. Ms. Davies provided comment to the Board regarding the reasoning for the permit request in order to satisfy a requirement by TCEQ. There being no further public comment, the public comment period was closed at 5:22 and went to the Board for discussion and review.

Permit No. 79-23-P-0125 for Joshua Council located at 668 Coletto Park Road, Victoria, Texas on a 1-acre tract owned by Joshua Council. Water from the well will be used to provide public water supply for a restaurant. The requested amount of water being 0.375 ac/ft/yr. – The well was drilled in 2000 and has historic use as a restaurant.

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The Board recommended that the applicants complete an HUAC application and return to the General Manager for discussion and review by the Board at the February Board meeting. No action is required at this time.

Consent Agenda Items

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and may be enacted in one motion. A member of the Board of Directors may request one or more items be removed from the consent agenda for a separate discussion and action.

9. Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
10. Approval of December Financials
11. Approval of 4th Quarter Investment Report
12. Approval of Invoices
13. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements

Ms. Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Individual Agenda Items, cont.

14. Discussion and possible Action on Renewal of CD 5229 – After review of the submission by Cadence Bank that the only CD option for public funds with this bank at this time was a 6-month CD at 2.75% APY, Mr. Dohmann moved to close out CD 5229 and transfer the funds to the District Money Market Account *****452. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
15. Discussion and possible Action on annual Water Conservation Award Recipient – After discussion by the Board, Mr. Sahadi nominated Mr. Korth for the Chamber of Commerce Water Conservation Award. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
16. Discussion and possible Action on statement of No Impact Statement regarding Keys Hollow Solar as required by the Tax Abatement with Goliad County – After Board discussion Mr. Graham moved to table this agenda item until more information has been received. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
17. Report from Litigation Committee; Discussion and take action as necessary – Mr. Graham updated the Board on the sequence of events coming up regarding the litigation. We are waiting for UEC and TCEQ to file their written briefs. There was a motion to strike the landowners. The District has budgeted \$75K and has spent approximately \$15K. No action was required.
18. Report from GMA-15 Committee; discuss and take action as necessary – The latest GMA-15 meeting the annual performance report to GMA-15 was submitted and approved. After review of the submittals from the other Districts, we may need to amend our report moving forward. The GMA was informed that each District is required to review and comment on the other Districts Management Plan and Rules pursuant to current statute. The next regular meeting is in April. It was requested that the General Manager submit to the Board the statutes for review and consideration and put this on the next agenda for discussion. Mr. Graham reviewed and discussed with the Board the county average water level by year and accompanied graph that he prepared to enable the District to set an accurate baseline for the decadal report required annually by GMA-15. Mr. Dohmann noted that well depths also play an important role so the District might consider also separating the monitor well reports into well depths. Mr. Graham moved that during our bi-annual monitoring, to focus primarily on the monitor wells included in the LRE report for the recalibrated model that focus on wells divided by aquifer (i.e. Chicot, Evangeline, Burkeville, Jasper) before moving to wells outside the report. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion carried unanimously. After agenda item 23, Mr. Graham reopened agenda item 18 for further discussion. Mr. Graham moved to set a DFC of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System at 75% . Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Graham moved to add an additional \$500 to our share of contributed GMA-15 funds because of the late decision on the Gulf Coast Aquifer System decision. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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19. Discussion and possible Action on Corpus Christi ASR, TCEQ Docket No. 2025-1797-MIS regarding Precedent Risk to GCD Authority from Strategic Annexation of High-Volume Wells and Petitions for Inquiry – Mr. Graham updated the Board on the District support of the petition. Hearing is set for February 5th. The landowners have valid concerns. No action was required.
20. Discussion and possible Action on review and Resolution adopting Investment Policy – Mrs. Shelton presented to the Board the investment policy for review and annual approval. There have been no changes this fiscal year. Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the current investment policy as presented. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
21. Discussion and possible Action on TWDB Grants – The Board discussed the three grant options that may currently be available to the District. Mr. Furnans discussed with the Board he and his firm’s availability and willingness to assist the District with the preparation of grant proposals for the groundwater monitoring, groundwater research, science and data collection and AG grants, . After an in-depth discussion of the available grants and the need to have any grant proposal written and presented to the Board at the next Board meeting, Mr. Dohmann moved to concentrate on the grant for building a model for Goliad County. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Furnans was requested to field this grant opportunity and given directive to prepare the grant application on a model only with a ¼ mile grid. For the Ag grant as well as the groundwater monitoring grant, Mrs. Shelton will work on those with Mr. Furnans’ as a resource.
22. Discussion and possible Action on hiring a field technician – After Board discussion on the need for, at a minimum, a part-time field tech, Mr. Sahadi moved to advertise for a part-time field tech on Facebook and on the webpage at a pay scale of a maximum of \$20/hour DOE for 16-20 hours a week. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
23. General Manager’s Report and updates. Field Tech Report – Burton Monitor Well/Bhakta Monitor Well/City Well Report, New Well Report. Discussion from DCP Settlement. Discussion about annual rainfall totals. Take Board action as necessary – Due to the length of the Board meeting and no action being required for any of the discussions by the General Manager, Mr. Graham suggested to move discussion and action on the DCP settlement to the next Board meeting as well as the rainfall total discussions.
24. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – Region L meetings in January and February. Mallory Luker will be coming to the office to discuss her presentation on groundwater conservation. Mr. Graham virtually attended San Patricio County Groundwater Association meeting. In discussion was the sale by Evangeline Laguna to Corpus Christi of 25,000 ac/ft/yr of groundwater for \$180 million.
25. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Revisit the CD funds that were put in a holding account for reinvestment; Statute review for GMA-15; D & A on Drought Contingency Plan; D & A on hiring a general counsel; D & A on moratorium for out of district transport. D & A on DCP settlement funds. D & A on annual rainfall totals.
26. Public Comments – There were no public comments.
27. Adjourn – Mr. Sahadi moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Moreland seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Submitted by: Michelle Shelton

Approved by Board of Directors: February 16, 2026