

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
7-20-2026

1. Call to Order – Prayer – Mr. Moreland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Dohmann 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 – Colt Williams, Art Dohmann, Gene Moreland, and Reagan Sahadi. Also present was Michelle Shelton, GM. Barbara Smith, Terrell Graham and Tate Bammert were absent.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Moreland introduced and welcomed Bill Parmley, Allen Dohmann, David Day, Russell Bego, D. C. Zengerle, Mike Thomas, Kay Thomas, Connie Waters, Jordan Furnans and Eric Grahmann.
5. Public Comment – Mr. Dohmann made a presentation associated with GMA-15. Statutorily every 5 years the GMA needs to come up with a DFC (Desired Future Condition) which is associated with the projected groundwater availability 50 years from now. This is a misnomer as this number is projected and not desired. Mr. Dohmann did an overall analysis of historical groundwater levels from grid 5, grid 13 in the Evangeline Aquifer component showing a steady decline over the period of time that the groundwater district has been conducting water level monitoring. He also demonstrated a steady decline in the Chicot Aquifer component in what the District calls the Wexford property that is in the south county on the prairie. There is not as much activity in the southern area as in the northern area, but still showing a decrease. There are three major components that have created these declines and all three are outside of GCGCD ability to deal with. One is recharge and is affected by no more row cropping and the overgrowth of mesquite, huisache and black brush. Number 2 is the activity in Karnes and DeWitt County with all the fracing which has reduced our hydraulic head, so the influx of our groundwater is much less than the up dip counties. The third is City of Victoria used a lot of groundwater and pulled groundwater levels down over 100’ due to cone of depression which extends to the NE portion of Goliad County. The sands are still trying to fill up. When you look at the GCGCD proposed DFC’s for this cycle, the projections are based on the actual data. Mr. Dohmann just wanted to give a basis for any comments regarding GCGCD’s projections are based on historical data and does not include any projections to include any unknowns, the situation in Corpus Christi that could affect the southern part of Goliad County, uranium activity, etc. There was a public comment from Mr. Day regarding the southern part of Goliad County. He had a major project in Corpus Christi that tied into a 30” water main at 100 psi tied into a plant for cooling towers. He stated he feels that our water table is being depleted with this type of known activity in the Evangeline Aquifer. Mike Thomas had a question regarding how much water was returned to the soil or water table in a earthen stock tank situation. Mr. Dohmann noted that GCGCD uses 3’ of water evaporation per year as a standard for evaporation not to include percolation or absorption dependent on the construction of the pond. Being no further comments, the public comment period was closed at 5:21 p.m.

Hearings

6. Open Public Hearing under Chapter 551, Government Code (V.T.C.A.) Texas Open Meeting Act and Sections 36.063 and 36.108 of the Texas Water Code on Revisions to DFC’s in Response to Public Comments.

Notice is given in accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code (V.T.C.A.) Texas Open Meeting Act and Sections 36.063 and 36.108 of the Texas Water Code, that the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors will conduct a public meeting and public hearing on July 20, 2026, at 5:00 PM, at the GCGCD offices at 118 South Market Street, Goliad, Texas 77963. The purpose of the meeting and hearing is to receive public comment and consider possible action on the proposed desired future conditions of Groundwater Management Area 15.

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Public Hearing was open at 5:22 p.m. and open for public comment. Being no public comment, the hearing was closed for Board discussion. Mr. Dohmann commented that the numbers seen were generated by a model that was contracted by the GCGCD and projected out 50 years. Being no further discussion Mr. Dohmann moved to adopt the DFC's submitted by the GCGCD of Groundwater Management Area 15. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion passed (4-0) in the affirmative, with all members present voting in favor.

7. 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, July 20, 2026 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 application for proposed operating permit.

Permit No. 79-13-P-0127 for Edward D. Day located at 4854 Post Oak Road, Goliad, Texas on a 6-acre tract owned by Edward D. Day. The use for the new well would be for water to maintain an earthen stock tank to be stocked with fish to be used for Autism Children's Programs and Wounded Warrior Programs. The requested amount of water is 2.25 ac/ft/yr.

Public Hearing was opened at 5:25 p.m. and open for public comment. Mr. Day clarified that Wounded Warrior would be separate and apart from this request. The well will be a dual purpose well to service both his small tank as well as his house, currently being run by a solar system. The main purpose of the well will be to maintain the tank with crappie for children with autism to be able to come out and fish. At 50% full the depth of the tank will be 4.5' deep at the deepest and will be sufficient to maintain the fish. Being no further comments, the hearing was open for Board discussion. Mr. Dohmann made a motion that for the purpose of service autistic children, this will be a permitted use well. The permit will be issued for a 3-year period for 1 ac/ft/yr to maintain the tank level if it drops below 50% due to shortage of rainfall, the 1 ac/ft/yr be applied to the level of the tank and at such time as the landowner would disconnect the existing well and use the new well to provide domestic water, which is an exempt use, because of the limitation of the acreage, the maximum water use which will be a combination of the 1 ac/ft/yr plus the exempt use would be 2.25 ac/ft/yr. Water usage will be required to be reported via flow meter, hour meter, meter run, etc. annually. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion passed (4-0) in the affirmative, with all members present voting in favor.

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.

8. Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2026 Regular Meeting
9. Approval of June Financials
10. Approval of 2nd Quarter Investment Report
11. Approval of Invoices
12. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements

The Board reviewed the consent agenda items as presented. Mr. Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion passed (4-0) in the affirmative, with all members present voting in favor.

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Individual Agenda Items

13. Discussion and possible Action on Budget Adjustments – Mrs. Shelton presented her recommendations for line-item adjustments to cover future possible overages as follow...
 - 102 Copier/Printer/Fax increase of \$300 from \$1200 to \$1500
 - 110 Telephone increase of \$150 from \$500 to \$650
 - 111 Internet increase of \$50 from \$1500 to \$1550
 - 1131 Employee Wages increase of \$3000 from \$8000 to \$11,000
 - 800 Contingency transfer \$3,500 from contingency to line items noted above from \$8850 to \$5350
- Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the budget adjustment recommendations from the General Manager. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion passed (4-0) in the affirmative, with all members present voting in favor.
14. Report from Litigation Committee; Final Trial Hearing rescheduled to July 17th at 9:00 am in Travis County (D-1-GN-24-009492); Discussion and take action as necessary – Mrs. Shelton updated the Board that the hearing was on Friday July 17th. The attorney thought the hearing went well. There is no ruling from the judge. No action was required.
15. Report from GMA-15 Committee; Discussion and take action as necessary – there was nothing to report. Next planning meeting is October 8th. No action was required.
16. Report from Rules Committee; Discussion and possible Action on review and proposed changes or revisions – there was nothing to report. No action was required.
17. Discussion and possible Action regarding Audit Engagement Letter received by S. Noel Snekdeker, II – Mr. Dohmann moved to approve Mrs. Shelton to execute the engagement letter on behalf of the District. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion passed (4-0) in the affirmative, with all members present voting in favor.
18. Discussion and possible Action regarding writing a letter to the Appraisal District Board regarding GCGCD representation at the Appraisal District Board Meetings – Mr. Dohmann updated the Board on discussion of issues regarding the Appraisal District centering around the settlement with DCP that cause GCGCD approximately \$20,000. It was not budgeted and it was something that had been in litigation since 2019 which was incurring interest. GCGCD is under the jurisdiction of the Appraisal District numbers yet we have no voice or representation being a minority taxing entity. He would like to consider voicing our concern about the function of the Appraisal District and at least make another appeal. Mr. Dohmann suggested to refer back to our previous request and stated our concern for the process and request to at least have participation at the executive session. Mr. Dohmann moved that the GM draft a letter that he will review and approve for submittal to the Appraisal District. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion passed (4-0) in the affirmative, with all members present voting in favor.
19. Discussion and possible Action on setting a date for the Budget Workshop – GM suggested to set the Workshop for August 17, 2026. Mr. Dohmann commented that the workshop would require more time to address some pending issues. Mr. Williams moved to start the Budget Workshop at 4:00 and official Board meeting will not start until 5:30. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion passed (4-0) in the affirmative, with all members present voting in favor.
20. Discussion and possible Action on issuing RFP for grant work – Mrs. Shelton updated the Board that she has a draft RFQ for review by the Board but has yet to receive the TWDB contract in order to finalize. GM requested the Board take the RFQ home and comment back any suggested changes. Mr. Dohmann moved to appoint an RFQ committee to consist of Mr. Graham, Mr. Dohmann and Mr. Moreland to review the RFQ and approve the GM to send out for bid. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion passed (4-0) in the affirmative, with all members present voting in favor.

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21. Discussion and possible Action on RFP review and options for water attorney's – Mrs. Shelton updated the Board that our received submissions for District Attorney were from Langley Banack and Graves Dougherty. Mr. Dohmann moved that we table this agenda item until the Budget Workshop. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion passed (4-0) in the affirmative, with all members present voting in favor.
22. General Manager's Report and updates. Field Tech Report – Burton Monitor Well/Bhakta Monitor Well/City Well Report, New Well Report, Bi-Annual Rainfall Totals. Take Board action as necessary – Mrs. Shelton provided an overview to the Board of the activities of the District over the past month. The rainfall totals have not been completed and will be moved to the August agenda. The install with TWDB for the real time monitor equipment being installed in Goliad County on July 22nd and the office staff will be in the field with TWDB for training on the install. A reminder to complete your CyberSecurity and AI training. No action was required.
23. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – Nothing to report
24. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Put Bi-Annual report on the August agenda, possible discussion on removing the weather stations at Dohmann, Langrebe, Fuller properties
25. Public Comments – Mr. Furnans commented regarding Graves Dougherty and that he has a good relationship with them and would recommend. They will be representing the City of Houston. There was a general public comment to look into rainfall simulators. There was a question regarding the Disaster Declaration by the judge and what the status was. The Board has received no updates.
26. Adjourn – Mr. Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion passed (4-0) in the affirmative, with all members present voting in favor.

Submitted by: Michelle Shelton

Approved by Board of Directors: August 17, 2026