

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes  
4-20-2026

1. Call to Order – Prayer – Ms. Smith 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 – Gene Moreland, Terrell Graham, Art Dohmann, Colt Williams and Barbara Smith, . Also present was Michelle Shelton, GM. Tate Bammert and Reagan Sahadi were absent.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Ms. Smith introduced and welcomed Jordan Furnans, Steven Saucedo, JJ Wells, David Michaelsen, Linda Pinsker, Dudley Rains, Carol Rains, Shana Elliott, Rick Kocurek and David Moya.
5. Public Comment – Mrs. Shelton introduced Jesse Ortega, the District’s new Field Technician to the Board. Mr. Furnans made public comment that he is no longer with Spheros and will be opening his own consulting company in the near future. The TWDB received about 40 applications, of which GCGCD was one. They are expecting to be able to fund almost all of them, but will be spread over two years. Mr. Michaelsen wrote a letter to the County Commissioners regarding UEC and groundwater use. Mr. Dohmann addressed the issue of getting information out to the public.

**Hearings**

6. 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, April 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 the revised application for the existing operating permit.

Permit No. 79-21-P-0111 for Dudley and Carol Reins located at 3705 North U.S. Highway 183, Goliad, TX. 77963 on a 320-acre tract owned by Dudley and Carol Reins is requested to revise the use for the well to include road construction for the bridge at Highway 59. There will be no change in the permitted ac/ft/yr allowable of 5 ac/ft/yr.

The Public Hearing was open at 5:20 p.m. and went to the Board for discussion and comment. The Board discussed the requested change in use with Mr. Rains regarding the bridge road construction and approaches to the bridge on Highway 59.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the revised permit for a period of three (3) years. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unopposed.

**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.*

7. Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2026 Regular Meeting
8. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2026 Special Meeting
9. Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2026 Town Hall
10. Approval of March Financials
11. Approval of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report
12. Approval of Invoices
13. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements

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Mr. Dohmann made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Mr. Moreland seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

**Individual Agenda Items**

14. Discussion and possible Action on GCGCD Annual Financial Audit – Mr. Snedeker was not in attendance. Mr. Graham made a motion to table this agenda item. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
15. Discussion and possible Action on tax collection issues – Mr. Saucedo presented JJ Wells who will be our new representative going forward with Linebarger. After board discussion, it was determined to put this agenda item on the May agenda in order for Linebarger to obtain more detailed information to bring before the board regarding the overage in tax collections. There was no action required.
16. Discussion and possible Action on Resolution adopted by Commissioners' Court – Mr. Graham commented that he would like to see the Spring water levels before taking any action on this agenda item. Mr. Graham made a motion to take no action. Mr. Moreland seconded. The motion carried with 4 Ayes and Mr. Dohmann abstaining.
17. Report from Litigation Committee; Discussion and take action as necessary – Mr. Graham commented on the last briefing that was distributed to the Board. From here we moved to oral briefing on June 17<sup>th</sup> in Travis County. It is open court and anyone can attend. No action was required.
18. Report from GMA-15 Committee; Discussion and take action as necessary – Mr. Graham provided an update to the Board. The Explanatory Report has been received and Mrs. Shelton has distributed it to the Board. We are entering the 90-day comment period and then a hearing. Explanatory Report and DFC's need to be posted in the office and the website for public review. 90 days will be around the August 7<sup>th</sup> timeline. This needs to be posted in the newspaper on the public calendar section. No action was required.
19. Discussion and possible Action on review of Permit 79-21-P-0002 that the new property owner has requested the permit allocation to be set back at initial permit amount – This was Board discussion only. New owner will need to submit a new application for change of use and increase to include irrigation. Original permit was under the old rules of ½ ac/ft/ac and the new application would need to go under the new rules of 3/8 ac/ft/ac. No action was required.
20. Discussion and possible Action on RFP for water attorney's – Mrs. Shelton updated the Board on the attorney's that the RFP was requested from. The District received one response. Since the response had not been reviewed by the Board timely, the Board requested time to review and come back for discussion at the next Board Meeting. Mr. Graham made a motion to table this agenda item until the next item for review. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
21. General Manager's Report and updates. Field Tech Report – Burton Monitor Well/Bhakta Monitor Well/City Well Report, New Well Report. Take Board action as necessary – Mrs. Shelton provided the Board an overview of the activities of the District over the past month. No action was required.
22. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – Region L Planning meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> and Region L IPP Public Hearing on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Next GMA meeting will be in September.
23. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – The yearly performance report and who the District would like to send the information to. Follow up regarding the spreadsheet to report fire department use throughout the county.
24. Public Comments – Mr. Furnan's made comment regarding exporting water outside the District is a statewide phenomenon. He clarified pumping comments regarding Evergreen GCD; the Evergreen GCD is proposing a model for the Carrizo Wilcox aquifer as well as for Karnes County. Coordination with Evergreen so our two models can talk to each other will be imperative. Mr. Furnan's describes ac/ft as a football field covered with 9" of water.
25. Adjourn – Mr. Dohmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Smith seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

**Submitted by:** Michelle Shelton

**Approved by Board of Directors:** May 18, 2026