

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
8-18-2025

1. Call to Order – Prayer - Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 4:00 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, Colt Williams, Terrell Graham and Wilfred Korth. Also present was Michelle Shelton, GM. Tate Bammert and Reagan Sahadi were absent.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Korth introduced and welcomed Bill Parmley, and Veronica Fair. Kenneth Klanika attended virtually.
5. Public Comment – No Public Comment

Budget Workshop

6. Hold Budget Workshop - Hold Budget Workshop. Items for correction/revision on the proposed 2025-2026 budget: Propose 0.013429 tax rate.
 - 101 Office Rent and Utilities – reduce from \$3,500 to \$3,000
 - 1133 Manager’s Salary – add \$2,000.00 for a total of \$65,000.00
 - 113a Managerial assistance – reduce from \$1,000 to \$500
 - 1100 Seminars and Training – reduce from \$500 to \$250
 - 1100 Memberships – reduce from \$550 to \$100
 - 205a Contested Case Attorneys – increase from \$0.00 to \$75,000
 - 207 UEC Mining Permit – reduce to \$0.00
 - 401 Technical Expenses – increase from \$400 to \$700 to account for repairs to water level equipment
 - 402 Well plugging – increase from \$0.00 to \$1,100 for possible plugging of a contaminated well
 - 404 Joint Planning – reduce from \$10,000 to \$1,000
 - 600 Director’s Travel Cost Reimbursement – reduce from \$400 to \$0.00
 - **YEARLY OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL \$220,325**

Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the above proposed operating budget of \$220,325 for the 2025-2026 tax year. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

Hearings

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, August 18, 2025, 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 a drilling and operating permit.

Permit No. 79-21-P-0124 for Veronica and Claybril Fair located at 1212 Alcade de La Bahia, Goliad, Texas 77963 on a 13.88-acre tract owned by Veronica and Claybril Fair. Water from the well will be used to provide water for a recreational park area. The 1 HP pump is capable of producing 30 gpm with a requested amount of water being 3 ac/ft/yr.

Public Comment regarding Hearing - Mrs. Fair updated the Board on her intentions for the property that is the subject of the upcoming Hearing. She wants to establish a park where the community can come with their families and enjoy the river.

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Close Public Hearing – The Public Hearing was closed at 5:30 and moved Board for review and action. After Board review and discussion, it was suggested that Mrs. Fair contact the La Bahia Water Supply Corp. for the possibility of connecting to their service. This would be a great savings to the property owner. Mrs. Fair agreed with the suggestion. No action was required.

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 July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting
9. Approval of Minutes from July 28, 2025 Special Meeting
10. Approval of July Financials
11. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements

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

Individual Agenda Items

12. Discussion and Action on Order Adopting 2025-2026 Budget and setting Tax Rate Hearing Date – Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the proposed tax rate of 0.013429 and set the Budget Hearing for 9/15/2025 at 5:00. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
13. Discussion and possible Action on Permit Renewals – Mr. Graham moved to approve the permit renewal for 79-22-P-0077_Joe Sterling at the reduced amount of 3 ac/ft/yr due to historical reported usage with the caveat that the permit can be increased back to permitted amount of 10 ac/ft/yr if needed.
14. Discussion and possible Action on assigning the GM as representative for the District at the Appraisal District Board Meetings – After Board discussion, Mr. Korth moved to approve Mrs. Shelton as the District representative to attend the Appraisal District Board Meetings. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
15. Discussion and possible Action on revising water level monitoring to once a year – After Board discussion, Mr. Dohmann moved to decrease bi-annual water level monitoring to once a year for monitor wells that the District has at least 5 years historical data and remain bi-annual for monitor wells with less than 5 years historical data. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
16. Discussion and possible Action on TWDB Grants – Mr. Graham presented to the Board the suggestion of contracting someone to submit grant proposals on behalf of the District. After Board discussion it was determined to table this agenda item until further information could be obtained.
17. Report from the Litigation Committee. Discussion and possible Action – Mr. Graham discussed with the Board the upcoming TCEQ Commissioners Court hearing regarding the mining permit UR03075 and if the District wanted an attorney to attend the hearing on behalf of the District. After Board discussion, Mr. Graham moved to have an associate attorney present at the August 20th, TCEQ Commissioners Court hearing regarding UR03075 in representation of the District. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
18. Discussion and possible Action on budgeting money to plug the McClellan Well – The Board discussed the estimate proposed by Carter Water Well Service for plugging of the McClellan well. Mrs. Shelton was able to establish that the current property owner has the property for sale and is currently living out of country. The Board discussed that the GM send the current property owner a letter regarding the District intentions and to contact the realtor to establish connection with the property owner. No action was required.

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19. Discussion and possible Action on budget adjustments – Ms. Smith moved to approve moving \$2,492.80 from contingency to line item 101B Office Building and moving \$379.78 from contingency to line item 111 Internet to cover budget overages. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
20. General Manager’s Report and updates. Field Tech Report – Burton/Bhakta Monitor Well/City Well Report, New Well Report. Take Board action as necessary – Mrs. Shelton updated the Board on the activities of the District over the past month to include new wells located, the water level status of the Burton/Bhatka wells and meetings attended. Also included was receipt of water quality from the city, two basic water quality tests requested from property owners from the District and updating the Board on the Slick Wilcox/Conquista remediation. No action was required.
21. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – There will be a TCEQ Commissioners meeting on 8/20/2025 regarding UR03075 at 9:30; there will be a Region L meeting on 8/28/2025 at 9:30; there will be an Appraisal District meeting on 9/8/2025 at 4:00; there will be a TCEQ public meeting on 9/22/2025 regarding the Slick Wilcox/Conquista remediation.
22. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting
23. Public Comments – Mr. Parmley updated the Board on what has been happening with the water shortage in the Corpus Christi area, the status of the proposed desalination unit, the possible purchase of water rights in San Patricio County and the costs associated. Kingsville has stepped up and said they will help provide water to Corpus Christi.
24. Adjourn - Ms. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion carried unopposed. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Submitted by: Michelle Shelton

Approved by Board of Directors: September 15, 2025