

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes  
2-16-2026

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, Tate Bammert and Barbara Smith. Also present was Michelle Shelton, GM. Reagan Sahadi was absent.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Ms. Smith introduced and welcomed Tommie Sue Arnold, Bill Parmley, Ginger Cook, Mac Odem, Corey Pedeville, Shana Elliott, Josh Council, Jana Davies and Rick Kocerek. Jordan Furnans attended virtually.
5. Public Comment – No Public Comment.

**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, February 16, 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 applications for proposed drilling and operating permits.

Permit No. 79-22-P-0126 for Mac Odem located at 2595 East Fannin, Goliad, Texas on a 10.52-acre tract owned by Mac Odem. The use for the new well would be for water to maintain an earthen stock tank. The requested amount of water is 1 ac/ft/yr.

The Public Hearing was open at 5:05 p.m. and went to Board for discussion and comment. The Board requested that Mr. Odem explain to the Board what he was attempting to accomplish with this permit request. He updated the Board on a pond installation to water cattle that would be on rotation with his adjoining property owners.

7. Close Public Hearing and Discussion and Action on permit No. 79-22-P-0126 for Mac Odem

There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 5:07 p.m. and went to the Board for discussion. Mr. Odem was requested to give the Board an overview of the project. He currently has 10 acres and would partner with Mr. Yanta. He would provide the pond and Mr. Yanta would utilize the pond for his cattle operation. Mr. Odem is suggesting a solar installation so that he doesn't use his existing domestic installation. His request is to maintain the ½ full level mandated by the District for earthen ponds. The Board discussed in depth the beneficial use required by District Rules. After Board discussion, Mr. Graham moved that this well request is not an exempt use well and is a permitted use well. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion carried unopposed. Due to the standpoint of the rules, Mr. Odem will need to define the use of the well for permit consideration. Mr. Odem requested to do more research and he would come back to the Board with a revised application. No further action was required.

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**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 January 19, 2026 Regular Meeting
9. Approval of January Financials
10. Approval of Invoices
11. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements

Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

**Individual Agenda Items**

12. Discussion and possible Action on HUAC request for Joshua Council and the Cracked Crab Restaurant – Mr. Graham moved to approve the HUAC request at 1.0 ac/ft/yr for the Cracked Crab Restaurant. After Board discussion, Mr. Graham amended his motion to approve the HUAC at 1.3 ac/ft/yr to accommodate the fishpond. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
13. Discussion and possible Action on CD 5229 Balance that was rolled into the Money Market Account for future reinvestment – After Board discussion, Mr. Bammert moved that the District invest in a CD at Prosperity Bank in the amount of \$100,000 for a period of 12 months at a rate of 2.75% and APY at 2.77%. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
14. Discussion and possible Action on TWDB Grant Applications and Administration – Mr. Furnas presented the grant application for Board review and comment. After Board discussion, Mr. Bammert moved to approve the application with below requested changes. Mr. Graham seconded. It was requested to amend the application as follows...
  - a. Correct physical address by adding “South” to the street address
  - b. Correct the mailing address to the Post Office Box
  - c. Correct the telephone number
  - d. Under Applicant Financial Information, bottom of page 2, strike “contested case hearing” and replace with “legal matter”.
  - e. Under Project Information, bottom of page 4, strike “over the past few years” and replace with “since inception of the District”.

The motion carried unopposed. Mr. Graham proposed that a committee be formed to review the application questions and comment back to Mr. Furnans with any corrections or changes before the submittal deadline of March 13<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Smith asked for volunteers. Mr. Bammert, Ms. Smith and Mr. Dohmann volunteered. Mr. Graham moved to form a committee consisting of Mr. Bammert, Ms. Smith and Mr. Dohmann and that Ms. Smith be the chairman to review and approve the scope of work to be submitted with the Grant Application on or before March 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bammert seconded. The motion carried unopposed. The Board moved to adopt and sign the resolution authorizing submission of a groundwater research, science and data collection grant for fiscal year 2026 application. Mr. Bammert moved to adopt and sign. Mr. Moreland seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

15. Report from Litigation Committee; Discussion and take action as necessary – Mr. Graham updated the Board and the public on the upcoming litigation schedule. No action was required.
16. Report from GMA-15 Committee; Statute review; (Topic 4 email, Topic 5 email, etc. and DFC performance metrics; discuss and take action as necessary – Draft report was forwarded to the Board for review. There may be a special meeting called for GMA-15, but nothing to report at this time. The District is still pending the final draft. This was just a preliminary report. Mr. Graham recommended to revisit this topic at the March meeting. Mr. Graham reviewed with the Board his

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- responses to GMA-15 regarding Topic 4 and 5 issues in reference to GMA-15 not operating and/or reporting properly. The GMA acknowledged receipt of the comments and this will be on the agenda for the next GMA-15 meeting. No action was required.
17. Discussion and possible Action on hiring a field technician – Mrs. Shelton reviewed resumes currently received for the posting for a part-time field technician. After Board review, Mr. Graham moved to have Mrs. Shelton complete initial interviews and present recommendations to the Board at the next Board meeting. Mr. Moreland seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
  18. Discussion and possible Action on hiring a general counsel – After Board discussion, Mr. Graham moved to send out for bid for a water law, open meetings act and public information act attorney and bring back to the Board for review.
  19. Discussion and possible Action on a formal report for water level drop to maintain a written history, location, date and observation – Mr. Dohmann presented the need for a formal form to report changing of pumps, dropping water levels in wells, having to drop elevation of pumps, wells being jetted, etc. Mrs. Shelton was directed to work on a draft report and submit to the Board for review indicating on the form that the owner gives the District permission to use their information.
  20. Discussion and possible Action on review and Resolution adopting Export Moratorium – Mr. Graham discussed with the Board the action of renewing the Export Moratorium. Mr. Dohmann moved to adopt, approve and execute the Export Moratorium Resolution as presented. Mr. Bammert seconded. The motion carried unopposed. Mrs. Shelton was directed to post the approved Resolution at the courthouse, office window, and on Facebook as soon as possible.
  21. Discussion and possible Action on No Impact Statement regarding Keys Hollow Solar as required by the Tax Abatement with Goliad County (Untable from last meeting) – Mr. Graham updated the Board on the telephone conversation that Mr. Graham and Mrs. Shelton had with the lawyer that had reached out requesting information on the District requirements for a No Impact Statement. No action was required.
  22. 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 from Workforce & Wellness Expo. Discussion regarding annual rainfall totals. Take Board action as necessary – Mrs. Shelton updated the Board on District activities over the previous month. No action was required.
  23. 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 discussed with the Board and the public the issues regarding CCASR and possible conflicts of interest and accepted comment and discussion from the public as well as his personal reply to the Office of Public Interest Counsel. No action was required.
  24. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended -
  25. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – PIFT training will be in June. Mr. Moreland volunteered to complete the training. Region L meeting is scheduled for February 20. TWDB hearing regarding UR03075 mining permit is scheduled for February 20. GMA-15 meeting is scheduled for March 12.
  26. Public Comments – There was no public comment.
  27. Adjourn – Mr. Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Moreland seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Submitted by:** Michelle Shelton

**Approved by Board of Directors: March 16, 2026**