Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
9-21-2026

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, Art Dohmann, Colt Williams, Barbara Smith, Reagan Sahadi and Tate Bammert (remote). Terrell Graham was absent. Also in attendance was the District General Manager, Michelle Shelton.

4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Ms. Smith introduced and welcomed Ginger Cook, Lauren Swientek with Spheros Environmental, Regina Staggs, Jordan Furnans, Paul Reitz, Linda Pinsker, David Michaelson and Jack Crews. Appearing remotely on-line was Shana Elliott, and Kenneth Klanika.

5. Public Comment – Lauren Swientek announced that she was representing Spheros Environmental on behalf of Gretchen Miller in representation of their proposal for the grant work. Jordan Furnans also announced he was representing Windward Engineering for its proposal for the grant work. Mr. Dohmann presented to the public the results over the past 30-day period of the new continuous monitoring site which has dropped 1.5 feet. In April of 2003, the water level at this well was 112.6' and now it is 131.0', basically a 19' drop in 23 years. These are the problems that the Groundwater District will have to address going forward. GCGCD has an acute groundwater issue due to lack of recharge in his opinion.

Hearings

6. **Open Public Hearing** – To consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2026-2027. The proposed tax rate is 0.015068 per $100 of value. This rate is for an operating budget of $274,400.00. The public hearing was open at 5:10 pm. There were no public comments.
7. Close Public Hearing – Take Action on Proposed tax rate for 2026-2027. The public hearing was closed at 5:12 pm and went to the Board for discussion.
8. Approve order adopting tax rate for 2026-2027. Mr. Moreland moved to adopt the tax rate of 0.015068 per $100 valuation. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

9. **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, September 21, 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. – The public hearing was open at 5:15 pm. There were no public comments.

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 earthern stock tank for livestock use. The requested amount of water is 2 ac/ft/yr.

10. Close Public Hearing and Discussion and Action on permit No. 79-22-P-0126 for Mac Odem. The public hearing was closed at 5:17 pm and went to the Board for discussion. Mrs. Shelton updated the Board that Mr. Odem had sent a request to the District to table this agenda item until the next meeting and that the GM obtain a list of questions/concerns from the Board that they would like addressed so he could come to the next meeting fully prepared to answer any questions. Questions that the G.M. has already presented to Mr. Odem are the depth of the well, head count of cattle, rotation schedule, type and number of fish, and a copy of the JV or agreement with the adjoining landowner. Mr. Dohmann would like to add there needs to be clarification on what the pond will actually be used for in order to determine exempt vs. permitted use. There would be some kind of a cut-off required and

it is recommended to isolate a small portion of his pond that the well would run into and the remainder of the pond would need to be maintained with rainfall or run-off. Mr. Dohmann moved to table this agenda item until the October 19th regular board meeting. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

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Permit No. 79-38-P-0128 for Regina Staggs located at 16375 Highway 183, Goliad, Texas on a 144-acre tract owned by Regina Staggs. The use for the new well would be for water for a small brewery, large production room and staff bathroom for the winery. The requested amount of water is 2 ac/ft/yr.

12. Close Public Hearing and Discussion and Action on permit No. 79-38-P-0128 for Regina Staggs. The public hearing was closed at 5:25 pm and went to the Board for discussion. Mr. Dohmann would like the permit notated that if in the future there is an expansion, that this would be a consideration for increase in the permitted amount. It is noted in the application, and Mr. Dohmann suggests it be a part of the consideration. Mr. Dohmann moved to approve the permit request at 2 ac/ft/yr for a period of 3-years to include the expansion note. Mr. Moreland seconded. 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.

13. Approval of Minutes from August 17, 2026 Regular Meeting
14. Approval of Minutes from August 31, 2026 Special Meeting
15. Approval of August Financials
16. Approval of Invoices
17. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements

Mr. Sahadi moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Mr. Williams seconded. Mr. Dohmann abstained due to a submittal on agenda item 17. The motion carried with 4 Ayes and 1 abstention.

Individual Agenda Items

18. Report from Litigation Committee; Cause No. D-1-GN-24-009492; *GCGCD v. TCEQ;* 200th Judicial District Court; Discussion and take action as necessary – There was nothing to report. No action required.
19. Report from GMA-15 Committee; Discussion and take action as necessary – The meeting was moved to October 22nd. Mr. Graham is our GMA-15 representative and will no longer be on the Board. Mr. Dohmann moved to make Mrs. Shelton the GCGCD GMA-15 representative. Mr. Moreland seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
20. Report from Rules Committee; Discussion and possible Action on review and proposed changes or revisions – Ms. Smith provided the Board a recap of the rules revisions that the committee has submitted to the Board for review and consideration. Mr. Dohmann moved to set a Rules Revision hearing date for October 19, 2026 at 5:30 pm and post the required notice. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion carried unopposed.

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21. Report from Executive Committee; Discussion and possible Action on General Counsel Engagement Letter – Ms. Smith provided the Board an update on conversations with General Counsel and the final Engagement Letter for Board review and approval. Mr. Dohmann had two comments and one recommendation. Under item 9 it states "Bastrop County". He would like to recommend this be changed to Goliad County. In looking at potential projects, GCGCD would not want to turn over to counsel without some kind of an idea of the SOW and cost estimate. Ms. Smith will go back to Ms. Martin for some clarification. Mr. Williams moved to accept the Engagement Letter with any changes or clarifications that Ms. Smith works out per Board discussion and allow Ms. Smith to execute said Engagement Letter upon completion. Mr. Moreland seconded. The motion carried unopposed.
22. Discussion and possible Action on update of Contested Case Hearing on the Mining Permit and evaluation of possible GCGCD funding participation – Mr. Michaelson updated the Board on the Mining Permit litigation and notified the public that the affected parties were accepting donations for legal expenses. Mr. Dohmann made a recommendation to send a request to General Counsel for review on legalities of GCGCD contributing on behalf of the District. No action was required.
23. Discussion and possible Action on warning notification to include listed rules related to violations – Mr. Bammert presented to the Board concerns regarding rules violations and how these violations would be handled. Mr. Bammert suggested creation of a form for reporting by the public if they noticed concerns or violations. Ms. Smith recommended Mr. Bammert get with Mrs. Shelton for this form creation and bring it back to the Board for review. No action was required.
24. Discussion and possible Action on award for grant work – Ms. Smith brought to the Board the 4 proposals received regarding the grant work RFQ. After Board discussion Mr. Moreland moved to accept the proposal submitted by Windard Water Resources Engineering & Geoscience, PLLC. Mr. Sahadi seconded. The motion carried unopposed. Ms. Smith moved
25. Discussion and possible Action on water quality testing for FY2025/2026 – Mrs. Shelton updated the Board on the recent District water quality testing. Analyte results are in but still pending RadChem results. Two of the analyte results have been sent back to the lab for verification of results.
26. 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 updated the Board on the activities of the District over the past month. Ms. Smith submitted for the record a solicitation for Region L nominees for water districts and moved to submit Mrs. Shelton as a nominee. Mr. Dohmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
27. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – Next meeting is October 19th and will start at 5:30 pm. The Mining permit hearing be hosted at the District offices on October 19th and October 20th.
28. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – The Board needs to consider new litigation committee members as Mr. Graham and Mr. Sahadi will no longer be on the Board. This will go on the November agenda. Mr. Dohmann would like to get some information for the next meeting on possible legal action against the RRC on the McClellan issue and the EPA regarding the aquifer exemption.
29. Public Comments – Mr. Furnans wanted to relay that for a future agenda item, we could add his progress on the Grant work.
30. Adjourn – Mr. Sahadi moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Moreland seconded. The motion carried unopposed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.-

Submitted by: Michelle Shelton

Approved by Board of Directors: October 19, 2026