

MINUTES
OF THE
SOUTHWESTERN TRAVIS COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

At the
Bee Cave School House
13333-A Highway 71 West
Bee Cave, Texas 78738
(Bee Cave Schoolhouse is located adjacent to Lake Travis Fire and Rescue Station 603)

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 10:00 am

1. Call to order, declare meeting open to the public, and take roll

Director and Board President Scadden called the meeting of the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District (SWTCGCD or District) Board of Directors to order at 10:04 AM on March 11, 2020. Six District Directors were present constituting a quorum, including Directors Hennings, Van Ackeren, Dower, Scadden, Davis, and Urie. Also present were Charlie Flatten and Linda Kaye Rogers from Hays Trinity GCD, Kodi Sawin, Virginia Smith, Thomas Griffith, Sandra Bennett and Kristy Petree of Bintree RV Resort, David Smith of Walker Partners, Kirk Holland, Lew Adams, and Pete Golde.

At the request of Director Scadden all present introduced themselves.

The meeting sign-in sheet is attached as Exhibit A

2. Oath of Office and Swearing-In of new Board Member and Executing Authorized Bond

This Item was postponed to a future meeting.

3. Public comments

Director Scadden called for public comments there were no public comments.

Linda Kaye Rogers said that the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District is pleased that the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District is here and legally established.

4. Discuss, consider and possibly act on approving the previous meeting minutes

Approval of the February 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Director Davis said that she had a correction to the legislative report on page 2. She said that she was not in attendance at the senate Hearing but rather that she watched the hearing online.

On a motion by Director Hennings and a second by Director Davis the draft version of the February 12, 2020 meeting minutes, as amended, was approved – 6 Ayes to 0 Nays

A copy of the approved February 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes is attached as Exhibit B

5. Receive, discuss and take action as necessary for Board Committee Reports.

a. Finance

Director Urie presented the Financial Report. He said there were checks written for \$125 to the HCA Rainwater Revival, Two checks for \$210.05 and \$128.65 to GoDaddy, and \$148 to the Post Office for P.O. box rental. The ending balance is \$10,867.00.

Director Scadden suggested that business cards are needed for Brian Hunt and the new General Manager.

On a motion by Director Davis and a second by Director Hennings the Board approved purchasing business cards for Brian Hunt and the new General Manager – 6 Ayes to 0 Nays

The financial report is attached as Exhibit C

b. Legislative

Director Davis provided copies of the TCGD Current GCD Accountability Metrics diagram which provides a review of accountability mechanisms in effect for GCDs.

The TAGD Current GCD Accountability Metrics diagram is attached as Exhibit D

Director Scadden advised that Judge Eckhardt is resigning as Travis County Judge to run for State Senate.

c. Science-Outreach

Director Hennings said that the HCA Rainwater Revival is still on since Dripping Springs is not restricting meetings at this time. She also advised that the Southwestern Travis County Hydrogeologic Atlas is coming out and will be printed by Travis County.

Director Dower provided an update regarding the website. He said that there were 598 views, 102 file downloads, and one contact from a website visitor. He also advised that cybersecurity training is now required for all State officials (elected directors). Charlie Flatten said that Blanco Pedernales GCD has a list of resources for this training.

6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on items relating to the new office space provided by Travis County including, but not limited to, final agreement, insurance, Internet service, furnishings

Director Scadden said that the agreement with Travis County for office space has been completed and someone just needs to deliver the \$1 check and pick up the keys. Director Van Ackeren volunteered to get the keys. Vicky Kennedy advised that Travis County has surplus furniture if the SWTCGCD can get a list together for what is needed.

7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on hiring a part-time General Manager and establishing a compensation plan

Director Scadden introduced the GM selection subcommittee consisting of Directors Dower and Hennings and Pete Golde. Director Dower reported that there were five applicants and the subcommittee interviewed three, two in person and one by phone. The unanimous choice of the subcommittee is Kodi Sawin and the subcommittee recommends that the Board approve negotiation of a contract with Ms. Sawin.

On a motion by Director Dower and a second by Director Hennings the Board approved the selection committee recommendation to select Kodi Sawin as the SWTCGCD General Manager – 6 Ayes to 0 Nays

Director Scadden said that Kodi Sawin has provided a draft template contract and proposed that a subcommittee be formed to negotiate the contract with Ms. Sawin.

On a motion by Director Hennings and a second by Director Van Ackeren the Board authorized a subcommittee comprised of Directors Scadden and Dower to negotiate a contract with Kodi Sawin to serve as the SWTCGCD General Manager – 6 Ayes to 0 Nays

Director Hennings thanked Ms. Sawin for her work with the SWTCGCD for the past year and Ms. Sawin responded that she was excited to continue that work as General Manager.

8. Discuss and consider individual director actions related to compliance with the Texas Conflicts of Interest Disclosure Statement promulgated under Local Government Code, Section 176

Kirk Holland explained that a Disclosure Statement is required any time that a Board action may benefit the director or the director's family. This is a "self-reporting" process and the Disclosure Statement is a public document. There is no prohibition, just the requirement for disclosure notification. In response to a question, Mr. Holland said that he was not clear if Inter Local Agreement (ILA) participants are "Vendors" and subject to disclosure of conflicts of interest.

9. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on the draft Management Plan

Director Scadden said that he wanted to update everyone on progress on the Management Plan and he thanked Kirk Holland for his work on the Plan. Mr. Holland provided copies of a handout showing the overall Management Plan development process. He said that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) pre-review can vary from less than a month to a couple of months depending on the TWDB workload and completeness of the Management Plan. After TWDB pre-review the Management Plan is sent out to Region K and GMA 9 and after responding to TWDB comments the TWDB approves the Management Plan. The SWTCGCD can then operate as a legal GCD and complete the rule making process. Rules must be consistent with the Management Plan. The rule making process can be initiated before Management Plan final approval. Rules require a public hearing. Kirk said that we are still waiting on correct aquifer data for the SWTCGCD that is apportioned to just this GCD and not all of Travis County. Director Scadden said that the SWTCGCD can submit the draft Management Plan since the TWDB pre-review is format based. Kirk Holland said that we have figures and tables called out, but we do not have them yet. Many of them will come from the Hydrogeological Atlas and they should be included in the pre-review draft. Mr. Holland said he would like to go through the Management Plan document and discuss any comments from the board. After review he said he would ask the Board to authorize the Management Plan Sub-committee to update the Management Plan and submit it to TWDB for pre-review. Linda Kaye Rogers from Hays Trinity GCD suggested that the new General Manager should be involved in the Management Plan development/approval process. Director Scadden

then asked the Board if they had reviewed the draft Management Plan and if they had any comments. After a brief discussion the Board agreed that they were aware of the policy statements in the Management Plan and that they were comfortable with them.

On a motion by Director Dower and a second by Director Van Ackeren the Board authorized the Management Plan Sub-committee to update the Management Plan and to submit it to TWDB for pre-review – 6 Ayes to 0 Nays

Director Scadden thanked the Board for taking the time to review the Management Plan and thanked Kirk Holland for his extensive work on its development.

Item 13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on items related to Bentree RV Park on Hamilton Pool Road was now taken up out of order

Director Davis explained that the Hamilton Pool community has been asking about the role of the SWTCGCD in the permitting of the Bentree RV Park on Hamilton Pool Road near Hamilton Pool. Vicky Kennedy with Travis County advised that Travis County regulates development but not groundwater. Going forward the SWTCGCD will regulate groundwater. Travis County looks at supply sufficiency and the SWTCGCD will look at impacts on water quality and availability.

The representatives of Bentree (Sandra Bennett, Kristy Petree, and David Smith with engineering firm Walker Partners) said that they had completed an extensive water availability study which Brian Hunt was involved in and found no impact on adjacent wells and the Bentree well recharged quickly. They added that they have a drought contingency plan in place.

Director Scadden asked if there are documents about the pump test and Vicky Kennedy said yes and that it was a good study and Bent Tree has been very cooperative. Director Scadden went on to say that the SWTCGCD is developing a Management Plan and then Rules but it is just getting started. At this point the SWTCGCD does not have authority over this well but will after the Rules are in place and well owners should keep in touch about the Rules. Director Hennings said that the Bent Tree well is in the Cow Creek Sands and she asked if any rock cuttings were sent for analysis. Vicky Kennedy said no because Travis County was not involved during the well drilling. The Bentree representatives said that samples were taken and Charlie Flatten advised that Hays Trinity GCD is the repository for samples and probably has these samples. Director Scadden then asked what Brian Hunt's involvement was and Vicky Kennedy said it was part of the Hydrogeologic Study data collection.

10. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on initiating resolution of GMA 9/10 boundary issue affecting SWTCGCD

Director Scadden explained that part of the SWTCGCD is in GMA 10. Linda Kaye Rogers from Hays Trinity GCD suggested that the SWTCGCD Board consider the financial impact of being in two GMAs. Kirk Holland asked that the SWTCGCD Board consider passing a resolution to request a change in the GMA boundaries to match the SWTCGCD/BSEACD boundary and he provided a draft resolution for the to be proposed to GMA 9. Director Hennings asked Mr. Holland why the Medina County GCD request for a boundary change was denied. Mr. Holland replied that the Medina County GCD request did not have a hydrogeologic basis but was rather for administrative convenience. The SWTCGCD request has a hydrogeologic basis. Mr. Holland provided a map showing the current and proposed boundaries.

On a motion by Director Hennings and a second by Director Dower the Board authorized the SWTCGCD GMA 9 representative Scadden to pursue resolution of the boundary issue with GMA 9 and GMA 10 – 6 Ayes to 0 Nays

The proposed GMA 9 resolution is attached as Exhibit E

The proposed boundary map is attached as Exhibit F

11. Discuss, consider and possibly act on contracting for legal services

Director Scadden updated the Board on progress of the Legal Services Subcommittee. He said the subcommittee has prepared an RFQ and issued it to six firms. The responses are due at 1:00 PM on March 12th. So far two firms have declined to submit a response. The subcommittee will provide a recommendation at the April Board meeting.

12. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on participating in the ACC GIS Service-Learning Project and prioritize potential projects

Director Hennings reviewed the ACC GIS Service-Learning Project saying that there are 10 GIS students who will do projects for six weeks from March 25th through May 13th and the students will present their projects on May 13th. Director Hennings handed out a list of potential projects presented in priority order based on her opinion of the priorities and described the projects. She then asked for input from the Board. Director Scadden suggested that project #3 should be a higher priority and Director Hennings added that maybe it should be #1. Director Hennings then advised that project #4 needs 3D GIS viewing software, she thought there may be free software available. Director Scadden suggested that project #10 could be eliminated and Director Hennings suggested that projects #7 and #8 could be combined. Linda Kaye Rogers suggested a project geared around demand and recharge would be good for understanding the future. Virginia Smith said that the location of the showcase of the projects on May 13th is up to the SWTCGCD. Students will present and explain their projects. Director Davis asked if the SWTCGCD will get copies of the projects and Ms. Smith answered yes.

13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on items related to Bentree RV Park on Hamilton Pool Road

This Item was taken up earlier.

14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on items related to EIS/GIS and Data Management

Director Davis said that she had spoken to a GIS consultant at the TAGD meeting and he would like to talk to the Board about GIS data presentation. The consensus of the Board was that there was not to have such a presentation at this time.

15. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on reimbursing former representative Paul Workman for his previous payment for the SWTCGCD PO Box

Director Davis advised that Board that she had learned that the PO box had not been paid for out of Representative Workman's personal funds and so there is no need for reimbursement.

16. Discuss and possibly establish agenda items for the next Board meeting

Agenda items suggested for next months meeting were:

- Report on Rainwater Revival
- Management Plan approval
- Legal Services
- Prioritizing work for General Manager
- Plan for ACC GIS presentations
- Hydrogeologic Atlas presentation

17. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on setting the date, time, and location for the next Board meeting

The Board agreed to set the next meeting for 10:00 AM on Wednesday April 8, 2020 at the Bee Cave Schoolhouse.

Late Public Comment

Mr. Lew Adams, who had arrived late to the meeting, provided the following public comment at this time:

Mr. Adams said that the University of Texas uses the pristine canyon on his land as a natural laboratory. This canyon is just downhill from the proposed Bintree RV Park on the west side. The RV Park will lower the water table damaging this important natural canyon.

18. Adjourn

On a motion by Director Van Ackeren and a second by Director Urie the Board voted to adjourn the meeting – 6 ayes to 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 PM.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th day of April 2020



Tim Van Ackeren, Secretary

Exhibit A

Attendee Sign-in Sheet

BOARD MEETING
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At the
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Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 10:00 am

ATTENDEES

Name	Affiliation	email address
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Thomas Griffith	Volunteer	tdgriff@stcabbot.com
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PETE GOLDE	VOLUNTEER	pgolde@techpeopleinc.com
Lee Adams	Land Owner	lee.adams@ad.net

Exhibit B

Approved Minutes from February 12, 2020 Board Meeting

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1. Call to order, declare meeting open to the public, and take roll

Director and Board President Scadden called the meeting of the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District (SWTCGCD or District) Board of Directors to order at 10:02 AM on February 12, 2020. Five District Directors were present constituting a quorum, including Directors Hennings, Van Ackeren, Dower, Scadden and Davis. Director Urie was absent. Also present were Charlie Flatten, Kodi Sawin, Thomas Griffith, Virginia Smith and Pete Golde.

The meeting sign-in sheet is attached as Exhibit A

2. Public comments

Director Scadden called for public comments and there were no public comments.

3. Discuss, consider and possibly act on approving the previous meeting minutes

Approval of the January 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Director Hennings and a second by Director Dower the draft version of the January 12, 2020 meeting minutes was approved – 5 Ayes to 0 Nays

A copy of the approved January 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes is attached as Exhibit B

4. Receive, discuss and take action as necessary for Board Committee Reports.

a. Finance

Director Scadden presented the financial report for the period ending 1/31/2020. He advised that two checks were written to GoDaddy and TAGD and that the balance in the checking account at the end of the period was \$11,393.23. The P.O. Box rental is due March 29th in the amounts of \$74 for 6 months or \$148 for 12 months. He recommended renewal for 6 months since there is no discount. A discussion ensued with the points being made that the SWTCGCD business cards have the P.O. Box address on them and that a P.O. Box is more secure than delivery of mail to the office until the office is fully occupied on a full-time basis. It was agreed to renew the P.O. Box for a period of 1 year for \$148.

On a motion by Director Hennings and a second by Director Van Ackeren the Board approved renewing the P.O. Box for 1 year for \$148 – 5 Ayes to 0 Nays

The financial report is attached as Exhibit C

b. Legislative

Director Davis said she viewed the January 22nd Texas Senate public hearing online. She said that the discussions centered around regulatory framework and Jason French spoke about the Water Availability Model. She went on to say that she recommends watching the full video of the hearing and she will send the link to the video to the Board.

c. Science-Outreach

Director Hennings advised that on January 23rd she provided comments on the Hydrogeologic Atlas being prepared by BSEACD and Travis County as part of their Southwestern Travis County Hydrogeologic Study. She said that they want to publish the Atlas by the end of the month but that is not likely because there was a large volume of comments. Director Scadden reviewed the Study effort and its importance to the SWTCGCD as a scientific basis for developing the Management Plan and rules. Tom Griffith asked who has final say on comments. Directors Hennings and Scadden said that BSEACD (Brian Hunt) and Travis County would have final say. Charlie Flatten added that Hays County is doing a \$200K study on interaction of surface water and groundwater. There is a presentation on this study at the Hays County Commissioner's Court at 9:00AM on February 25th.

5. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on filling the Director vacancy

Director Dower said that the Nominating Committee consisting of Directors Hennings, Dower and Davis considered three candidates – Tom Griffith, Carl Jones, and Brian Hunt and the committee recommends appointing Brian Hunt to fill the vacant Board of Director's position. He added that Brian Hunt is willing to serve a 2yr term, but Director Dower has indicated that Mr. Hunt may not run for re-election.

On a motion by Director Dower and a second by Director Van Ackeren and, after brief additional comments by Director Scadden regarding his discussion with Blain Stansberry at BSEACD regarding Brian Hunt being a SWTCGCD Director and regarding Brian Hunt's well usage, the Board approved appointing Brian Hunt to fill the vacant Director position – 5 Ayes to 0 Nays

Director Scadden said that he would notify Carl Jones of the decision, and Director Dower will notify Mr. Hunt.

Charlie Flatten advised that Vanessa Escobar is the new General Manager for BSEACD, and they have posted a new position for an Assistant General Manager.

6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on agreeing to office space provided by Travis County

Director Scadden explained that Travis County has offered an office at their Covered Bridge location to the SWTCGCD for a cost of \$1.00 per year, utilities included. The term is 1 year with options to extend for two additional 1-year periods. We are trying to start the first term on March 1st but the Agreement between SWTCGCD and Travis County must go to the Travis County

Commissioner's Court for approval. Travis County wants SWTCGCD to maintain \$600K and \$1M liability insurance limits covering the space. Director Scadden asked the Board to approve him and Director Davis to execute the agreement with Travis County. He went on to say that the Bee Cave schoolhouse move is in flux but there is enough space at the Travis County office for Board meetings. Travis County will issue card keys for access to the office.

On a motion by Director Dower and a second by Director Van Ackeren, the Board approved authorizing Directors Scadden and Davis to execute an agreement with Travis County for office space – 5 Ayes to 0 Nays

Item 14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on having a booth at the HCA Hill Country Living Festival + Rainwater Revival on April 4, 2020 was now taken up out of order

Director Hennings discussed plans for setting up and manning the SWTCGCD booth at the HCA Hill Country Living Festival + Rainwater Revival. She said that there was a still need for volunteers.

Item 13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on the opportunity to participate in ACC GIS Service-Learning Project was now taken up out of order

Director Hennings introduced Virginia Smith who is a GIS student at Austin Community College (ACC). Director Hennings said that Sean Moran at ACC would like to do GIS projects for the SWTCGCD such as current and future land use maps as well as 10 other ideas they have. Director Scadden suggested that they coordinate with what the SWTCGCD needs for the Management Plan and he requested a motion to accept the ACC offer and designate Director Hennings as the point of contact for the SWTCGCD. Director Hennings requested an agenda item for the March Board meeting to prioritize maps to be worked on. Virginia Smith said they will need the prioritized list of map projects by March 25th.

On a motion by Director Scadden and a second by Director Dower, the Board accepted the offer from the ACC GIS Service-Learning Project to prepare maps identified and prioritized by the SWTCGCD and to designate Director Hennings as the point of contact with the SWTCGCD – 5 Ayes to 0 Nays

7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on the SWTCGCD budget

Director Scadden handed out copies of the proposed SWTCGCD budget for FY 2020 which goes from October 1, 2019 until September 30, 2020.

Item 8. Conduct Public Hearing to receive input from the public regarding the SWTCGCD Annual Budget was taken up at this time

Director Scadden then opened a Public Hearing at 11:06 AM to invite public comments on the budget. Director Scadden asked for public comments. No public comments were forthcoming and Director Scadden closed the Public Hearing at 11:07 AM.

Discussion of Item 7. Was continued at this time

Director Dower questioned the decision not to collect an administration fee. He said he was concerned that having \$0 in the budget for revenues from fees might be questioned. Director Scadden suggested that a note be added stating that fees will be added after approval of the

SWTCGCD Management Plan, Rules, and fee structure. TAGD dues are \$0 for FY 2020 since TAGD waives the dues for the first year for a new GCD. The Board agreed to increase the Office Expense budget item to \$1,000 from \$500 and that the budget can be amended as more information becomes available. Director Hennings suggested that the Board may want to set aside two years of GMA 9 expense (\$5,000 rather than \$2,500) and there was a consensus among the Directors that they should do so.

On a motion by Director Van Ackeren and a second by Director Hennings the Board approved the FY 2020 budget as amended – 5 Ayes to 0 Nays

A copy of the FY 2019/2020 Budget as approved is attached as Exhibit D

8. Conduct Public Hearing to receive input from the public regarding the SWTCGCD Annual Budget

This Item taken up earlier

9. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on By-Laws for the SWTCGCD

A discussion was undertaken among the Directors concerning the proposed SWTCGCD By-Laws document. Director Scadden commented that the word “may” should be used rather than the word “shall” when referring to monthly meetings of the Board, he mentioned that another Director had suggested that the words “General Manager serves at the pleasure of the Board” be added to paragraph 3.1, and that the date of approval by the Board be added to the By-Laws document. Regarding the posting of notices of hearings Director Scadden suggested that they be posted at the Travis County Clerk’s Office and regarding GMA 9 meetings the meeting location is not within the control of the SWTCGCD so we can’t always post the notice at the meeting location and the words “and meeting location” should be struck. Lastly in paragraph 4.1.b. after the words “Board shall set compensation for consultants” add the words “employees, contract workers, and other suppliers.”

On a motion by Director Dower and a second by Director Van Ackeren, the Board approved the proposed By-Laws as amended – 5 Ayes to 0 Nays

A copy of the Approved By-Laws is attached as Exhibit E

10. Discuss, consider and possibly act on the draft Management Plan

Director Scadden said that Kirk Holland had suggested at the meeting on January 21st that a meeting with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) should be scheduled. He said that we need to move forward and plan one or two meetings with the TWDB.

11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on hiring a part-time General Manager

Director Scadden advised that he had already received inquiries regarding the General Manager (GM) position. He proposed forming a committee consisting of Director Dower and Pete Golde as well as a possible third Director to develop a job description for a part time GM (20 Hrs./Wk.), solicit applicants and make a recommendation. He added that Kirk Holland has indicated that he is not interested in the GM position but is willing to help the new GM. Director Van Ackeren volunteered to be on the GM committee.

On a motion by Director Hennings and a second by Director Scadden the Board authorized a subcommittee of Directors Dower and Van Ackeren and Pete Golde to develop a General Manager Job Description, Post it, interview applicants and make a recommendation to the Board at their March 11th meeting – 5 Ayes to 0 Nays

12. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on contracting for legal services

Director Scadden suggested that a subcommittee be formed to prepare an RFQ, solicit responses from law firms, and make a recommendation for a law firm to provide legal services to the SWTCGCD. He offered to be on the committee. Director Dower suggested soliciting from a minimum of three firms and Director Scadden suggested Lloyd Gosslink, DeLeon Washburn & Ward, Mary Sahs, and Greg Ellis, adding that we need to develop the RFQ, send it to these four firms, and post it on the website. Director Davis agreed to be on the sub-committee. Director Hennings said she did not feel she should be on the legal service sub-committee but would rather be on the GM selection sub-committee and Director Van Ackeren agreed to swap with her making the membership of the legal services sub-committee Directors Scadden, Van Ackeren and Davis. The goal is to prepare the RFQ by February 21st and make a recommendation at the March 11th meeting.

On a motion by Director Dower and a second by Director Hennings the Board authorized a subcommittee of Directors Scadden, Van Ackeren, and Davis to prepare an RFQ for legal services, solicit responses and make a recommendation to the Board at their March 11th meeting – 5 Ayes to 0 Nays

On a motion by Director Scadden and a second by Director Van Ackeren, the Board authorized the replacement of Director Van Ackeren on the General Manager selection subcommittee with Director Hennings making the subcommittee membership Directors Dower and Hennings and Pete Golde – 5 Ayes to 0 Nays

13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on the opportunity to participate in ACC GIS Service-Learning Project

This Item taken up earlier

14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on having a booth at the HCA Hill Country Living Festival + Rainwater Revival on April 4, 2020

This Item taken up earlier

15. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on matters relating to the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD)

Director Davis stated the lowest cost tier of TAGD membership is \$750 per year. Directors Van Ackeren and Davis had just attended the most recent TAGD quarterly meeting and provided comments. Director Van Ackeren said that it was very worthwhile to better understand the process of developing MAGs and DFCs, Etc. He added that the SWTCGCD TCEQ form needs to be updated. Director Davis said the hot topics at the meeting were the Senate Hearing and the Texas Water Development Board explaining what GCDs do. She also said that TAGD wants the SWTCGCD Directors names and addresses for their weekly newsletter. Charlie Flatten said there is a need to create opportunities to interact with District citizens to spread positive message

about what a GCD does and why it is needed. Director Dower offered to update previous messaging. Director Davis added that there was a lot of discussion and information on modeling at the TAGD meeting as well.

16. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on IT matters including domain name

Director Dower advised that the domain name swtcgcd.com is expiring and that we focus mainly on the swtcgcd.org domain name but the .com name is re-routed to the .org website. Also, the GoDaddy website software subscription is expiring and renewal is \$180, plus \$120 for email for Brian Hunt, both for one year.

On a motion by Director Hennings and a second by Director Davis, the Board approved renewing the swtcgcd.com domain name and the GoDaddy website software for one year and establishing SWTCGCD email service for Brian Hunt also for one year – 5 Ayes to 0 Nays

17. Discuss and possibly establish agenda items for the next Board meeting

- Possible reimbursement to Paul Workman for the original SWTCGCD P.O. box rental (\$200)
- Bentree RV Resort permit water availability study
- General Manager recommendation
- Legal services recommendation
- GIS project prioritization
- Internet service for new office
- Management Plan update

18. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on setting the date, time, and location for the next Board meeting

The Board agreed to set the next meeting for 10:00 AM on Wednesday March 11, 2020 at the Bee Cave Schoolhouse.

19. Adjourn

On a motion by Director Dower and a second by Director Van Ackeren the Board voted to adjourn the meeting – 5 ayes to 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th day of March 2020

Tim Van Ackeren, Secretary

Exhibit C

Financial report for the period ending 2/28/2020

SW Travis Cty. Groundwater Conservation Dist.

Reconciliation Detail

Independent Bank, Period Ending 02/28/2020

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						11,478.25
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 4 items						
Bill Pmt -Check	01/25/2020	118	HCA - Rainwater ...	X	-125.00	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2020	100	GoDaddy	X	-210.05	-335.05
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2020	100	GoDaddy	X	-128.65	-463.70
Bill Pmt -Check	02/14/2020	119	US Postal Service	X	-148.00	-611.70
Total Checks and Payments					-611.70	-611.70
Deposits and Credits - 1 item						
Deposit	02/29/2020			X	0.45	0.45
Total Deposits and Credits					0.45	0.45
Total Cleared Transactions					-611.25	-611.25
Cleared Balance					-611.25	10,867.00
Register Balance as of 02/28/2020					-611.25	10,867.00
Ending Balance					-611.25	10,867.00

Exhibit D

TAGD Current GCD Accountability Metrics diagram

Current GCD Accountability Metrics

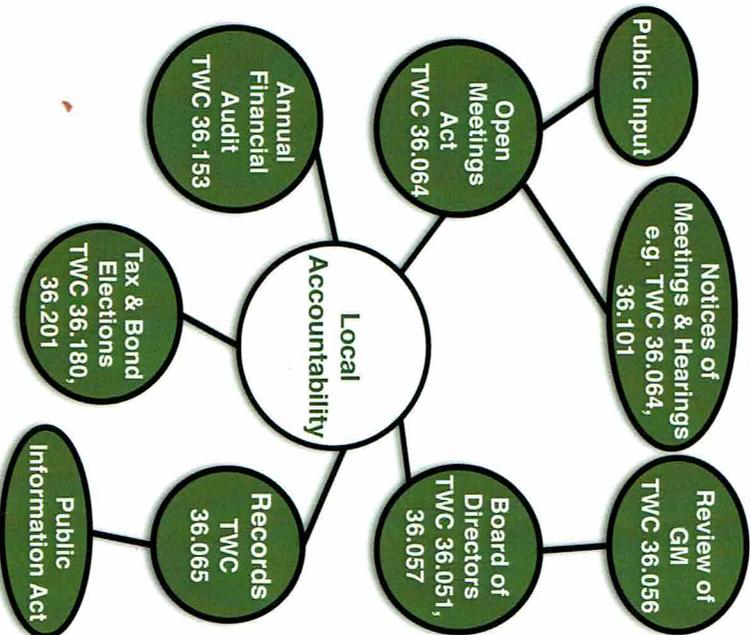
A review of accountability mechanisms in effect

A summary of current accountability mechanisms is provided to improve the dialogue on Groundwater Conservation District (GCD) performance. Current evaluation methods ensure statutory compliance and accountability on three levels: local, legislative & judiciary, and state agencies.

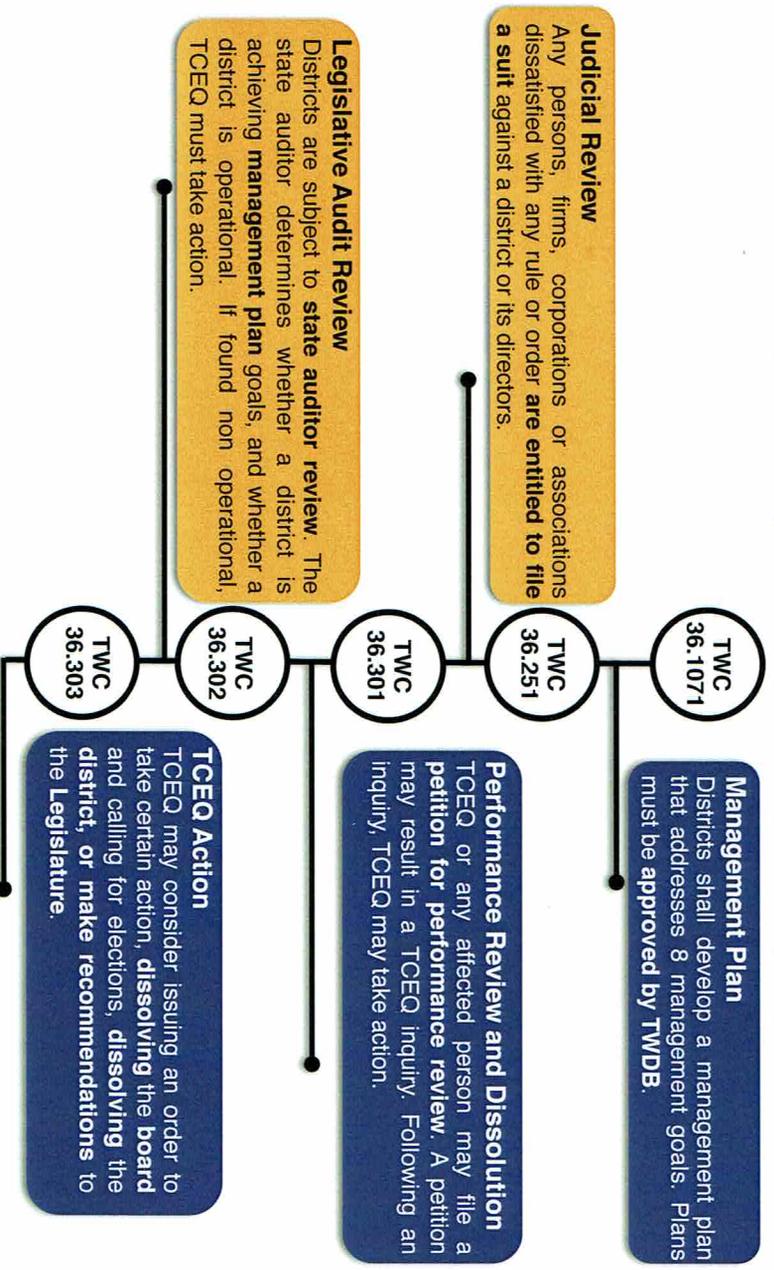
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Local Accountability Mechanisms



Accountability Provisions in Texas Water Code (TWC)



Opportunities

Consider importance of board & stakeholder education

Consider improvements to legislative audit review process

Consider difference between statutory compliance and performance metrics



Exhibit E

Proposed GMA 9 Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

OF THE JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 9 REGARDING CHANGES IN THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN GMA 9 AND GMA 10

WHEREAS, groundwater conservation districts are charged by the Texas Legislature with providing for the conservation, preservation, protection, and prevention of waste of groundwater and of groundwater resources under Texas Water Code, Section 36.0015;

WHEREAS, groundwater conservation districts are required by TWC Section 36.108 to meet with the other groundwater districts for joint planning within their Groundwater Management Area (GMA), to collectively establish desired future conditions for the relevant aquifers within that GMA;

WHEREAS, the boundaries of GMAs are intended to coincide, to the greatest extent feasible, with the actual boundaries of major and minor aquifer systems of Texas, as defined by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) under TWC Section 35.004;

WHEREAS, the boundary between GMA 9 and GMA 10 is intended to reflect the actual boundary formed by the outcrop of the Trinity Aquifer to the northwest in GMA 9 and the outcrop of the Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone) Aquifer to the southeast in GMA 10;

WHEREAS, the jurisdictional boundaries between the Southwestern Travis County GCD and the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District in Travis County, and between the Hays Trinity GCD and the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District in Hays County, are designed to be a close approximation of the Edwards Aquifer's western outcrop boundary formed with the outcrop of the Trinity Aquifer;

WHEREAS, the boundary between GMA 9 and GMA 10 as currently established by TWDB deviates substantially from these GCD jurisdictional boundaries and therefore from the actual boundary between the two major aquifers managed by the two GMAs;

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Travis County GCD and Hays Trinity GCD consider the Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone) Aquifer that is down-dip of the Trinity outcrop as non-relevant for joint planning purposes within GMA 9 and do not manage that Aquifer within GMA 9;

WHEREAS, the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District considers the unconfined Trinity Aquifer that is up-dip of the Edwards outcrop as non-relevant for joint planning purposes within GMA 10 and does not manage that Aquifer within GMA 10;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 9 THAT:

Groundwater Management Area 9 hereby petitions the Texas Water Development Board to change the boundary between GMA 9 and GMA 10 in Hays and Travis Counties such that it is as shown on the attached exhibit.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2020.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 9'S DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District

Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District

Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District

Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District

Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District

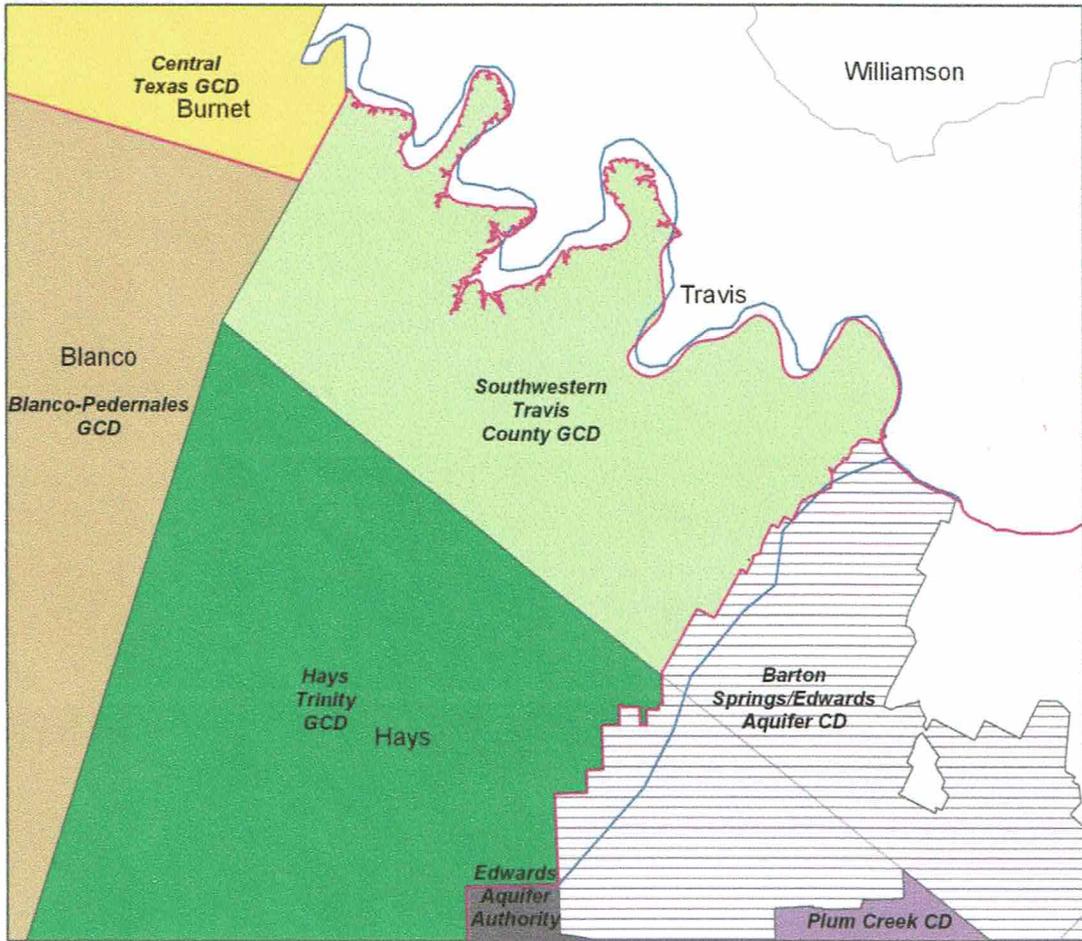
Medina County Groundwater Conservation District

Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District

Trinity-Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District

EXHIBIT F

Proposed Boundary map



Proposed GMA boundaries
 Current GMA boundaries

