

Minutes
Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2022

The Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") held their meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at the District Office, 2881 Hwy. 277 West, Carrizo Springs, Texas.

1. President Bill Martin called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
2. Introduction: Directors present were President Martin, Treasurer Mario Escobar, Director Jack Rutledge, and Director Martin Kruger. Vice-President J. R. Ramirez, Secretary Chris Meyer, and Director John Petry were not present. General Manager Debbie Farmer was in attendance along with District Legal Counsel Peter Gregg and District Technical Consultant Ron Green. Visitors present were Diane Nichols with Kelly Hart and Jane Rutledge.
3. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
4. The minutes of the November 10, 2021, meeting were reviewed. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Director Rutledge seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
5. The Bills for Payment and Financial Statements for all accounts for the months of November and December 2021 were reviewed. Director Rutledge made a motion to approve the bills for payment as reviewed. Director Kruger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
6. GM Farmer presented her Manager's Report for the months of November and December 2021.
7. The Certificate Deposit (CD) held at the Zavala County Bank matured on September 23, 2021, and will mature again on September 23, 2022. The current interest rate on the 12-month CD is \$0.25%. GM Farmer had called the banking institutions within the District and presented these rates to the Board. Treasurer Escobar noted that if the District terminated the current CD with Zavala County Bank before September 23, 2022, the penalty imposed would be \$654.82. The accrued interest was \$399.37. There was no action taken. GM Farmer will research interest rates prior to the maturity date in 2022 to allow the Board ample time to negotiate interest rates and placement of the CD.
8. Caribbean Energy, LLC's Application for a Water Well Production Permit was reviewed. GM Farmer stated that the Administrative Review and Technical Review of the application had been completed, and she recommended the application be approved. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to approve the application. Director Kruger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
9. Brush Control Applications for Victor Flores to aerial spray 40 acres in La Salle County for a total cost of \$2400.00 and Thomas Townsend's application to aerial spray 100 acres in La Salle County for a total cost of \$6000.00 were reviewed. The District's cost for the Flores application would be \$1200, and the District's cost for the Townsend application would be \$3000.00. Director Rutledge made a motion to approve the applications as reviewed. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
10. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to Order the Election in Dimmit, La Salle and Zavala Counties for the May 7, 2022, General Election. Director Rutledge seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
11. GM Farmer presented an update on the Groundwater Management Area 13 (GMA 13) in her November and December 2021 Manager's Report (Agenda Item 6.) The GMA 13 Board held a meeting on November 19, 2021, at which time resolutions were adopted to approve the Desired

Future Conditions. The next meeting would be January 14, 2022, at which time the GMA 13 Board would review the Explanatory Report for submittal to the Texas Water Development Board.

12. Technical Consultant Green discussed the District's efforts to evaluate and achieve the Desired Future Conditions in accordance with the District's Management Plan. This evaluation will be included in the General Manager's Annual Report to the Board due the first calendar quarter of 2022.
13. GM Farmer discussed exempt water wells for rig supply/frac purposes. Legal Counsel Gregg discussed a possible need to review the District's policy on these wells in the future.
14. GM Farmer discussed the water quality testing of five (5) water wells on FM 468 (described on agenda as FM 486 in error) in La Salle County on December 9, 2021. Water sampling was performed by Ron Green, Paula VanCleve and Debbie Farmer following a complaint by a well owner in this area. Ron summarized to the Board that there are no historical water quality sampling results for these wells; therefore, there is no opportunity to ascertain whether the water quality has varied over time. Ron summarized that given the consistency of the measured samples and the similarity with water chemistry of the water sampled from the Laredo Aquifer in Webb County, indications are that the source of the ions is natural.

Open Session recessed at 12:50 p.m.

At this time, President Martin recessed the open session to allow for an Executive Session to discuss Agenda Items 15 – 17 in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matter authorized by law, and Section 551.074 for the purpose of considering the evaluation of an employee.

Executive Session convened at 12:51 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 1:32 p.m.

15. Director Kruger made a motion to collect water quality samples from water wells near the salt water disposal known as NGL – Cotulla East on FM 624 east of Cotulla, Texas, which is considered the possible source of Barium in the City of Cotulla drinking water. Director Rutledge seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
16. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to table this agenda item until the next meeting to allow all directors an opportunity to review and consider Ron Green's recommendations. Director Rutledge seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
17. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to table this agenda item until the next meeting to allow all directors an opportunity to participate in the annual evaluation of the General Manager.
18. There was no other business.
19. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to adjourn, and Director Rutledge seconded the motion. President Martin adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.



Bill Martin, President

2.9.22

Date



Chris Meyer, Secretary

2/9/2022

Date

