

Minutes
Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
February 9, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") held their meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 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 12:02 p.m.
2. Directors present were President Martin; Vice-President J. R. Ramirez; Secretary Chris Meyer; Treasurer Mario Escobar; Director Jack Rutledge; Director Martin Kruger; and Director John Petry. Staff and consultants present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve; Legal Counsel Peter Gregg and Technical Consultant Ron Green. Visitors were Diane Nichols with Kelly Hart and Jane Rutledge.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The minutes of the January 12, 2022, Board of Directors meeting were reviewed. Director Rutledge made a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Director Kruger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
5. The Bills for Payment and Financial Statements for all accounts were reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the bills and all financial statements as reviewed. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
6. GM Farmer presented her January 2022 Manager's Report. She requested that any further discussion on GMA 13 in the report be discussed in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071.
7. An application for a water well production permit by Carrizo Hill Water Supply Corporation for their Well #3 was reviewed. Director Kruger made a motion to approve the application. Director Petry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

GM Farmer noted a second application for approval submitted by Shakes Lessor, LLC for a water well production permit. The application was discussed and will be placed on the March 9, 2022, agenda.

8. Brush Control Applications by the following applicants were reviewed:
Ames Ranch, LLC; Aerial Spray 50 acres in La Salle County; District cost \$1100;
Marsha Eichman; Aerial Spray 68 acres in La Salle County; District cost \$2040;
Mary Frazier; Aerial Spray 68 acres in La Salle County; District cost \$2040;
Albert Garcia; Aerial Spray 40 acres in La Salle County; District cost \$1200;
Gary Krenek; Aerial Spray 225 acres in La Salle County; District cost \$4936.50;
Lamar Louisa Ramirez; Aerial Spray 40 acres in La Salle County; District cost \$1000;
Rancho Rincon, LLC; Roller Chop 50 acres in Zavala County; District cost \$5,000.
Director Escobar made the motion to approve the applications as reviewed. Director Rutledge seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Secretary Meyer opposing the motion.
9. The upcoming water quality testing for five (5) water wells near FM 624 and FM 3408 in La Salle County will take place on February 23, 2022. Further discussion on this agenda item will be conducted in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071.
10. Dr. Ronald Green, Technical Consultant, presented a Scope of Work to improve the understanding of the extent and source of water degradation (HotSpots) in the District. Following a discussion of each proposed Task, Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve Task

1 (Identify wells, visit wells, collect water samples, deliver to lab; Analyze water samples for major/minor ions; and documents results, prepare maps, evaluate water analysis results, prepare an interim status report – Total \$32,962. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion with the understanding that the budget must be amended at the March Board meeting to add this expense. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Petry left the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

11. Dr. Green presented possible improvements to the District's well monitoring network. He recommended adding 6 wells to the current 9 wells being monitored. The estimated cost per well would be \$10,000 initially with future costs slightly over \$2,000 per year per well. He recommended adding 2 wells per county each year until the total of 6 wells are in the network. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion for the District staff to start looking for potential wells that have phone line and power access at the well site. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

In addition, Dr. Green discussed the draft of a Drought Contingency Plan that was previously prepared for the District. He suggested this plan be reviewed and considered by the Board.

12. Agenda item was tabled.

President Martin left the meeting at 1:24 p.m. and asked Secretary Meyer to continue conducting the meeting.


The regular meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 1:26 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:43 p.m.

There was no action taken regarding the GMA 13 Planning Group (Agenda Item 6) or the La Salle County water quality sampling (Agenda Item 9.)

13. There was no other business.


14. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to adjourn, and Director Kruger seconded the motion. Secretary Meyer adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.



Bill Martin, President

3.19/22

Date



Chris Meyer, Secretary

3/19/2022

Date