

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

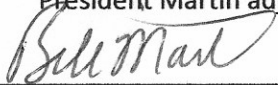
The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") held their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at the District Office, 2881 Hwy. 277 West, Carrizo Springs, Texas.

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 Martin Kruger, and Director John Petry. Director Jack Rutledge was not present. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve. Peter Gregg, legal counsel for the District, and Ron Green, Technical Consultant for the District, were present. Visitor Diana Nichols with Kelly Hart was in attendance.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The minutes of the February 9, 2022, Board meeting were reviewed. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. The Bills for Payment and Financial Statements for all accounts for the month of February 2022 were reviewed. Director Petry made a motion to approve the bills for payment and financial statements as reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. GM Farmer presented the February 2022 Manager's Report. Included in this report were the laboratory results of the water quality sampling performed on four (4) wells in La Salle County near FM 624 and 3208. Technical Consultant Green indicated that his review of the sample results did not indicate any evidence of water quality degradation.
7. The Application for a Water Well Production Permit by Shakes Lessor, LLC, Dimmit County, to change the ownership of the existing well and to change the purpose of the existing well was revisited relative to Board action taken on February 9, 2022. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve the application. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
8. The Application for a Water Well Production Permit by Carrizo Hill Water Supply Corporation, Well #2, Dimmit County was reviewed. Technical Consultant Green discussed his review of the application. The spacing of this well that was drilled in 2000 is 300' from a new well for Carrizo Hill WSC that is being drilled on the same acreage by the same company. Mr. Green suggested the Board review the District's spacing rule to clarify the spacing distance required between wells owned or operated by the same company. Director Petry made a motion to approve the application. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
9. A Brush Control Application submitted by Elaine Mika of La Salle County for aerial spraying 212.77 acres of brush at a total cost of \$10,000, cost-share to the District in the amount of \$5,000, was reviewed. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to approve the application. Director Kruger seconded the motion. Secretary Meyer voted against the motion. Motion was approved.
10. GM Farmer presented the 2021 District Report to the Board of Directors.
11. GM Farmer certified that all Candidates for all three (3) counties of the District for the May 7, 2022, General Election, were unopposed.

12. Secretary Meyer made a motion to order the cancellation of the election in all three (3) counties of the District. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
13. The Board agreed to schedule the May Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.
14. Agenda Item 14 was tabled to later in this meeting.
15. In an effort to improve the understanding of the extent and source of water quality degradation in the District, Mr. Green offered an option to evaluate one (1) HotSpot in Dimmit County (up to 12 water wells) in the Asherton area following all evaluation tasks as previously reviewed in the February 9 meeting. This option is to target an area and go thru the evaluation process/tasks to completion to prove the viability and value of the evaluation process. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve this option rather than to move forward with Task 1 as previously approved. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

At this time, GM Farmer reviewed proposed amendments to the current FY2021-22 District Budget. For the proposed District Project – Well Sampling line item, the amount was changed from \$2850 to \$6600 as the proposed amendment amount. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to amend the budget as proposed including the well sampling line-item change. Director Petry seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

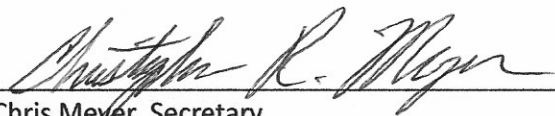
16. Agenda Item 16 was tabled to allow time to location candidate wells for the improvement of the District's Well Monitoring Network.
17. President Martin asked that each director receive a copy of the Employee Evaluation for the General Manager, and that each director's evaluation be returned to the District at the April meeting.
18. Other Business: GM Farmer announced that Director Jack Rutledge would not be returning as a director following the May meeting. It was a consensus of the Board to choose a gift of appreciation and organize a meal for the April meeting in Director Rutledge's honor.
19. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to adjourn, and Secretary Meyer seconded the motion. President Martin adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.



Bill Martin, President

5.13.22

Date



Chris Meyer, Secretary

5/13/2022

Date

Sign-in Sheet

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