

## Minutes

### **Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting October 12, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") held their meeting on Wednesday, October 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 12:02 p.m.
2. Directors present were President Martin; Vice-President J. R. Ramirez; Director Martin Kruger; and Director Lott Whitwell. Director John Petry was on the telephone listening to the meeting. Directors not present were Secretary Chris Meyer and Treasurer Mario Escobar. Staff present were General Manager (GM) Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve. Peter Gregg, legal counsel to the District, was present. Diana Nichols with Kelly Hart was present as a visitor.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The minutes of the September 14, 2022, public hearing on the 2022 Tax Rate and regular meeting were reviewed. Agenda Item 14 needs to be corrected to reflect who made the motion to approve. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Director Whitwell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. The Bills for Payment and Financial Statements for all accounts for the month of September 2022 were reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve all bills and financial statements as reviewed. Director Kruger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. GM Farmer presented her Manager's Report for September 2022. In addition to the written report, GM Farmer noted to the Board an update from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on the District's amendment request on the Westwind Ranch Recharge Pilot Project. She also noted to the Board that the District had received a quote on possible audio/video equipment and installation to upgrade the office's ability to conduct hybrid virtual meetings.
7. There were no Brush Control Applications for cost-share funding.
8. There were no Water Well Plugging requests for funding.
9. GM Farmer presented to the Board Dr. Ron Green's Memorandum technical review of the Texas Water Development Board's draft Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) of the Southern Portion of the Queen City, Sparta, and Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifers that was prepared by GSI Environmental, Inc. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to request that the GMA 13 Planning Committee include in its public comment to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board Dr. Green's recommendation that the updated GAM prepared by GSI should be modified and recalibrated to insure that calibrated hydraulic properties of the Carrizo-Upper Wilcox Aquifer align with values documented in the technical record. The basis for this recommendation is that the values for transmissivity in the GSI model (as calculated from the assigned thickness of the Carrizo-Upper Wilcox Aquifer and the calibrated values for hydraulic conductivity) are excessively high. As noted in RW Harden's letter of concern, by having excessively high values for transmissivity in the model, the predicted drawdown will be underpredicted if/when pumpage is applied to these regions. As a consequence, the Modeled Available Groundwater (MAG) quantities that would be calculated by Texas Water Development Board staff using the updated GSI GAM would be greater than reasonable if the District were to

achieve the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs). Director Whitwell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. There was no other business.

11. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to adjourn, and Director Kruger seconded the motion. President Martin adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.



Bill Martin, President

12.14.22

Date



Chris Meyer, Secretary

12/14/22

Date

JR Ramirez - Vice President

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Sign-in Sheet

Name	Company/Title
Debbie Farmer	GM/WGCD
Paula VanCleve	Field Technician/WGCD
Diana Nichols	Kelly Hart
MARTIN KRUGER	DIRECTOR - LA SALLE
Lott Whitwell	Director - Zaca
J.R. Ramirez	Director
John Petry (telephone)	Director
Bill Martin	DIMITCO
Peter Gregg	Council