

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes December 18, 2024

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on December 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office located at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, Texas.

Directors Present:

Andrew Labay, Mary Ulbricht, Rebecca Moulder, Ann Pavliska, Al Mahalitc, Michael Lanier

Directors Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Jim Brasher, Kim Ferguson

Guests:

None

Vice President Mahalitc declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

OM Ferguson administered the Oath of Office to Andrew Labay, Ann Pavliska and Mike Lanier.

The biennial election of Officers of the Board was held. The following officers were elected unanimously for two- year terms:

President

Andew Labay1

Vice President

Marv Ulbricht²

Secretary

Rebecca Moulder³

Treasurer

Ann Pavliska⁴

¹Motion by Director Lanier and seconded by Director Mahalitc ²Motion by Director Labay and seconded by Director Pavliska

³Motion by Director Pavliska and seconded by Director Lanier

⁴Motion by Director Mahalitc and seconded by Director Moulder

The Regular Meeting was adjourned to the Permit Hearing at 6:38 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

Meeting Minutes dated September 18, 2024 and October 17, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent.

GM Brasher presented a Class B Operating Permit application for William E. Rioux, III. Director Lanier moved to approve 87.5 ac-ft. over a three-year period. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher presented a Class A Operating Permit application (Amendment) for Big Easy Aqua. Director Moulder moved to approve the amendment application to increase the permit to 98.3 ac-ft. over a three-year period. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher reported on the following:

Water Level Monitor Well Report Highland Lakes and Other LCRA Projects Region K/GMA15

GM Brasher provided the status of the CCGCD Management Plan. He is currently working on the Management Plan and once completed, it will be submitted to TWDB for "pre-review." Once "pre-review" is approved, it will be ready for approval by the CCGCD Board and submitted to the TWDB.

GM Brasher presented suggested revisions to District Rules to be considered at a later date.

GM reviewed the proposed new jurisdiction for Sheridan Water Supply Corp.

GM Brasher reported on violations and open investigations:

Meyer Water Well – Driller has failed to pay the monthly installment to satisfy his fine. If payment is not received by December 19, 2024, GM Brasher will report this violation to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Maral Drilling – The driller has not responded to Attorney Michael Trefny's demand letter for fines assessed by the District. GB Brasher will report this violation to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

GM Brasher gave an update on the status of permit renewal applications and Annual Water Use forms.

OM Ferguson presented an audit Engagement Letter from KM&L for the 2024 FY audit. Director Mahalitc moved to approve using KM&L for audit services. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and carried unanimously.

OM Ferguson presented the October and November 2024 Expenditure Reports. Director Moulder moved to approve both reports. The motion was seconded by Director Mahalitc and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher presented line-item adjustments to the 2024 Budget. Director Pavliska moved to approve the line-item adjustments as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Mahalitc and carried unanimously.

The Board considered the future board meeting schedule. It was decided to keep the same meeting date and time.

President Labay adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:34 p.m. to Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code to discuss personnel matters.

President Labay reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Director Moulder recommended extending an employment offer to Aaron Weishuhn as CCGCD General Manager with a beginning salary of \$85,000/year. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

Director Mahalitc moved to grant a 7.5% salary increase to GM Brasher and OM Ferguson. The motion was seconded by Director Lanier and carried unanimously.

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President Labay adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Ferguson, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved by:

Rebecca Moulder, Secretary