

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Regular Weeting Minutes March 20, 2024

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on March 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office located at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, Texas.

Directors Present:

Travis Wegenhoft, Sam Parks, Ann Pavliska, Michael Lanier, Marv Ulbricht, Rebecca Moulder

Directors Absent:

Al Mahalito

Staff Present:

Jim Brasher, Kim Ferguson

Guests:

None

President Wegenhoft declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Permit Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 17, 2024 were approved by common consensus.

GM Brasher gave an update on violations and open investigations:

Maral Drilling - Driller failed to respond to District and attorney letters. Director Pavliska moved to refer this violation to a local attorney. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and carried unanimously.

Meyer Water Well - Driller failed to respond to District and attorney letters. By common consensus, the Board agreed to proceed with litigation.

Cobra Drilling - Driller failed to register two wells and submit the State of Texas Well Reports. Director Parks moved to fine the driller \$200 per unregistered well. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

Zavala Drilling - The District's attorney has forwarded this case to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for investigation.

Jesus Bocanegra - Landowner failed to submit State of Texas Well Reports for two self-drilled wells. By common consensus, the Board agreed to send a final letter to request the well reports.

3G Drilling/Derek Treybig - Well was completed in violation of casing rules. GM Brasher and the well owner discussed options to rectify the violation. The well owner will confer with the driller and inform GM Brasher how he will proceed.

Alpha Management 777 - Landowner has failed to respond to District letters. By common consensus, the Board agreed to refer this violation to legal counsel.

Robichaux Land Company - Well owner refuses to provide 2023 water usage for two permitted wells. By common consensus, the Board agreed to access a \$200 fine per well. If the well owner does not provide water usage information by the given deadline, the violation will be referred to legal counsel.

GM Brasher reported on the following:

Water Level Monitor Well Report Highland Lakes and Other LCRA Projects Region K/GMA 15

GM Brasher reviewed total water use statistics based on Annual Water Use forms submitted to the District.

GM Brasher reported that he will contact three or four well owners within the next few weeks to perform well inspections.

OM Ferguson presented the January and February 2024 Expenditure Reports. Director Parks moved to approve both reports. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed audit proposals from Siedel Schroeder and KM&L for the FY 2023 audit. Director Lanier moved to approve hiring KM&L for audit services. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher reported that bids were requested from three local dealerships for the purchase of a new District vehicle. Only one bid was received. GM Brasher and Director Parks will inspect the vehicle before purchase. President Wegenhoft moved to give GM Brasher authority to purchase this vehicle if deemed acceptable. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Ferguson, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved by:

Sam Parks, Secretary

Date