

Minutes of Meeting
1-19-09
GCGCD

Mr. Dreier
Mr. Roy

Mr. Dohmann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge to the United States flag and the Water District Pledge.

Mr. Dohmann introduced guest Wanda Duke. Roll call of directors found that Joe Kozielski and Raulie Irwin were absent. Also in attendance was Michelle Shelton, GCGCD office assistant. Mr. Irwin joined the meeting at 5:08 p.m. Mr. Underdown with UEC joined the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Item 1 – Public Comment on Operations of the District – Hearing none, the Board moved to **Item 2** of the agenda.

Item 2 – Action on Minutes of January 5, 2009 – The Board reviewed the Minutes of the January 5, 2009 meeting. Mr. Dreier moved to approve the Minutes as written. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion carried.

Item 3 – Financials:

a. **Monthly Reports:** The Board reviewed the monthly reports for the District. Mr. Ball moved to approve the monthly reports. Mr. Duke seconded and the motion carried.

b. **Invoices:**

i. **Directors Reimbursements** – The Board reviewed Directors Reimbursements for John Duke - \$171.99 for the months of November and December, 2008, Art Dohmann - \$259.09 for the months of October through December, 2008, and Barbara Smith - \$41.27 for the months of December, 2008 and January, 2009. Mr. Dreier moved to approve the Director's Expenses. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion carried.

ii. **Approve Payment of Bills (if any)** – none

Item 4 – Well Reports

a. **New exempt wells** – There were four new wells located this month, two of which were domestic wells, one livestock and one was an oilfield supply well. No action was required.

b. **Monitor Wells** – Mrs. Shelton gave a summary report on the monitor well readings for Grids 14, 15 and 22 which Mr. Dreier took on January 3rd. No other action was required.

- c. **Rainfall Totals** – Mrs. Smith reported rainfall totals through the end of the year. A report will be submitted to the newspaper for public information. The report was for informational purposes only and no action was required.

Item 5 – Discussion and action on meetings attended and upcoming meetings -

- a. **Report on USGS Meeting in San Antonio 1-16-09** - Mr. Dohmann gave a report to the Board on the USGS meeting that he attended on January 16th that summarized the four-year project on the San Antonio River. This final year of the study is to determine the importance of the gaining stream and prepare a model that looks at 8 different Aquifer segments and looked at the geology of those segments. The model also looks at evapotranspiration. Draft report due by May 2009 and final report by September 30, 2009. This study covered two years in terms of data gathered. There is a need to continue the study. Mr. Dohmann recommended that we have a follow-up letter, ~~that these monitor stations~~ ^{Should we be looking at maintaining them instead of the weather stations?} We are concerned about the benefits or the future application of the study. Mr. Irwin moved to prepare a letter to USGS asking them to evaluate the weather stations and give their opinions expressing the Board's concern regarding the future application of this study and/or any benefits on the future application to the model, possibly purchasing our own equipment to continue the study, and propose that we have USGA make the presentation at one of the Region L meetings. Mr. Duke seconded and the motion carried.
- b. **Region L Meeting – February 5 – 10:00 a.m. SAWS office San Antonio** – The next Region L Meeting will be held on February 5th at the SAWS offices in San Antonio at 10:00 a.m. Anticipated discussion will be regarding well fees and a vote on the final 2006 water plan to be officially approved. No action was necessary.
- c. **TAGD meeting January 27 & 28 in Austin** – The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the next TAGD meeting in Austin to be held on January 27th and January 28th. Mrs. Smith stated that if she attended, it would be Tuesday only. Mr. Irwin moved to approve Mrs. Smith's attendance to the TAGD meeting at her discretion. Mr. Duke seconded and the motion carried.
- d. **USGS Brown Bag Lunch Meeting – George Rice – EAA office in SA** – The Board reviewed the announcement by the Edwards Aquifer Philosophical Society regarding a Brown Bag Lunch Meeting to be presented by George Rice. No other action was required.
- e. **Other Meetings** - None

Item 6 – Discussion and action on Correspondence –

- a. **Comments to RRC and any response** – There are no responses at this time.
- b. **Letter to Senator Hutchison** – The Board reviewed the proposed letter to Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. A concluding sentence will be added and Mr. Dohmann will sign the letter. The letter will be mailed this week.
- c. **Other Correspondence** - None

Item 7 – Old Business –

a. **Discussion and possible action on water quality testing on 1-20-09** – The Board reviewed the 15 possible well locations that have been set up for water quality testing on January 20th. The two UEC participation wells will be the Braquet well and the Halepeska well. Both landowners have been sent notification via USPS regular mail with no return response. Mr. Underdown commented that the District has UEC approval for entrance on the Braquet well, but he was not able to authorize access to the Halepeska well as it was a privately owned well. No other action was required.

b. **Discussion and action on Coletto Creek Study – USGS** – The Board reviewed the draft Joint Funding Agreement sent out by USGS for the Coletto Creek Study. Mr. Dreier moved that the agreement be approved with the exception of striking the word “additional” in item 2(c). Mr. Dreier withdrew the motion due to lack of a second. Mr. Dreier moved to approve the Joint Funding Agreement as written. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion carried.

c. **Discussion and action on Contested Case Hearing Request** – Mr. Dohmann relayed information to the Board that TCEQ is currently going through the requests and the staff will be making a recommendation to the Executive Director as to who is an affected party to proceed to administrative hearings. Mr. Dohmann stated there is a TCEQ link www.tceq.state.tx.us for further updates and information on who is an affected party for administrative hearings. This meeting of the commissioners would not happen until February or later. No further action required.

d. **Discussion and action any other old business** –Mr. Baiamonte did send the letter to Thompson Water Well Service.

Item 8 – New Business –

- a. **Discussion and action on legislative update** – Defer to the next meeting.
- b. **Discussion and action on Summer Education Program** – Mr. Dohmann motioned that we invite Brian Yanta of the extension office and Sam

Atwood of the school district to the next meeting to discuss possible Summer Education Programs by the District. If Mr. Atwood is not available, propose to have him appoint someone in his place. Mr. Duke seconded and the motion carried.

Item 9 – GCGCD Calendar –The Board reviewed the calendar for the months of January and February, 2009. No action was necessary.

Item 10 – Executive Session – None

Item 11 – Permitted Well Hearing - The Permitted Well Application by Kevin Pruett has been withdrawn. In lieu of putting in a 5 hp pump, he will put in a 1½ hp pump that will not be able to pump more than 17 gallons per minute. The posted meeting will not occur.

Item 12 – Public Comment – Mr. Dohmann thanked the public for coming and opened the meeting up for public comment. Wanda Duke suggested a field day for the school and possibly an essay contest for a \$50 spark interest in the Education Program. The Board will put on the next agenda.

Item 13 – Adjournment – Being no further action, Mr. Duke moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m., Mr. Ball seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Smith, Secretary GCGCD
Michelle Shelton, Asst.