

Minutes of Meeting

12-21-09

GCGCD

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 welcomed guests Wanda Duke, Lillian Kozielski, and Conny McKelvey to the meeting.

Roll call of directors found all present.

There was no public comment.

Item 2 – Minutes - The Board approved the minutes of December 7 and December 15, 2009 on a motion from Mr. Dreier and a second by Mr. Kozielski with one correction. This correction was in item two of the December 7 minutes. The second sentence should be corrected to read “Mr. Dohmann stated that Mr. Kozielski will also ...”

Item 3 – Financials - Mr. Kozielski moved to approve the financial report for November. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Dohmann pointed out that tax collections are down for the year. The District has only collected about 6% of the budget at this point compared to around 10% in previous years.

Mr. Dreier moved to pay Mr. Duke’s director’s reimbursement of \$249.16 and the bill from Daniel B. Stephens and Associates of \$789.87. Mr. Kozielski seconded and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the annual financial review from Meyer Consulting and voted to pay the invoice for \$400 for this service and accept the review on a motion from Mr. Irwin and a second from Mr. Dreier.

The Board discussed the electric rate being charged GCGCD by the County. After Mr. Dohmann reviewed the bills approved for payment in a previous meeting he found that in the months where the additional charge was added for “excessive usage” our rate was about 13 cents per kilowatt hour. The base rate is much lower than this. Mrs. Smith was instructed to research rates from Nueces Electric Co-op, C P & L, Stream, TXU and Star Tex to determine if we can get a better rate on our own.

Mrs. Smith informed the Board that Callen Williams from C&C Electric told her that the breaker box and breakers need to be changed out because the breakers that are in the box do not trip easily and this could be a problem if we start having electrical problems. Mrs. Smith reported on the problem experienced last week of the lights in the break room flashing and a noise in the ceiling. C&C Electric checked out all receptacles, switches and light fixtures in the break room and all were okay. This company will come back to check the remaining light fixture, switch and receptacle in the middle foyer. Nothing has been resolved as to the cause of the problem at this time. Mrs. Smith was instructed to get a bid on changing just the breakers and one to change the breakers and the box from C & C Electric.

Item 4 – Well Reports - There were no new wells to report at this time.

Mrs. Shelton gave a written report on the findings on Conductivity, pH and temperature of the wells sampled on December 10. She left a spreadsheet showing these wells’ testing history.

Mrs. Smith reported that she is still working on the unregistered wells found on the TDLR website.

There will be a report at the January meeting.

Item 5 – Meetings - Mrs. Smith stated that Mrs. Shelton has the dates of January 7 and 21, 2010 for Region L meetings. This will be researched.

Item 6 – Correspondence – The Board discussed the Chamber of Commerce Banquet and the write-up on our honoree, Don DeLay. Mr. Irwin will write this for the Board. No action was taken on corporate table.

Item 7 – Unfinished Business – Board received the updated proposed procedural schedule. There could be further delays because of the revised permit application.

The Board reviewed the GCGCD Administration and job descriptions and voted to approve those presented with the addition of the overall oversight category in the General Manager’s description. Mr. Kozielski moved to approve, Mr. Duke seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Irwin stated that Mr. Paulsgrove is working on the research of the building deed.

No action taken on report of USGS meeting. Mr. Dohmann added item 8e to this discussion. He stated that we need a second well to verify results of early test. He wants to pursue an option if Victoria does not have one. Mr. Dreier mentioned Todd Lee property or Frank Reutter well in Victoria County. Mrs. Smith will call Victoria County to make sure they are getting an additional well in that area. The other well is the windmill on Audilet property. USGS does not have a protocol for testing windmills so they may not do this well. Mr. Dohmann wants us to offer to pay for testing the well if they want. Mr. Ball moved to offer to pay for this well. Mr. Irwin seconded and the motion carried.

Item 8 – New Business – IRS mileage rate will be 50 cents per mile starting January 1, 2010. The Board will meet on February 15, 2010 even though it is a holiday. The holidays that fall on a non- working day were discussed Mr. Ball moved to give the employees a day off for the holidays, one for Independence Day and one for Christmas Day, to be used at their discretion, as long as both employees do not take the days at the same time. Mr. Irwin seconded. Motion carried. **Each employee will have two floating holidays during the year.** Mr. Kozielski moved to give the employees a \$100 Christmas Bonus each to be taken out of Contingency. Mr. Irwin seconded and the motion carried with Mrs. Smith abstaining. Mr. Dohmann discussed the email from Neil Blandford that updates their work and costs. He has instructed him that there is no authorization for him to do any additional work without Board approval. Mr. Dohmann will tell him that they can look at the model, but not do any work with it. We will not pursue any detail work on model until Board approves.

Item 9 – Calendar – No action required

Item 11 – Public Comment – Conny McKelvey was at the meeting to represent “Goliad Concerned Citizens”. She stated that she will try to learn more about the District and should have in the past. Mrs. Duke stated that she saw the article in the paper about registering wells. Mr. Dreier stated that he is interested in the Federal Case against TCEQ concerning the Whooping Cranes. Mr. Dohmann stated that there is political opposition to this case. Mr. Duke asked about water quality testing. We need to find out the number of sample containers that can fit into one cooler for shipping samples so that we can sample smaller numbers of wells and take care of the requests of landowners sooner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Smith, Secretary, GCGCD
APPROVED BY THE BOARD 1-04-2010 with changes