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Minutes of Meeting
2-16-09
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 introduced guests Wanda Duke, Ginger Cook, Lillian Kozielski, G.A. and Vicky Gutmann, Mary and Tom Anklam, Daniel Alcorta and Jim Kreneck. Roll call of directors found that Raulie Irwin was absent. Also in attendance was Michelle Shelton, GCGCD office assistant. Mr. Irwin arrived at 5:03 p.m. Mr. Underdown with UEC joined the group at 5:15 p.m.

Item 1 – Public Comment on Operations of the District – Mr. Kreneck congratulated Mr. Dohmann for his award at the chamber awards ceremony. The Board moved to **Item 11** of the agenda.

Item 2 – Action on Minutes of February 2, 2009 – The Board reviewed the Minutes of the February 2, 2009 meeting. Mr. Kozielski moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Ball seconded and the motion carried.

Item 3 – Financials:

a. **Monthly Reports:** The Board reviewed the monthly reports for the District. Ms. Smith included information on Certificates of Deposit that will transfer to Prosperity in March and April of this year. Mr. Ball moved to approve the monthly reports, Mr. Kozielski seconded and the motion carried.

b. **Invoices:**

- i. **Directors Reimbursements** – The Board reviewed Directors Reimbursements for Ms. Smith - \$75.63 for the month and Mr. Kozielski - \$313.60 for the months of November, 2008 thru February, 2009. Mr. Dreier moved to approve the Director's Expenses, Mr. Ball seconded and the motion carried.
- ii. **Approve Payment of Bills (if any)** – The Board reviewed the invoice submitted by the Baiamonte Law Firm. Mr. Kozielski moved to approve the payment of the invoice to the Baiamonte Law Firm. Mr. Irwin seconded, and the motion carried.

Item 4 – Well Reports

a. **New exempt wells** – Eight new wells were sited since January 19th. Six exempt and two permit wells. No action was required.

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

- a. **TCEQ meeting for contested case hearing decision - 2-25-09 -** Ms. Smith included a copy of the District's response in the file for information. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 25th in Austin starting at 9:30. All Board Members with the exception of Mr. Ball plan to attend. Ms. Smith will post the meeting. There will be no public input at this meeting. Action item for the record is to approve legal counsel at this meeting. Mr. Baiamonte will not be available due to court obligations, but Mrs. Baiamonte is available. The rate will be \$100 during proceeding, \$40 during travel. Mr. Kozielski moved to approve legal counsel at the TCEQ meeting. Mr. Irwin seconded, and the motion carried. Mrs. Baiamonte will be prepared to speak if asked a question.
- b. **Region L Meeting – February 5 – 10:00 a.m. SAWS office San Antonio –** Mr. Dohmann gave a report to the Board. The 2006 plan is still being amended. The Region L Board thinks it would be politically expedient if Region L was in compliance, but the amended plan would still have to go through the hearing process. The earliest possible date of approval will be this fall. The new plan is due out in March. No action was required
- c. **2-17-09 USGS meeting – Goliad 1:00 p.m. –** Ms. Smith failed to post this meeting. No more than three can attend this meeting. Mr. Irwin, Mr. Duke and Mr. Ball will bow out. Ms. Smith will not be in attendance. No action required.
- d. **2-20-09 Coletto Creek Power Meeting 10:00 a.m. at the plant –** This meeting will be a posted meeting. All board members plan to be in attendance. No other action was required.
- e. **Other Meetings –** There will be a Pipeline Awareness meeting in Beeville on April 8th. If anyone wants to go, let Ms. Smith know and she will RSVP. The District will request a tape of the Texas Parks and Wildlife program and have available to the public. No other action was required.

Item 6 – Discussion and action on Correspondence –

- a. **Other Correspondence -** None

Item 7 – Unfinished Business –

- a. **Discussion and possible action on Weather Station Report –** The Board reviewed the report submitted by Garrett Engelking of the Refugio County Groundwater District on the Weather Stations. Mr. Dohmann has read the report and wants to continue dialog on the use of the weather station data, its usefulness and data validity. This will be a question to USGS. Mr. Dohmann suggested sending this report to George Ozuna to give the District an evaluation. No action taken on this report.

b. Discussion and action on nominations for Environmental Flows Advisory Committee – Ms. Smith sent an e-mail to the contact person on the Region L Board requesting information regarding re-nomination from last year with no response.

c. Discussion and action on any other unfinished business – None

Item 8 – New Business –

a. Discussion and action on legislative update – Ms. Smith include a list that came out this week on House Committee Chairs. House Natural Resources Committee has a new chairman, the bio is included for Board review. This session has lost a key member of the committee, Mr. Harvey Hildebrand. The Board noted that there is another lobbying effort to eliminate contested case hearings on permit applications and there may be a bill introduced this session.

b. Discussion and action on chartered bus to Austin on February 25th – No action required.

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

Item 10 – Executive Session – None

Item 11 – Permitted Well Hearing - The Board reviewed the Permitted Well Application by Bay Ltd., for Bill Winstead for a 5 hp pump capable of pumping 60 gal/min. that will be used for road construction to install shoulders on HWY W. 239 for 180 days. Upon completion of the road project the well will be turned over to the property owner. The Board requested a clear understanding of what the well will be converted to after completion of permitted usage. The well will be converted to a windmill. The permit will need to state that at the end of construction usage a windmill or pump incapable of pumping more than 17 gal/min will be installed. With this clarification, Mr. Winstead will not be required to come back to the Board for permitting. The well will revert to exempt status upon completion of the road project. During pumping of the permitted well the water level in the shallower windmill on the property should be monitored to see if the deeper well causes drawdown of the shallower well which would indicate vertical leakage from the shallow water sand to the deeper water sand. Mr. Kozielski moved to approve the application. Mr. Duke seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item 12 – Public Comment – Mr. Dohmann thanked the public for coming and opened the meeting up for public comment. Hearing no public comment, moved to item 13.

Item 13 – Adjournment – Being no further action, Mr. Duke moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m., Mrs. Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Smith, Secretary GCGCD

Michelle Shelton, Asst.

