

Minutes of Meeting  
2-2-09  
GCGCD

Mr. K Ball  
Mr. 2/16/09

Mr. Dohmann called the meeting to order at 5:02 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 Ginger Cook, Wanda Duke, Mary and Tom Anklam, Laurie Scribellito, Martha Mullinex with the Texan Express, Venice Scheurich and Mina Williams with Coastal Bend Sierra Club, and Virginia McDaniel with GISD. Roll call of directors found that all were present. Also in attendance was Michelle Shelton, GCGCD office assistant. Rob Baiamonte, District Attorney arrived at 5:12 p.m. and Brian Yaata and the Ag Extension Office arrived at 5:13 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 19, 2009** - The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 19, 2009 meeting. Mr. Dreier moved to approve the Minutes as written. Mr. Kozielski seconded and the motion carried.

**Item 3 - Discussion and Possible Action on Meetings Attended and Upcoming Meetings -**

- a. **1-29-09 - Coleta Creek 2 Meeting in Goliad 5:30 p.m.** - This meeting was held last week. There was no comment relating to the Groundwater District.
- b. **2-4-09 - TCEQ Stakeholders Meeting on Rules - Austin** - There will be a stakeholder meeting on February 4, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the TCEQ Central Office to take input on in-situ mining. The Board has submitted comments and the directors have requested corrections on some of the bullets regarding clarification on sampling and on uranium mining rules carrying into the restoration tables. This item is deferred to *Item 8*.
- c. **2-5-09 - Region I - SAWS Office in SA** - Mrs. Smith, Mr. Dohmann, Mr. Irwin and Mr. Kozielski will be attending the meeting. Mrs. Smith will post the meeting. Mr. Dohmann has been asked to be an alternate for Mike Fields of Coleta Creek Power. There will be nominations of stakeholder's representatives as part of the environmental flows issue regarding bays and estuaries and river basin groups consisting of a 17-member committee with 5-year terms. We need to get the information regarding the nominees for the Environmental Flows Committee out to the public. Mrs. Smith will get with Mrs. Mullinex regarding this.
- d. **2-11-09 - TCEQ Rules Meeting - Austin** - There was no action taken by Board.
- e. **2-17-09 - USGS Coleta Creek Study - Goliad** - This meeting will be held at the GCGCD offices. Information only. No action required.
- f. **2-20-09 - Coleta Creek Power Plant Tour and Meeting - 10:00 a.m.** - The topic of discussion will be water quality in the reservoir and how it may interface with the aquifer, the maintenance of higher water levels with the addition of the new unit and the issue of taking water needed to get downstream to the bays and estuaries. Mrs. Smith will post as all Board members that can attend, will.
- g. **2-25-09 - Contested Case Hearing Meeting in Austin** - Defer to new business *Item 6a*.
- h. **GBRA Clean Rivers Meeting in Seguin** - This meeting will be held in March. Information only. No action required.
- i. **Other meetings - None**

**Item 4 - Discussion and possible action on Correspondence –**

- a. **Response to TCEQ Concerning Contested Case Hearing** – The Board went over the criteria for the hearing. UEC's stance is that no one is an affected party outside of a ¼-mile radius of the permit area. A response will need to be prepared and received by all parties by 5:00 on February 13, 2009. The Board went over again the importance of representation at the Contested Case Hearing meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Dohmann and Mr. Irwin will be on a committee with legal counsel to prepare the responses. The committee was nominated and approved by consensus.
- b. **Promotion of Dr. Mace at TWDB** – Information only. No action required.
- c. **Other Correspondence** – The Board reviewed and discussed the USGS letter that will be sent to Mr. Ozuna as discussed at the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mrs. Smith included in the Board Member information Texas Senate Committee member assignments.

**5. Old Business –**

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action on Weather Stations** – Mr. Dohmann received e-mail confirmation from Refugio GCD. Garrett Engelking stated that the annual report was in the preparation process.
- b. **Discussion and Action on Water Well Monitoring Report** – The board discussed and received information on the ongoing monitoring in the northwest part of the county.
- c. **Discussion and Action on Uranium Activities and Applications** – None

**6. New Business –**

- a. **Report and Take any Action Necessary on Dr. John Gates Study of the Evangeline and Chicot Aquifers Studying Trace Constituent Chemistry (arsenic, uranium, etc.)** – Mrs. Smith gave a report to the Board regarding what the study will entail and the information that the District provided to Dr. Gates for his study. The District's role in the study will be the information that has already been provided, and putting Dr. Gates in contact with the landowners.
- b. **Discussion and Action Developing Water Conservation Programs in Goliad County** – Mr. Yanta, representing the Agriculture Extension Office and Ms. McDaniel representing the school district were questioned regarding suggestions for further natural resource education for the youth of Goliad to further their education on basic understanding of the aquifer and how it works. A summer program was proposed by the Board. Ms. McDaniel recommended river exploring and/or park field trips. Mr. Yanta suggested a summer day camp. The Board proposed that Mr. Yanta and Ms. McDaniel serve on a committee with Mr. Irwin and Mrs. Smith to further develop a program. Ms. McDaniel suggested that we enlist the assistance of another representative at the high school level. Mr. Whitfield will be contacted for this position. No further action is required.
- c. **Discussion and Action on Paying for Directors and Staff Tickets to Chamber of Commerce Banquet – Banquet is February 13<sup>th</sup>** – Mr. Kozielski moved that the District pay for the Banquet Tickets for the Directors and Staff only. Mr. Duke seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 6 ayes and no nays. Mr. Irwin abstained.

**7. GCGCD Calendar**– The Board reviewed the calendar for the month of February. No action was necessary.

**8. Public Hearing on James and Laurie Scribellito – Shady Oaks Speedway – Change of Usage and Permitting of Water Use for Race Track** – Mr. Dohmann read the posted notice for the public. For public information .75-acre feet, the amount being requested falls under the permitting requirements. The permit is required due to the size of the pump at 5 hp. It is a large pump and there will be high volume usage from time to time. TWDB reviewed the application and determined the request falls below the necessity of being a “public water supply”. A chlorinator has been put on the well and regular testing will be done according to the landowners. Mr. Dohmann suggested to the landowners to establish a baseline on the mineralization on the well and check for bacteria. The methodology used for reporting will be that the well has its own meter according to the landowners. The Board suggested that this be included as part of the permit stipulation. Mr. Irwin moved to approve the permit request. Mr. Kozielski seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**9. Public Comment** - none

**10. Adjourn** – Mr. Kozielski moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Duke seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Smith, Secretary GCGCD  
Michelle Shelton, Office/Field Asst.

