

MINUTES
Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 28th, 2022
8:00 a.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Mark Kubecka, Billy Mann, Craig Kucera, Herff Cornelius

STAFF PRESENT: Neil Hudgins, General Manager, Sandra Horris

Guest: Bob McKee, Big Hill
Debbie and William Popek

PRESIDING: Mark Kubecka

1. President Mark Kubecka called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m., at the Matagorda County Office Building, 4th Floor Conference room.

Public Comments

2. Neil opened the floor for Public Comments
 - 2.1 None.

Review and Approve Public Hearing and BOD Minutes from the May 19th, 2022 Board of Directors meeting

3. Herff Cornelius made a Motion to accept minutes as written; it was seconded by Billy Mann. Mark Kubecka put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

4. a. The Financial Report stated that the current year's budget, which started October 1st, 2021 was at 51.3% of the budget used, check registers balance \$313,175.06, the list of bills paid from May 19th, 2022 through July 25th, 2022 and the investment report was presented.
 - 4.1 Craig Kucera made a Motion to approve financials as presents; it was seconded by Herff Cornelius. Mark Kubecka put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Texas Drought Report was presented by Neil Hudgins for review.
- c. Mr. Hudgins presented the board with a copy of the Well Monitoring report and the Annual Well Monitor report indicating some wells have dropped and other are maintaining.
- d. Mr. Hudgins presented the board with a copy of the 2021 Water Usage Report
- e. Upcoming meetings: Groundwater Summit, August 28 ~ Sept. 1, 2022

Review and Approve Drilling Permit Application and Operating Permit Application as presented in Public Hearing

- 5. Billy Mann made a Motion to approval the Drilling Permit and Operating Permit as presented; it was seconded by Craig Kucera. Mark Kubecka put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

William Popek to discuss New Well

- 6. Mr. Popek inquired about getting a variance on a Permit on a new well. The board agreed that as long as Mr. Popek could show that amount of water being pumped into and out of the reservoir, they had no problem granting the variance

Order and Election

- 7. Herff Cornelius made a Motion to Order an Election for the November 8th, 2022; it was seconded by Billy Mann. Mark Kubecka put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion to consider New TCDRS Rate

- 8. Tabled pending more information

Discuss and Approve CD changes

- 9. Herff Cornelius made a Motion to approve changing the \$500,000 CD from 12 months to 11 months to get a better rate.; it was seconded by Craig Kucera. Mark Kubecka put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

Review and Discuss possible Rule Amendment

- 10. Herff Cornelius made a Motion to propose the following rule amendment.; it was seconded by Billy Mann. Mark Kubecka put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

CPGCD Rule Amendment Proposal

(c) Hydrogeological Assessment and Aquifer Test Report. The following permit applications shall be accompanied by a current hydrogeological assessment of the projected effects of the requested groundwater use and an aquifer test report.

- An application for a new well that involves the production of more than 1000 acre-feet of groundwater annually;
- An application for a new well that will be aggregated by the District with other new or existing wells that involves the aggregate production of more than 1000 acre-feet of groundwater annually
- ~~An application for an amendment to an existing permit that would increase total or aggregate production to more than 1000 acre-feet of groundwater annually.~~
- An application for an amendment to an existing permit that would:
 - (A) increase the total authorized withdrawals to an amount greater than has been authorized by any previous permit issued for production from that well or well system; and
 - (B) increase the total or aggregate production to more than 1000 acre-feet of groundwater annually.

Annual Review of District Rules regarding Groundwater Waste

11. No action taken

Annual Review of CPGCD Investment Policy

12. No action taken

Review and Discuss Draft Budget for 2022-23

13. Neil Hudgins presented the board with a copy of the draft budget for their review.

Executive Session, as allowed under Section 551.01 of the Texas Open Meeting Act Government Code, specifically Section 551.074, Revised Statutes of Texas to discuss appointment, employment, evaluations, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of personnel. (Staff Performance)

14. The board convened for Executive Session at 8:47 am

Reconvene for Executive Session and take possible action (Possible Action)

9. The board reconvened into regular session at 8:59, and Herff Cornelius made a Motion to give Neil Hudgins and Sandra Horris a 5% raise and a 5% inflation bonus; it was seconded by Billy Mann. Mark Kubecka put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

10. None

Public Comments/Announcements

11. None

Date/Time/Place for next meeting.

11. To be announced

Adjournment

12. Herff Cornelius made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Craig Kucera. Mark Kubecka put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.