

MINUTES
Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 22nd, 2026
8:00 a.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Billy Mann, Herff Cornelius, Deedy Huffman and Mike Saha

STAFF PRESENT: Neil Hudgins, General Manager, Sandra Horris

Guest: Wade Whitlow, Alice Sokalowski

PRESIDING: Deedy Huffman

1. Director Deedy Huffman called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m., at the Matagorda County Office Building, 4th Floor Conference room; stating we would skip to agenda item #5.

Public Comments

2. None

Review and Approve Minutes from the September 11th, 2025 Public Hearing and Board of Directors meeting

3. Herff Cornelius made a Motion to accept minutes as written; it was seconded by Mike Sah. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

Review and Approve Audit Presentation by Kennemer, Masters & Lunsford, LLC (Action Item)

4. Wade Whitlow presented the board with a copy of the 2024-25 Year End Budget in which he referenced the budget opinion was clean and unmodified.

4.1 Billy Mann made a Motion to approve the 2024-25 Fiscal year Budget as it was present today; it was seconded by Herff Cornelius. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

5a. The Financial Report stated that the current year's budget, which started October 1st, 2025 was at 15.3% of the budget used, check registers balance \$482,687.55, the list of bills paid from September 11th through January 15th, 2026 and the investment report was presented.

5.1 Herff Cornelius made a Motion to approval the financial as presented; it was seconded by Mike Saha. Deedy Huffman 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, indicating most wells are recovering.
- d. Upcoming meetings: None

Review and Discuss CPGCD Fee Schedule

- 6. Neil Hudgins presented the board with a Copy of the CPGCD Fee Schedule

6.1 Billy Mann made a motion to increase the Hydrogeological Report Assessment deposit to \$20,000; it was seconded by Herff Cornelius. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

Review and Approve Legislative Representation Service Agreement with Coastal Bend GCD/GM Ellis Law Firm

- 7. Neil Hudgins explained to the board the contract is for 2 years totaling \$64,000 in which Coastal Plains GCD would pay 40% of

7.1 Billy Mann made a motion to approve the agreement; it was seconded by Herff Cornelius. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

- 8. None

Public Comment/Announcement

- 9. None

Date/Time/Place for next meeting.

- 10. TBA

Adjournment

- 11. Billy Mann made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Herff Cornelius. Deedy Huffman put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously

