

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## Regular Meeting Minutes March 19, 2025

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on March 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office located at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, Texas.

Directors Present:

Andrew Labay, Marv Ulbricht, Rebecca Moulder, Ann Pavliska, Michael Lanier, Wanda Anglin

Directors Absent:

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Staff Present:

Aaron Weishuhn, Kim Ferguson, Jim Brasher

Guests:

Lynn Loomis

President Labay declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

President Labay led the pledge and invocation.

Director Anglin moved to approve Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 15, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Lanier and carried unanimously.

Gabriel Sepulveda with KM&L presented the District's 2024 Audit Report. Director Lanier moved to approve the audit report. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

Consultant, Kelsey Calvez, gave an update on the Water Quality Database for the District's website. She will add additional filter and search options. Updates should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

President Labay adjourned the Regular Meeting to a Permit Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

President Labay reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:53 p.m.

GM Weishuhn presented a Class B Operating Permit (Aggregate) application for 4C Assets, LLC (OP-B-0042a). Director Moulder moved to approve 41.1 ac-ft. over a three-year period. The motion was seconded by Director Lanier and carried unanimously.

GM Weishuhn presented a Class B Operating Permit application (Amendment) for Tonkawa Farms (OP-B-0030). Director Anglin moved to approve the amendment for 90.6 ac-ft. over a three-year period. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and carried unanimously.

GM Weishuhn presented a Class B Operating Permit application (Amendment) for Tourrat Investments, LLC (OP-B-0065). Director Anglin moved to approve the amendment for 42.6 ac-ft. over a three-year period. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

GM Weishuhn presented a Class B Operating Permit application (Amendment) for Roy W. Wright II (OP-B-0048a). Director Pavliska moved to approve the amendment for 285.0 ac-ft. over a three-year period. The motion was seconded by Director Anglin and carried unanimously.

GM Weishuhn reported on violations and open investigations:

Meyer Water Well - Violation was submitted to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for failure to pay fines accessed by the District. TDLR is actively investigating.

Maral Drilling – Driller has failed to respond to attorney's demand letters. Director Anglin moved to assess a fine of \$4,000 due in 30 days and to increase the fine by \$2,000 every subsequent 30 days not received. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and carried unanimously.

Alpha 777 – Driller has failed to respond to attorney's demand letters. Director Pavliska moved to assess a fine of \$1,000 due in 30 days and double the fine every subsequent 30 days not received. The motion was seconded by Director Lanier and carried unanimously.

Alleyton Resource (RES/VLS) – Permittee has failed to respond to the District. Director Lanier moved to assess a fine of \$500 due in 30 days and to increase by \$500 every subsequent 30 days not received. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

Anthony Drlik – Permittee exceeded the permitted amount after year two of the three-year permit. Director Anglin moved to issue a warning. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

Tonkawa Farms – Permittee exceeded the permitted amount after year two of the three-year permit. Director Anglin moved to issue a warning. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and carried unanimously.

Tourrat Investments – Permittee exceeded the permitted amount after year 2 of the three-year permit. Director Ulbricht moved to issue a warning. The motion was seconded by Director Moulder and carried unanimously.

Enatai Farm – Permittee has failed to submit a permit application. By common consensus, the Board agreed to assess a fine if the application is not received within 30 days.

Yoder & Fry – Permittee's permit application was deemed administratively incomplete. By common consensus, the Board agreed to assess a fine if missing information is not received within 30 days.

WCID #2 – Permittee failed to submit annual water use information due January 31, 2024. By common consensus, the Board agreed to issue a warning and assess a fine if annual water use information is not received within 30 days.

Delta Drilling – Driller failed to register a new well. By common consensus it was decided to issue a warning to the driller and well owner, Fabiola Sotelo.

Consultant Brasher reported that he, GM Weishuhn and the District's attorney, Monique Norman, met with Ralph Savino and his legal counsel to discuss multiple permit amendments. The amendments would include revising ownership entities and the permitted amount of a current one-year permit. The District will discuss this further with Mrs. Norman and meet with Mr. Savino at a future date to discuss potential studies and monitor wells.

GM Weishuhn reported on the following:

Water Level Monitor Well Report

Highland Lakes and Other LCRA Projects

Region K/GMA15

GM Weishuhn gave an update on the status of permit renewals and Annual Water Use reports.

GM Weishuhn reported that he and Brasher met with Colorado County Commissioners to inquire about the status of A&K Railroad's request for tax exemption. They were informed that the project is on hold.

Consultant Brasher gave an update on proposed rules revisions for Management Zone 2. The Board discussed the threshold for exempt wells, permit classifications, permit approvals, maximum allowable withdrawals, supporting reports and metering requirements.

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Adjourn to the Public Hearing for the Proposed District Management Plan at 10:00 p.m.

Reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Director Pavliska moved to approve the Proposed District Management Plan Hearing Minutes dated March 19, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Anglin and carried unanimously.

OM Ferguson presented the January and February Expenditure Reports. Director Moulder moved to approve both reports. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

OM Ferguson presented depository bids received from three local banks. Director Anglin moved to accept the depository bid submitted by Industry State Bank. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

Consultant Brasher announced his last day with the District will be April 15, 2025. He will be available on an as-needed basis to answer questions that my arise. Consultant Brasher and the Board agreed on a purchase price for his cell phone and laptop.

President Labay adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Ferguson, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved by:

Rebecca Moulder, Secretary