

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

## Special Meeting Minutes June 20, 2024

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on June 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office located at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, Texas.

Directors Present:

Travis Wegenhoft, Sam Parks, Ann Pavliska, Marv Ulbricht

Directors Absent:

Al Mahalitc, Michael Lanier, Rebecca Moulder

Staff Present:

Jim Brasher, Kim Ferguson

Guests:

Jenna Coulter, Gabriel Sepulveda

President Wegenhoft declared a quorum present and convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

President Wegenhoft led the pledge and invocation.

Permit Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes dated March 20, 2024 were approved by common consensus.

The Annual Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2023 prepared by KM&L, Certified Public Accountants of Lake Jackson, Texas was reviewed. Jenna Coulter, representative of the firm, presented the report. The District's financial statements were deemed correct in all material respects. Director Pavliska moved to approve the audit report. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher gave an update on violations and open investigations:

Maral Drilling - Driller failed to respond to District and attorney letters. This case has been referred to legal counsel for litigation.

Meyer Water Well – Driller provided required documentation but failed to pay assessed fines. This case has been referred to legal counsel for litigation.

Cobra Drilling – Driller failed to register two wells and submit the State of Texas Well Reports. The Board previously fined the driller \$200 per unregistered well. GM Brasher will work on a fine assessment letter to the driller.

Zavala Drilling – The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation is currently investigating this well. TDLR is working to determine if the original well was plugged as ordered by the District.

Jesus Bocanegra – The landowner failed to submit the State of Texas Well Reports for two self-drilled wells. The landowner provided copies of both completed reports he planned to submit to TDLR on June 20, 2024.

3G Drilling/Derek Treybig – Well was completed in violation of casing rules. GM Brasher and the well owner discussed options to rectify the violation. The District has received no evidence that the violation has been corrected. GM Brasher will follow up with the landowner.

Alpha Management 777 – Landowner has failed to respond to letters from the District's legal counsel. Director Parks moved to have legal counsel send another letter and increase the fine to \$500. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

Robichaux Land Company – Well owner refuses to provide 2023 water usage for two permitted wells and refuses to respond to letters sent by the District. Director Parks moved to refer this case to legal counsel, increase the fine to \$400 per well, and perform an inspection to confirm the meter installation. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

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Sherman Ranch – A replacement well was drilled by Neuendorff Water Well Service. The original well has not been plugged in a reasonable time. Director Ulbricht moved to inform the well owner that he has 30 days to plug the original well or submit an application to re-permit it. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

Texas Southern Drilling – Drilled a rig supply well that was not registered with the District. Director Ulbricht moved to access a fine of \$500 for this repeated violation. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

Sierria Classic Homes – Home builder drilled a well without prior registration and no State of Texas Well Report is on record. GM Brasher will contact Sierria Classic Homes regarding the violation.

GM Brasher reported on the following: Water Level Monitor Well Report Highland Lakes and Other LCRA Projects Region K/GMA 15

The City of Weimar submitted a request for an access easement of a 20' strip of land located within the boundary of the Colorado County GCD. Director Ulbricht moved to approve the easement. The motion was seconded by Director Parks and carried unanimously.

The City of Columbus sent a tax abatement notification for Dallas Wholesale Distributing which will be located in the proposed reinvestment zone. Currently, no action is required of CCGCD

OM Ferguson presented a ratification contract between the Colorado County Central Appraisal District and the Colorado County GCD. The contract is for performing assessment and collection of taxes for years 2024 – 2027. Director Pavliska moved to approve the ratification contract. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

OM Ferguson presented a Designation of an Officer/Employee form submitted by the Colorado County Central Appraisal District. The designation is to assign who will calculate the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate until the District choses to appoint an alternative party. Treasurer Pavliska volunteered to be the designee. Director Parks moved to approve Treasure Pavliska as the designee. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

OM Ferguson presented the April and May 2024 Expenditure Reports. Director Parks moved to approve both reports. The motion was seconded by Director Pavliska and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher presented the Q1 Investment Report. Director Parks moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Director Ulbricht and carried unanimously.

GM Brasher reported that the District truck was auctioned off at Switzer Auction Services in Sealy. The District netted \$5,980 after sales commission.

GM Brasher informed the Board of upcoming election dates and deadlines. Notices will be placed in area newspapers in the coming weeks.

GM Brasher discussed his upcoming retirement plans. He will compose a job description for future employment advertisements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Ferguson, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved by:

Sam Parks, Secretary

7-31-24

Date