

**COASTAL BEND GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

AGENDA PREPARED AND POSTED: August 02, 2023
DATE OF MEETING: August 08, 2023
TIME OF MEETING: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE WHERE MEETING WAS HELD: CBGCD Office, 109 E. Milam, WHARTON, TEXAS 77488.

In Attendance:

Ronald Gertson – President CBGCD; Daniel Berglund – Vice-President/Treasurer CBGCD; Tim Anderson – Secretary CBGCD; Aland Wittig – Director CBGCD; Neil Hudgins – Manager CBGCD; Jaime Bosch – Office Manager CBGCD; Greg Ellis

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 A.M. by President Gertson.

II. Public Comments:

None

III. Approval of Minutes:

Director Wittig made a motion to approve the July 11, 2023 meeting and permit hearing minutes as presented. Secretary Anderson seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.

V. Manager's Report:

Financial Report – Mr. Hudgins reported a checking account balance of \$185,695.10; a money market account balance of \$291,063.79, 2018 CD balance of \$823,821.34; 2020 CD balance \$552,452.59. A budget vs. actual and the balance sheet were also presented. After discussion and review, Director Wittig made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Vice-President Berglund seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.

2022 Water Use Report – Mr. Hudgins presented the board with a detailed report of water use in 2022 reporting total water use of 166,914 acre-feet.

Well Monitoring Update – Mr. Hudgins presented the board with the monthly monitor well levels as of August 2023. The index well graph shows 4.5-foot decline from the previous month of July 2023 and 3.5-foot higher than August 2022.

Upcoming Meetings – TAGD Groundwater Summit-August 29th-31st

VI. Review and Discuss Engagement Letter with KM&L: Mr. Hudgins present the KM&L engagement letter to the board. After discussion and review of the engagement letter from KM&L, Vice-President Berglund made a motion to accept and sign the letter as presented to retain their services for the 2022-2023 CBGCD audit. Director Wittig seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.

VII. Review and Discuss Legislative Representation Services Agreement with GM Ellis Law Firm: Mr. Hudgins presented the board with the October 01, 2023 – September 30, 2025 legislative services contract with GM Ellis Law Firm. After review and discussion, Vice-President Berglund made a motion to approve the contract as presented with Coastal Bend GCD covering 60% and Coastal Plains GCD agreeing to do cover 40% of the cost. Secretary Anderson seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.

VIII. Review and Discuss GMA-15 Agreement with Monetary Contribution: Mr. Hudgins presented the GMA-15 by-laws and monetary interlocal agreement. After

review and discussion, Vice-President Berglund made a motion to approve a resolution to approve the GMA-15 by-laws as presented. Director Wittig seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition. Director Wittig made a motion to approve the GMA-15 \$7,500 monetary interlocal agreement as presented. Vice-President Berglund seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.

- IX. **Review and Discuss Replacement of Monitor Well Equipment:** Mr. Hudgins presented the need of replacement equipment for 3 CBGCD monitor wells. After review and discussion, Vice-President Berglund made a motion to approve the purchase of \$4,500 (up to \$5,000) replacement equipment for 3 monitor wells for a total of \$15,000. Secretary Anderson seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.
- X. **Review and Propose 2023-2024 Budget:** Mr. Hudgins presented and discussed the preliminary 2023-2023 budget. Director Wittig made the motion to propose the 2023-2024 budget as presented which would necessitate a Tax Rate of \$0.00615/100 valuation. Vice-President Berglund seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.
- XI. **Review and Propose 2023-2024 Tax Rate:** Vice-President Berglund made a motion to propose a tax rate of \$0.00615/100 valuation. Director Wittig seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.
- XII. **Review and Propose Possible CBGCD Rule Change:** No Action
- XIII. **Review and Discuss CBGCD Management Plan Update:** No Action
- XIV. **Annual Evaluation of District Investment Policy:** Mr. Hudgins present the board with the investment policy. After review discussion, Secretary Anderson made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Vice-President Berglund seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.
- XV. **Annual Evaluation of District Rules on Prevention of Groundwater Waste:** No Action.
- XVI. **General Counsel’s Report on Groundwater Litigation and Legislation:** Greg Ellis updated the board on the current cases status and current legislation.
- IV. **PDSI:** The report shows abnormally dry areas within the CBGCD area.
- XVII. **Possible Future Agenda Items:** Rule, Management Plan, Budget & Tax Rate, TML, Quarterly Investment Policy.
- XVIII. **Public Comments/Announcements:** None
- XIX. **Set Next Meeting Date and Agenda:** Vice-President Berglund made a motion that the next CBGCD board meeting be set for Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at the CBGCD office. Secretary Anderson seconded. President Gertson announced the motion passed without opposition.
- XX. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.