

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Wednesday, December 14, 2022
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a Workshop at 10:00 a.m. and the Regular Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

Leland Gersbach, President, Pct 1
David Cole, Vice President, At Large
Gary Young, Secretary, Pct 2
Jody Williams, Director, Pct 3
Scott Brooks, Director, Pct 4

Absent:

Staff:

Dirk Aaron, General Manager
Tristin Smith, Education/Compliance Coord.

Guests

Mike Keester – R.W. Harden & Assoc.
Peter Dilillo
Keith Elliston – ACA (remote)
Cole Ruiz – Lloyd Gosselink (remote)

Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:31 p.m.

Workshop Item #1: Receive presentation from Mike Keester related to the update of groundwater pumping in northern Travis and Williamson Counties.

Mike Keester presented on the pumping trends in Northern Travis and Williamson Counties. The projected pumping amounts will be incorporated into the water level maps.

Workshop Item #2: Receive updated information related to the ACA proposed annexation.

Keith Elliston updated the Board regarding the ACA and the potential annexation of a portion of Williamson County to CUWCD. Keith stated the town hall meetings went well and the ACA would like to delay the sending in the petition until January and would like to pursue more deliberations and discussions with their Commissioner's Court.

Workshop Item #3: Receive information related to the Lower Trinity Aquifer proposed water level monitoring system.

Dirk presented the Eno-Scientific monitor well products to the Board. Dirk stated that with the monitoring efforts with LRE into the Data Management System to conduct short-term and long-term monitoring that generates maps and analytics necessary for upcoming permit applications. Due to our new science and supported by the new management zones it is necessary and prudent, we work with the existing WSC's and Cities with Lower Trinity Wells producing groundwater for public water supply. (two wells in the Beta Setup). The third unit presented is best for a domestic use well and can also connect to the icloud with the Signal Fire system offered by Eno-Scientific.

Workshop Item #4: Receive update related to the BELCOR RHCP.

Dirk updated the Board that the consultants received the award letter and are in the process of getting the contracting paperwork initiated. Dirk said he will share that news with the County Judge and the BELCOR RHCP partners.

Workshop Item #5: Receive information related to Groundwater Management Area 8, per the Joint Planning and Development of the Round 4 Desired Future Conditions.

They took the RFQs for firms to redo the GAM. Intera and R.W. Harden will be working with the leadership of GMA 8 to negotiate the scope of work. Dirk stated he will be involved in that because he wants it to be logical and affordable over a 2-3 year period.

Workshop closed at 3:00 p.m. and Regular Board Meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 3:05 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President, David Cole, gave the invocation.
Secretary, Gary Young, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Public Comment.**

None.

3. **Approve minutes of the November 9, 2022, Board meeting.**

Board members received the minutes of the November 9, 2022, Board meeting and workshop in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Director, Jody Williams, moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2022, Board meeting and Workshop. Vice President, David Cole, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

4. **Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to accept the monthly Financial Report for November 2022 (FY23) as presented.**

Board members received the monthly financial report for November 2022 in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Leland informed the Board members that there was a problem with the November Financial reports and that the numbers don't agree with the dates entered in QuickBooks, so he recommended that the November Financial reports be addressed in January.

5. **Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to accept the monthly Investment Fund account report for November (FY23) as presented.**

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6. **Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, swear in Board of Directors for Precincts 2 & 4 and At-Large and administer oaths of office.**

Tristin Smith, Notary Public, administered the "Statement of Office" and "Oath of Office" to Gary Young (Director, Precinct 2), Scott Brooks (Director, Precinct 4), and David Cole (Director, At-Large).

Dirk recapped the process and guidelines the District followed to properly post and notice the election.

7. **Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to set the calendar dates for 2023.**

Staff looked at the calendar to set dates for 2023 Board meetings. Dirk presented the proposed dates to include regular Board meetings, tentative dates in August to approve FY23 budget/tax rate, tentative date for Bell County Water Symposium, and tentative dates for TAGD Groundwater Summit. Dates proposed are as follows:

Board Meeting	Wednesday	January 11, 2023	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	* February 15, 2023	(3rd Wednesday)
Board Meeting	Wednesday	March 8, 2023	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	April 12, 2023	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	May 10, 2023	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	* June 7, 2023	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	July 12, 2023	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	August 9, 2023	
Tax Rate Hearing	Wednesday	August 23, 2023	
Water Summit	Tues-Thurs	Aug 29 - Aug 31, 2023	Tentative - TBD
Board Meeting	Wednesday	September 13, 2023	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	October 11, 2023	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	November 8, 2023	
Water Symposium	Wednesday	November 15, 2023	Tentative - TBD
Board Meeting	Wednesday	December 13, 2023	

(* Special dates to avoid conflicts with TWCA & TAGD)

Staff also looked at the Holiday Schedule of State and Local Government Entities. State and Local Government Entities currently receive 13 standard holidays per year. Dirk recommended CUWCD 2023 schedule reflect 8 standard holidays. Holidays proposed are as follows:

New Years Day	Monday	Jan 2, 2023
Memorial Day	Monday	May 29, 2023
Independence Day	Tuesday	July 4, 2023
Labor Day	Monday	Sept 4, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	Nov 23, 2023
Thanksgiving	Friday	Nov 24, 2023
Christmas Holiday	Monday	Dec 25, 2023
Christmas Holiday	Tuesday	Dec 26, 2023

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to set the 2023 calendar dates and holiday schedule as presented. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

8. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to approve the Lower Trinity Water Level Monitoring Program.

Dirk presented the Eno-Scientific monitor well products to the Board during the workshop. Dirk recapped the program and stated that if approved, the GM will work with the two WSC's and one private individual to install all three units with the assistance of Jason Bean, Eno-Scientific Production Manager who will fly in from Hillsborough, North Carolina to install the devices and get them up and running.

Vice President, David Cole, moved to approve the Lower Trinity Water Level Monitoring Program as presented. Director, Jody Williams, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

9. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to approve the FY23 line-item budget amendments as requested.

Dirk presented the line-item budget amendments for FY23 for the purpose of:

1. Moving funds to cover expenses associated with the Bell County Water Symposium.
2. Moving funds to cover expenses related to the Lower Trinity Water Level Monitoring Program.

Line Item	Invoice Amount	Available Funds	Amount Requested	New Balance	From	Available Funds	New Balance
53605 - Event Cost		\$0.00	\$966.72	\$966.72	53603-sponsorship	\$7,173.84	\$6,207.12
53135 - Monitor Well Construction		\$0.00	\$10,398.26	\$10,398.26	50250 - contingency	\$58,437.00	\$48,038.74

Staff recommends making adjustments as presented.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to approve line-item budget amendments as presented. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

10. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to approve the requested waivers of property line setbacks submitted by Mr. Jorge J. Frias, Twin Lakes Addition, Block 007, Lot 0013, for a new exempt well to encroach on four separate adjacent properties to less than the 75-foot setback per District Rule 9.5.5(e).

Not available at this time. The property owner was not able to get all of the required documents to Clearwater UWCD prior to the meeting today. Recommend passing over this item as it may not be on the agenda next month.

11. General Manager's report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan.

- Dirk stated there would be a permit hearing for the Sanctuary of Salado at the next meeting.
- Discussed permit renewals for operating permits and drilling permits.

- Dirk also said there may be upcoming permit applications for a rock quarry and the City of Temple.

12. Review monthly report and possible consideration and Board action on the following:

- a) Drought Status Reports***
- b) Education Outreach Update***
- c) Monitoring Wells***
- d) Rainfall Reports***
- e) Well Registration Update***
- f) Aquifer Status Report & Non-exempt Monthly Well Production Reports***

(Copies of the Monthly Staff Reports were given to the Board Members to review. No action is required. Information items only.)

13. Director's comments and reports.

- **Leland Gersbach:** Informed the Board that the meeting with Valerie Covey and Cynthia Long on Dec. 9th went good and was very informative. Also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- **Jody Williams:** Wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year and a good job.
- **Gary Young:** Wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year and a good job.
- **Scott Brooks:** Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- **David Cole:** Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

14. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.

- Sanctuary of Salado permit hearing.
- Possible setback exception for Jorge Frias.
- November Financial Reports/Investment Fund Report.
- Formal report for Water Symposium expenditures/sponsorships.
- Water Symposium surveys.

15. Set the time and place of the next meeting.

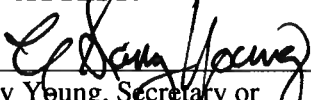
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at the CUWCD office.

16. Adjourn.

Board Meeting closed with President, Leland Gersbach, at 3:34 p.m.


Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:



Gary Young, Secretary or
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary