

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
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, March 8, 2023, at the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Staff:

Dirk Aaron, General Manager
Shelly Chapman, Admin Manager

Guests

Sandra Blankenship – WCID#1

Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:33 p.m.

Workshop item #1: Receive information on public hearing related to the Petition for Annexation of Western Portions of Williamson County.

Dirk informed the Board that the ACA had withdrawn their Petition for Annexation of Western Portions of Williamson count and gave a brief explanation of the circumstances behind the withdrawal.

Workshop item #5: Receive information related to the 88th Legislative Session and Groundwater Legislation.

Dirk received an update from Ty Embry and highlighted points of interest relating to groundwater.

Workshop item #6: Receive information related to Groundwater Management Area 8, per the Joint Planning and Development of the Round 4 Desired Future Conditions.

Dirk and Gary attended the GMA8 meeting on March 7th. Dirk gave a brief update and discussed the Inter Local Agreement regarding funding for an update to the Groundwater Availability Model. Dirk also gave a breakdown of how the funding would be divided among the participating Districts.

Workshop closed and Board meeting opened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 2:10 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Director, Jody Williams, gave the invocation.
Secretary, Gary Young, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment.

None.

3. Approve minutes of the February 15, 2023, Board meeting.

Board members received the minutes of the February 15, 2023, Board meeting and workshop in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2023, Board meeting and Workshop. Vice President, Jody Williams, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to swear in and administer oaths of office to the newly appointed At-Large Board Member, Mr. James Brown.

Shelly Chapman, being a notary public, administered the oaths of office and statement of officer to Mr. James Brown. James (Jim) was appointed by the Board at the February meeting to replace At-Large Director, David Cole. David resigned from the Board in January.

5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to accept the monthly Financial Report for February 2023 (FY23) as presented.

Board members received the corrected monthly financial report for February 2023 in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to accept the corrected financial report for February 2023 as presented. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Board members received the monthly Investment Fund account report for February 2023 in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to accept the monthly investment Fund account report for February 2023 as presented. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

7. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to accept the 2022 Annual Report as presented.

Dirk gave the Board the final draft of the Annual Report for approval. He noted Tristin did a good job on the report again this year and thanked Scott for the changes and suggestions he made.

Vice President, Jody Williams, moved to accept the 2022 Annual Report as presented. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

8. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to approve the Interlocal Agreement regarding Groundwater Management Area 8 Funding and Texas Water Development Board participation for the Northern Trinity and Woodbine aquifers Groundwater Availability Model Update (GAM).

Based on the discussion and recommendation of Workshop item #3, the Board agreed to participate in the ILA and funding of the update to the GAM.

Vice President, Jody Williams, moved to approve the ILA regarding GMA8 funding and TWDB participation for the update to the GAM for an amount not to exceed \$66,387.50. Director, Scott Brooks, 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.

Shelly and Dirk presented a request for line-item budget amendments to cover legal expenses related to the ACA petition for annexation and legal counsel.

Vendor	Line Item	Invoice Amount	Available Funds	Amount Requested	New Balance	From	Available Funds	New Balance
Lloyd Gosselink	53703-General (Rules & Accountability)	\$5,092.00	\$0.00	\$5,092.00	\$0.00	50250-Contingency Fund	\$46,234.24	\$41,142.24

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to approve the line-item budget amendments as requested. Vice President, Jody Williams, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

- County Judge is working on Ph 1 of the RHCP
- Ordered a "comment" timer for the ACA public hearings. Will keep it for future hearings.
- Update on the Sanctuary. Everyone has data. Dirk highlighted points of interest regarding the data.
- Victory Rock has hired Billy Gamblin to work on their project.
- Bids for the building were opened, reviewed, and scored. The low bid went to Steve Wright – Wright Builders. 270 days to build once the contract is signed.

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

- a) Drought Status Reports**
- b) Education Outreach Update**
- c) Monitoring Wells** – Dirk gave an update on the new equipment purchased for monitoring well data and a brief demo. This is a more robust system and the data belongs to the district. 2 other districts are using this system.
- 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.)

12. Director's comments and reports.

- **Leland Gersbach:** He thinks some good things came out of the Wilco petition. Brought some things to light and opened some eyes.
- **Jody Williams:** Welcomed Jim Brown to the Board.
- **Gary Young:** Knows Steve Wright. He's a quality builder. Commented that the Annual Report looked good and thanked staff for continued hard work.
- **Scott Brooks:** None
- **Jim Brown:** None

13. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.


- Possible permit for Aria Prairie – Cy Long
- Possible permit for Mustang Creek (Benny Boyd) – looking at their options.
- Quarterly Report for retirement account

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


Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at the CUWCD office.

15. Adjourn.

Board meeting closed with President, Leland Gersbach, at 3:13 p.m.


Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:



Gary Young, Secretary of
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary