

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
640 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Wednesday, December 11, 2024
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a Workshop and Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, in the Clearwater UWCD Board Room located at 640 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Staff:

Dirk Aaron, General Manager
Whitney Ingram, Asst. General Manager
Shelly Chapman, Admin. Manager

Guests:

Dr. John Asbury – Temple
Bill Schumann – Bell County Commissioner Pct 3
Meagan Cline – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:35 p.m.

Workshop Item #1: Receive updates related to the 2024 Bell County Water Symposium

Whitney gave a quick re-cap of the expenses related to the Water Symposium and then introduced Meagan Cline (her replacement at the AgriLife Extension Service).

Meagan gave the Board some background information on herself and then highlighted information related to the survey of the Symposium.

Workshop Item #2: Receive updates related to GMA8 DFC, per TWC section 36.108, and plans for the next round.

Dirk stated that there was nothing new to report.

Workshop closed and Board Meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:50 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. Public Comment.

John Asbury submitted public comment and recommendations related to agenda item #10.

3. Approve minutes of the November 20, 2024, Board meeting.

Board members received the minutes of the November 20, 2024, Board meeting and workshop in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024, Board meeting and Workshop as presented. Director, Jim Brown, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to accept the monthly Financial Report for November 2024 (FY24) as presented.

Board members received the monthly financial report for November 2024 in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Vice President, Jody Williams, moved to accept the November 2024 financial report as presented. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

5. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to accept the monthly Investment Fund account report for November 2024 (FY24) as presented.*

Board members received the monthly investment Fund account report for November 2024 in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to accept the monthly Investment Fund account report for November 2024 as presented. Vice President, Jody Williams, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to approve the FY25 line-item budget amendments as requested.*

Shelly Chapman noted that there were no FY25 budget amendments to present.

7. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to swear in the Board of Directors and administer oaths of office for Precincts 1, 3, and At-Large.*

As Notary Public and authorized by the State of Texas, Shelly Chapman administered the oaths of office and swearing in of the Board of Directors for Precincts 1, 3, and At-Large.

8. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to set calendar dates for 2025.*

Staff looked at the calendar to set dates for 2025 Board meetings. The proposed dates include regular Board meetings, tentative dates in August to FY26 budget and tax rate, tentative dates for Bell County Water Symposium, meetings for TAGD and TWA, and holiday schedule. The proposed dates are as follows:

Board Meeting	Tuesday	*January 14, 2025	Tuesday
Board Meeting	Wednesday	February 12, 2025	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	March 12, 2025	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	April 9, 2025	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	May 14, 2025	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	*June 18, 2025	(3 rd Wednesday)
Board Meeting	Wednesday	July 9, 2025	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	August 13, 2025	
Water Summit	Wednesday	Aug 19 – Aug 21, 2025	San Antonio
Tax Rate Hearing	Wednesday	August 27, 2025	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	September 10, 2025	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	October 8, 2025	
Board Meeting	Wednesday	November 12, 2025	
Water Symposium	Wednesday	November 19, 2025	Tentative - TBD
Board Meeting	Wednesday	December 10, 2025	
New Year's Day	Wednesday	January 1, 2025	
Memorial Day	Monday	May 26, 2025	
Independence Day	Friday	July 4, 2025	
Labor Day	Monday	September 1, 2025	
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 27, 2025	
Thanksgiving	Friday	November 28, 2025	
Christmas Day	Thursday	December 25, 2025	
Christmas Holiday	Friday	December 26, 2025	

Vice President, Jody Williams, moved to approve 2025 calendar dates as presented. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

9. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to adopt a covered applications and a prohibited technology policy by resolution.

Dirk presented information related to the District's Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy.

He explained that Governor Abbott required all governmental entities and political subdivisions to ban TikTok from all government owned devices and networks. He also directed the DIR to develop a plan providing guidance on managing personal devices used to conduct government business. Following the Governor's directive, the 88th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1893 which prohibits the use of covered application on governmental entity devise.

Dirk recommended the Board approve such policy by resolution.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to adopt the Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy by resolution. Vice President, Jody Williams, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

10. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, by resolution in support of the City of Temple pursuing an ASR permit from TCEQ.

Dirk presented information related to the support of the City of Temple pursuing an ASR permit from TCEQ. He noted that the City of Temple is not asking for monetary support, but asked the district to promote the concept of ASR and efforts to store available water in the appropriate way that will meet the expectations of TCEQ.

Director, Jim Brown, moved to approve by resolution, support of the City of Temple pursuing an ASR permit from TCEQ, Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

- Dirk hired Quick, Inc to review Heidelberg (Victory Rock) wells. The well is on the Williamson side of the property, but the owner pays taxes to Bell County.
- Development of Central Texas Water Alliance is moving forward and will be presented during this Legislative session.
- Tristin is working on permit renewals.
- Transport fees will be increasing soon.
- Will update management policy.
- UMHB well is being drilled. Dirk, Whitney, and Corey are monitoring the progress.
- Mustang Springs is working on becoming a PWS.
- P-FAS is coming to light. Bill Schumann highlighted some information related to the issue.

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

- a) **Drought Status Reports** – Dirk discussed drought status issues and concerns.
- 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.

- **Jody Williams:** None
- **Scott Brooks:** None
- **James Brown:** None
- **Gary Young:** None
- **Leland Gersbach:** Commented that he heard from a member of the Lion's Club that Whitney did a great job presenting CUWCD at the December Lion's Club meeting

14. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.

- Re-adopt Investment Policy
- Discuss possible violation
- Election of Officers
- Briefing on proposed water meter system

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

Tuesday, January 14, 2024, 1:30 – CUWCD Board Room – 640 Kennedy Court, Belton

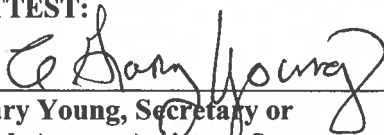
16. Adjourn.

Board meeting closed with President, Leland Gersbach, at 3:21 p.m.



Leland Gersbach, President or
Jody Williams, Vice President

ATTEST:



Gary Young, Secretary or
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary