

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
640 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Wednesday, April 9, 2025
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a Workshop and Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, in the Clearwater UWCD Board Room located at 640 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Staff:

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

Guests:

Wayne Hamilton – Baylor
Elena Muir – Baylor
Diane McCra

Wes Williams – Baylor
Dr. Yelderman – Baylor

Will Brewer – Baylor
Lou McCra

Workshop convened with President, Jody Williams, at 1:30 p.m.

Workshop Item #1: Receive two presentations from Baylor Geoscience students related to District funded studies.

Dr. Yelderman introduced Elena Muir. Elena presented her final report and answered questions related to her study of the interactions of the Stillhouse Hollow and Belton Lake Reservoirs with the Trinity and Edwards aquifers in Central Texas.

Dr. Yelderman introduced Will Brewer. He commented that Will has finished his dissertation, and upon graduation he will become Dr. Will Brewer. Will presented the 3rd chapter of his dissertation and answered questions related to the results of data loggers and surveys conducted in Hidden Springs and River Ridge Ranch.

Dr. Yelderman noted that AJ will finish his project by December 2025 and gave a brief description of the study he will be conducting related to geophysical responses.

Workshop Item #2: Receive information related to the 89th Legislative Session and Groundwater Legislation.

Dirk highlighted areas of interest related to the 89th Legislative Session. He noted that he would be stepping away to listen to HB2805 that is being discussed today.

Workshop Item #3: Receive information related to FY26 timeline and process for budget development and amendments to District Rules, Administrative Fee Schedule, and Groundwater Management Plan.

Whitney presented the FY26 Budget timeline. She noted that there is a lot on the calendar this year. Not only will the District set tax rate and budget, but will look at the amending District rules, Administrative Fee Schedule, and Groundwater Management Plan.

Workshop Item #4: Receive updates related to GMA8 DFC determination, per TWC section 36. 108, and plans for the next round.

Whitney stated that there is nothing new to report. There has not been a GMA 8 meeting since February. The next meeting should be scheduled for May and factors to be considered will be hydrologic conditions, water supply needs and management strategies, and the impact on private property rights.

Workshop closed and Board meeting convened with President, Jody Williams, at 3:06 p.m.

(President, Jody Williams, noted for the record that Secretary, Gary Young, had to leave the meeting at 3:00 p.m.)

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Director, Jody Williams, gave the invocation.
Secretary, Jim Brown, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. *Public Comment.*

None.

3. *Approve minutes of the March 12, 2025, Board meeting and workshop.*

Board members received the minutes of March 12, 2025, Board meeting and workshop in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2025, Board meeting and Workshop as presented. Vice President, Leland Gersbach, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).

4. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to accept the monthly Financial Report for March 2025 (FY25) as presented.*

Board members received the monthly financial report for March 2025 in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Vice President, Leland Gersbach, moved to accept the March 2025 financial report as presented. Director, Jim Brown, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).

5. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to accept the monthly Investment Fund account report for March 2025 (FY25) as presented.*

Board members received the monthly investment Fund account report for March 2025 in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Director, Jim Brown, moved to accept the monthly Investment Fund account report for March 2025 as presented. Vice President, Leland Gersbach, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).

6. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to accept the Quarterly Deferred Compensation Employee Retirement Program Account report as presented.*

Board members received the employee retirement first quarter report in their packet to review prior to the meeting.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to accept the employee retirement quarterly report as presented. Vice President, Leland Gersbach, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).

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

Shelly Chapman stated that there were no budget amendments needed for March 2025.

8. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to approve the Annual Report for 2024.*

Whitney Ingram presented the final draft of the Annual Report for 2024. She noted all the updates and changes that were made. She stated that as the district updates the Management Plan, we will also make the appropriate updates and changes to the Annual Report.

Director, Jim Brown, moved to approve the Annual Report for 2024. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).

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

- Working with UMHB to get everything ready for the operating permit to be presented at the May meeting. The application has been amended for a smaller amount.
- Working item related to the budget time line and fee schedules.

10. 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. Whitney gave a brief overview of items listed.

11. Director's comments and reports.

- **Jody Williams:** Jody attended one of the Legislative Sessions in Austing with Dirk. It was very interesting and educational.
- **Scott Brooks:** None
- **James Brown:** Requested a copy of the presentation from the Baylor students.
- **Gary Young:** None
- **Leland Gersbach:** None

12. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.

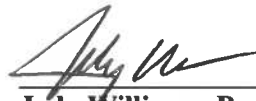
- Permit hearing for UMHB
- Information on Cyber Security training
- Luncheon for Directors prior to the meeting

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

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14. Adjourn.

Board meeting adjourned with President, Jody Williams, at 3:23 p.m.



Jody Williams, President or
Leland Gersbach, Vice President

ATTEST:



Gary Young, Secretary or
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary