

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

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a Workshop and Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 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 Pres, Pct 1
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:

Ken Law
Charles Brasher

Joyce Jones – WCID #1
Peter DiLillo

Workshop convened with President, Jody Williams, at 1:31 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Jody Williams opened the meeting with a moment of silence in honor of the July 4th flood victims and lead the invocation.

Secretary, Gary Young, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment.

No public comments.

3. Approve minutes of June 18, 2025, Board meeting and workshop.

Board members received the minutes of June 18, 2025, Board meeting and workshop in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Vice President, Leland Gersbach, moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2025, Board meeting and Workshop as presented. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

Director, Jim Brown, moved to accept the June 2025 financial report as presented. Secretary, Gary Young, 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 June 2025 (FY25) as presented.

Board members received the monthly investment Fund account report for June 2025 in their Board packet to be reviewed prior to the meeting.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

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 Quarterly Deferred Compensation Employee Retirement Program account report in their Board packet to be reviewed prior to the meeting.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to approve the quarterly report as presented. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Shelly stated there were no budget amendment requests this month.

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

Whitney Ingram presented the General Manager's report.

- Dirk has 53 days left before he retires. There will be a reception to honor his service to the district prior to the August 27th meeting.
- The District Management Plan has been updated and submitted to TWDB.
- CTWA had their inaugural meeting on July 3rd. The next meeting is scheduled for August 28th.
- Everyone planning to attend the Water Summit has been registered and rooms are booked. Let Shelly know if plans change. This will be Dirk's last Summit as General Manager for CUWCD.

9. 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.

10. Director's comments and reports.

- **Gary Young:** None
- **Scott Brooks:** None
- **James Brown:** None
- **Jody Williams:** None
- **Leland Gersbach:** He attended the CTWA meeting on the 3rd and thought it was a good meeting and went well.

11. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.

- Budget planning in workshop
- Legislative update
- Red-line version of rule changes
- Final draft of Management Plan
- Set preliminary tax rate
- Set date for public hearing for tax rate and adopt FY26 budget
- Cake and punch to honor Dirk's retirement

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

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13. Adjourn.

Board meeting adjourned and Workshop convened with President, Jody Williams, at 1:53 p.m.

Workshop Item #1: Receive information related to the 89th Legislative Session and Groundwater Legislation.

Ty Embry (Lloyd Gosselink) briefed the Board on Groundwater Legislation related to this Legislative session.

Workshop Item #2: Receive presentation for LRE for proposed FY26 data management system sustainment and enhancements.

Wally Darling, LRE DMS Project Manager, presented the proposed data management system sustainment and enhancements for FY26.

Workshop Item #3: Receive update related to the Belcor Regional Habitat Conservation Plan.

Scott gave his thoughts and concerns regarding the Belcor RHCP. The Coalition is trying to work through some things with the consultants. Things appear to be breaking down a bit. There has been poor communication between the consultants and Coalition and some of the entities may be pulling out. Scott doesn't think the district should commit to anything at this time. Whitney commented that as entities drop off, the financial burden will grow for the entities that continue to support the RHCP. Dirk explained his concerns and what would happen if everyone dropped out. He agreed with Scott and is not confident that the RHCP will move forward. Leland suggested the Board follow Scott's recommendations to not fund phase 4 on the FY26 budget.

Workshop Item #4: Receive information related to the FY26 Tax Rate and District Budget.

Dirk and Whitney presented items of interest related to the FY26 Tax Rate and District budget. Whitney asked for feedback from the Board to help line-out and define the district needs. Studies and proposals from LRE, KTGW, Baylor, RHCP, and Pete Diaz were discussed. The Board asked that Whitney and Dirk rank the studies in order of importance. Dirk and Whitney expressed their thoughts on each of the proposals.

Jody expressed his thoughts on funding CTWA. He would like to see the District fund the Alliance at \$50,000. Scott expressed his thoughts. Based on the district budget, he thinks that \$25,000 is adequate funding for the Alliance. Leland asked who will be doing the administrative work for the Alliance. Dirk explained that Ricky Garrett and his staff will be taking the lead on the administrative work. The CUWCD Boardroom will be utilized for meetings and the office space may be used by the Alliance. Dirk noted that the next CTWA meeting will be on August 28th.


Whitney gave a summary of the budget discussions and her thoughts on the recommendations.

Jody asked Whitney to update the draft budget and send it to the Board to review and digest as soon as possible.

Workshop Item #5: Receive updates related to GMA8 DFC determination, per TWC section 36. 108, and plans for the next round.

Nothing new to report.

Workshop closed with President, Jody Williams, at 4:16 p.m.



Jody Williams, President or
Leland Gersbach, Vice President

ATTEST:



Gary Young, Secretary or
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary