

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
640 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Wednesday, June 18, 2025
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a Workshop and Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 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
Corey Dawson – Field Tech

Guests:

Wayne Hamilton – Baylor Univ
Bill Schumann
Mike Keester – KTGW
Peter DiLillo
Sandra Blankenship – WCID#1

Connor Weatherly – Baylor
Wes Williams – Baylor Univ
Scott Carlson – Met Water
Pete Diaz – USFWS
Dr. Joyce Jones – WCID #1

Dr. Joe Yelderman – Baylor Univ
Patrick Wagner – MTGCD
Vince Clause – FNI
Ken Law

Workshop convened with President, Jody Williams, at 1:33 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 from Pete Diaz on Salado Salamander Monitoring Program and proposed Edwards study.

Pete gave a brief update on the Salado Salamander Monitoring Programs and presented information for the proposed Edwards study.

Workshop Item #3: Receive presentation from Baylor University on proposed groundwater study.

Dr. Yelderman introduced a couple of new Baylor Students and presented information related to proposed groundwater study for FY26.

Workshop Item #4: Receive presentation from Mike Keester for proposed FY26 analytics and groundwater studies.

Mike Keester presented information related to analytics and groundwater studies for FY16.

Workshop Item #5: 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. The Board members were presented with a draft budget and asked to study it closely.

Workshop Item #6: Receive information related to the 2025 Cyber Security Training.

Shelly commented that she sent out the links for Cyber Security Training and everyone has completed the training except for one person. Once the training is complete Shelly will file the appropriate reports noting compliance from CUWCD Directors and staff.

Workshop Item #7: Receive updates related to GMA8 DFC determination, per TWC section 36. 108, and plans for the next round.

Received information from Mike Keester related to GMA8 technical support.

Workshop closed and Board meeting convened with President, Jody Williams, at 4:50 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. Public Comment.

No public comments.

3. Approve minutes of the May 14, 2025, Board meeting and workshop.

Board members received the minutes of May 14, 2025, Board meeting and workshop in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting:

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 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 May 2025 (FY25) as presented.

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

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to accept the May 2025 financial report as presented. Vice President, Leland Gersbach, 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 May 2025 (FY25) as presented.

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

Director, Jim Brown, moved to accept the monthly Investment Fund account report for May 2025 as presented. Secretary, Gary Young, 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 presented the request for line-item budget amendments as follows:

1. Line item 54500-Lawn Maintenance/Service:

In February, Greeson Lawn Service brought in mulch, cleaned flowerbeds, and trimmed shrubs and trees. The invoice was \$1,362.00 and was not included in the budget for FY25. Monthly lawn maintenance is \$225.00/month. Staff is requesting \$837.00 to cover lawn maintenance cost through the end of FY25.

	Line Item	Invoice \$	Available Funds	Amount Requested	From	Available Funds	Remaining Funds
Greeson	54500-Lawn Maintenance	\$225.00	\$63.00	\$837.00	54200-Bldg Repair/Maintenance	\$6,352.32	\$5,515.32

Director, Jim Brown, moved to approve the line-item budget amendments as requested. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

7. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to appoint a CUWCD representative to the Central Texas Water Alliance.

Dirk commented that the Bill for Central Texas Water Alliance had been signed by the Governor. Bell County, Clearwater, WCID #, and McLennan County are all initiating sponsors. The Judge Blackburn will make a formal presentation at the CTCOG on July 3rd. Dirk encouraged all Director to attend. Staff will post that the Board will be attending the event. Dirk gave a history of how the Alliance came to be and the process moving forward. The next thing to happen will be to establish a governance structure, by-laws, and interlocal agreements. Judge Blackburn would like to see that fall into place by September 1st. The sponsor entities need to appoint a representative to the Board to begin the process. The initial sponsors will help support the Alliance financial to get it off the ground. Dirk also commented that the Board could appoint a representative today or

table the item for another meeting. Jody addressed Dirk and asked if he would be interested in representing the district on the CTWA Board since he will be retiring soon and have some time on his hands. Dirk responded that he would be honored to represent the district.

Vice President, Leland Gersbach, moved to appoint Dirk Aaron to represent Clearwater on the CTWA Board. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Sandra Blankenship commented that WCID#1 had the put the onus of their Board to appoint the person he wanted to represent them on the Board.

After discussion of Sandra's comment, the Board voted on the original motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Dirk commented that he didn't have much to report this month. He did state that Whitney is working on the Management Plan. She will be working with Lloyd Gosselink to make sure everything is in order.

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:** None

11. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.


- Budget planning in workshop
- GMA8 comments
- RHCP update
- Proposal from LRE
- Not expecting any permit hearings

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


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13. Adjourn.

Board meeting adjourned with President, Jody Williams, at 5:20 p.m.



Jody Williams, President or
Leland Gersbach, Vice President

ATTEST:


Gary Young, Secretary or
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary