

**Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting**  
**640 Kennedy Court**  
**Belton, TX**  
**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**  
**Minutes**

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a Workshop and Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 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  
Jim Brown, Director, At-Large

**Absent:**

Scott Brooks, Pct 4

**Staff:**

Whitney Ingram, General Manager  
Shelly Chapman, Admin. Manager  
Tristin Smith, Education & Compliance

**Guests:**

Vince Clause, FNI  
James Billeck, City of Temple  
Peter DiLillo  
Floyd Ingram, Bell Co. Ext. Office

Mike Keester, KT Groundwater  
Kenton Moffett, City of Temple  
David Olson, City of Temple  
Meagan Cline, Bell Co. Ext. Office

John Asbury  
Gary Cantrell  
Thomas Valle, KPA

**Board meeting convened with President, Jody Williams, at 1:30 p.m.**

***1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.***

Director, Jim Brown, lead the invocation.  
Secretary, Gary Young, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***2. Public Comment.***

John Asbury presented comments regarding his thoughts and concerns related to groundwater.

***3. Approve minutes of December 10, 2025, Board meeting and workshop.***

Board members received the minutes of December 10, 2025, Board meeting and workshop in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to approve the minutes of December 10, 2025, Board meeting and workshop.  
Director, Jim Brown, 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 December 2025 (FY26) as presented.***

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

Vice President, Leland Gersbach, moved to accept the December 2025 financial report as presented. Secretary, Gary Young, 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 December 2025 (FY26) as presented.***

Board members received the monthly investment Fund account report for December 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 December 2025 as presented. Director, Jim Brown, seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

***6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to approve the FY26 line-item budget amendments as requested.***

Shelly reported that there were no budget amendments requested.

**7. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to approve the sponsorship level of the Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program.**

Whitney presented a request from the leadership of the Texas 4-H20 program asking the Board to consider supporting this program again in 2026. Whitney gave a brief recap of the program and highlighted events of the program from the 2025 Annual Report.

Whitney provided the Board with a copy of the program's annual report which highlights the program's accomplishments and impact.

Whitney recommends the Board renew the Legacy Level annual sponsorship in the amount of \$2,500 and continue to contribute to the local 4-H program in FY26 matching a \$250 sponsorship for Bell County Water Ambassador totaling \$500.

Vice President, Leland Gersbach, moved to renew the Legacy Level sponsorship in the amount of \$2,500 and continue to contribute to the local 4-H program matching a \$250 sponsorship for Bell County Water Ambassadors totaling \$500. Director, Jim Brown, seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

**8. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, review and adopt the District Investment Policy by resolution for calendar year 2026.**

Whitney presented the District Investment Policy for review by Board members. Board members received a copy of the policy in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting. Whitney noted that the policy is to be reviewed and re-adopted by resolution confirming the continuance of the policy.

Vice President, Leland Gersbach, moved to re-adopt the District Investment Policy by resolution for calendar year 2026. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

**9. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to elect officers of the Board for the calendar year 2026, per District Bylaws, Article VI (Sec. 1 & 2).**

Whitney stated that the CUWCD Board must elect officers annually pursuant with Chapter 36 Texas Groundwater Code and the District Bylaws.

Director, Jim Brown, moved to keep the current officers in place for calendar year 2026. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion/nomination.

**Board Officers for 2026:**

President: Jody Williams

Vice President: Leland Gersbach

Secretary: Gary Young

Assistant Secretary: General Manager, Whitney Ingram.

**Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).**

**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*

Whitney presented the monthly reports for January. She noted that the reports are posted on the District's website and can be viewed anytime. Staff is in the process of making changes to the monthly reports. LRE is working on enhancements to the database that will make reporting more efficient.

Whitney discussed the current drought status, noting that we are currently in stage 2 drought for the Edwards BFZ but there is no drought noted over the Trinity.

Staff are working to set education and outreach goals for FY26.

**11. General Manager's Report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan<sup>3</sup>.**

- Staff are currently receiving and processing applications for permit renewals.
- Staff are working to compile data for the FY25 Annual Report; a draft will be presented in February.
- Whitney held meetings with the District's large water exporters to comply with new export rules.
- Two wells in the District's monitor well program are no longer needed and have been plugged.
- The District's Aquifer Status report has been reorganized in a new format and will be updated monthly.
- Whitney provided an update on the District's review of the TCEQ Preliminary Decision for TPDES Permit for Municipal Wastewater Permit No. WQ0016658001. A technical memo (KT Groundwater) and public comments are planned for the public hearing in Salado on January 27<sup>th</sup>. If multiple Board members plan to attend, staff will have to post the event.
- Whitney will be attending the TAGD Winter Business meeting and Boot Camp this month.
- Whitney will be applying for the Texas Water Leader Class. Application is due January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**12. Director's comments and reports.**

- **Gary Young:** None.
- **Scott Brooks:** Absent.
- **James Brown:** None.
- **Jody Williams:** None.
- **Leland Gersbach:** None.

**13. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.**

- Possible permit application from American Rockwool
- Presentation of annual Audit for FY25
- Receive draft of the 2025 Annual Report

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

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 1:30 – CUWCD Board Room – 640 Kennedy Court, Belton

**15. Adjourn.**

**Board meeting adjourned and Workshop convened with President, Jody Williams, at 2:20 p.m.**

**Workshop Item #1: Receive presentation related to the City of Temple Industrial Park.**

Received presentation from David Olsen (Assistant City Manager for the City of Temple) and Neil Deeds (Intera) related to the Temple Industrial Park area.

**Workshop Item #2: Receive updates related to GMA 8 DFC determination, per TWC section 36.108.**

Mike Keester (KT Groundwater) presented information on the GAM runs, models, talking points, and recommendation for the upcoming GMA8 meeting. The next GMA 8 meeting is January 29<sup>th</sup>.

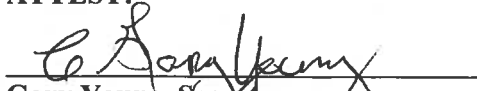
**Workshop Item #3: Receive presentation on evaluation of the 2025 Bell County Water Symposium.**

Whitney presented final numbers and balance sheet for the Water Symposium. Meagan Cline (Bell County Extension Office) presented results and recommendations based on the Water Symposium survey completed by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.



Jody Williams, President or  
Leland Gersbach, Vice President

ATTEST:



Gary Young, Secretary or  
Whitney Ingram, Assistant Secretary