

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
640 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Wednesday March 11, 2026
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a Workshop and Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, in the Clearwater UWCD Board Room located at 640 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Leland Gersbach, Pct 1

Staff:

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

Guests:

Jody Askins

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

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

President, Jody Williams, led the invocation.

Secretary, Gary Young, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment.

Jody Askins, representing Save Salado Creek, introduced the organization and its mission to protect Salado Creek and its environment through science-based practices and community engagement. She expressed appreciation for the Board's work and noted a recent professional meeting with General Manager, Whitney Ingram.

Convened to Workshop at 1:35 p.m.

Workshop item #1: Receive presentation from Pete Diaz, USFWS, regarding the 2025 Salado Salamander Monitoring Report.

Pete Diaz presented an update on the 2025 Salado Salamander Monitoring Report and a larger genetics project. These findings include genetic variance, species status, and movement. Pete discussed the potential for more movement of the Salamander than previously thought, influenced by flow paths and aquifer thickness. A draft report was provided to the Board.

Workshop item #2: Receive presentation from Alyssa Balzan, KT Groundwater, regarding the proposed TWDB Groundwater Research, Science, and Data Collection Grant request from CUWCD.

Alyssa Balzan presented information related to the TWDB grant application. She stated that the project seeks to install totalizing flow meters and telemetry on 10 selected wells to synchronize pumping and water level data in real time. The grant request is capped at \$300,000 with no direct matching funds required from the district, though historical investments in science will be highlighted. The application deadline is Friday, March 13th.

The total project cost is \$216,101.50 and the amount requested from the Texas Water Development Board is \$205,221.50. Whitney stated that the application, if approved by resolution, will be submitted by the end of the day.

Workshop item #3: Receive presentation related to GMA8 DFC determination, per TWC section 36.108, and plans for the next round.

Whitney presented information related to GMA8 DFC determination. She noted that she, Gary Young, and Jim Brown attended the GMA 8 meeting on February 26th, 2026. The committee elected to modify Run 4.7 with additional Lower Trinity pumping in Southern Trinity's boundaries but continue to exclude CUWCD's pumping estimates for Williamson County.

Board members expressed concerns about excluding CUWCD's pumping estimates for Williamson County and emphasized the need for clear documentation of the District's position in the upcoming explanatory report.

Then next GMA 8 meeting is scheduled for March 31st. Results from Run 4.8 and DFC proposals will be considered.

Board meeting reconvened at 2:31 p.m.

3. Approve minutes of February 11, 2026, Board meeting and workshop.

Board members received the minutes of February 11, 2026, Board meeting and workshop in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2026, 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 February 2026 (FY26) as presented.

Board members received the monthly financial report for February 2026 in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to accept the February 2026 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 February 2026 (FY26) as presented.

Board members received the monthly investment Fund account report for February 2026 in their Board packet to be reviewed prior to the meeting.

Director, Jim Brown, moved to accept the monthly Investment Fund account report for February 2026 as presented. Director, Scott Brooks, 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 Chapman presented the request for a line-item budget amendment to cover additional expenses for GMA 8 Technical Committee support by KT Groundwater and additional legal fees associated with Lloyd Gosselink.

	Line Item	Invoice \$	Available Funds	Amount Requested	From	Available Funds	Remaining Funds
Lloyd Gosselink	53703-Rules/Accountability	\$7,362.50	\$6,524.50	\$838.00	53702-Endgd Species	\$2,500.00	\$1,662.00
Lloyd Gosselink	53703-Rules/Accountability	Anticipated expenses		\$5,000.00	53732-Permit Review - Legal	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00
KT Groundwater	50605-GMA 8-Tech Committee	Quote/Additional expenses		\$17,500.00	50250-Contingency	\$72,255.00	\$54,755.00

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to approve the line-item budget amendment request as presented. Director, Jim Brown, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).

7. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to approve the Annual Report for 2025.

Whitney presented the 2025 Annual Report and noted that Pete Diaz final Salamander report (appendix K) is still in draft form. The Board commended staff for the quality of the report, specifically noting improvements to the tables regarding the MAG and production data.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to accept the Annual Report for 2025 contingent on appendix K being added once finalized. Director, Jim Brown, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).

8. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to approve eligibility documentation and application for the TWDB Groundwater Research, Science, and Data Collection Grant request, by resolution.

Information for the grant was discussed and presented in workshop item #2.

The Board reviewed the information. Whitney noted that the District will request \$216,101.50 for this grant. Whitney Ingram was designated as the authorized representative for the grant.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to approve the grant eligibility documentation and application, and to designate Whitney Ingram as representative, by resolution. Director, Jim Brown, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 (1 absent).

9. Receive 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 March 2026. She noted that the reports are posted on the District's website and can be viewed anytime.

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

Routine monitoring and production reporting show no significant issues.

LRE has completed several automated tools for the District, including production reports, well registration tables, and mapping features that will be more efficient. The new permit review tool will be implemented next year.

Staff are still waiting for the City of Temple to submit their operating permit application and for American Rockwool to submit application for an operating permit amendment.

City of Killeen Public Works is scheduled to remove a well cap from a dual-completed well. Once the cap is removed, District staff and a licensed well-driller will inspect it.

10. General Manager's Report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan³.

Whitney commented that CTWA has accepted several new members. The Board discussed appointing an alternate representative for the Alliance if Dirk Aaron steps out of that role.

The District will host the American Society of Civil Engineers this month for a "Clearwater 101" presentation. Whitney also has plans to meet with representatives from Deep Earth regarding subsurface mapping projects.

Whitney discussed the poor condition of the office landscaping and plans to make improvements.

Whitney will be attending TWA Annual Conference in Fort Worth March 11-13 as well as the GMA 8 meeting scheduled for March 31st.

Whitney announced her acceptance into the Texas Water Leaders Program, which will begin in April.

Shelly reported that all but one transport fee invoice had been successfully collected. The District is still waiting on a check from Little Elm.

11. Director's comments and reports.

- **Gary Young:** Attended the GMA 8 meeting in February and commented on the difficulties of the process.
- **Jim Brown:** No comments at this time.
- **Leland Gersbach:** Absent
- **Scott Brooks:** Commended the staff on a job well done.
- **Jody Williams:** No comments at this time.

12. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.

- Possible permit application
- Standard agenda items

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

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 1:30 – CUWCD Board Room – 640 Kennedy Court, Belton

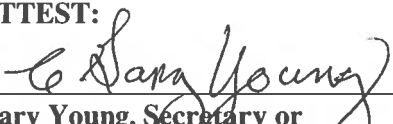
14. Adjourn.

Board meeting adjourned President, Jody Williams, at 3:08 p.m.



**Jody Williams, President or
Leland Gersbach, Vice President**

ATTEST:


**Gary Young, Secretary or
Whitney Ingram, Assistant Secretary**