

Texana Groundwater Conservation District

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The meeting of the Texana Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors convened at 411 N. Wells, Edna, Texas 77957 on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

The following representatives of Texana Groundwater Conservation District attended the meeting:

Precinct 1:	John Boone	Present
Precinct 2:	Michael Skalicky	Absent
Precinct 3:	Clifford Born	Present
Precinct 4:	Charles Marr	Present
At Large:	Jim Revel	Absent
At Large:	Alfred Tupa	Present
At Large:	Robert Gendke	Present
General Manager:	Tim Andruss	Present
Legal Counsel:	Jim Allison of Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP	Present

Agenda Item 1: Call the meeting to order and welcome guests.

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Tupa called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

Board Action: None.

Agenda Item 2: Receive public comments.

Meeting Discussion: Mr. ~~Skalicky~~^{TUPA} offered to accept public comment from attendees.

No comments were made at this time.

Board Action: None.

Agenda Item 3: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater management including the efforts and activities of the District regarding permitting, complaints, investigations, violations, and enforcement cases associated with permitting.

3.0 – Report regarding Groundwater Management

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss offered the following report:

Regarding Well Registration Processing for FY2024.

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As of April 10, 2024, staff had received 10 well registration applications (ARWs) since October 1, 2023:

As of April 10, 2024, staff had received 23 Notices of Intent to Drill a Well (NIDWs) since October 1, 2023:

Regarding Production Permit Renewal Processing for FY2024.

As of April 10, 2024, staff had received 0 production permit renewal requests (ARPs) since October 1, 2023.

Regarding Permit Processing for FY2024.

On March 8, 2024, Mr. Andruss, Dr. Uddameri, Mr. Frankson, and Mr. Kubeka met as part of the efforts of the District to reach a settlement between the parties of the contested case related to the waiver amendment request submitted by Bower and Saha Aquaculture related to waiver WV-20191219-01. As of April 8, 2024, a settlement had not been agreed to by the parties.

On April 2, 2024, Mr. Brzozowski with Lavaca-Navidad River Authority notified the District that the Authority had altered their approach to the dam safety issue and are working towards implementing a remediation project instead of the mitigating the issue using relief wells and/or a deep horizontal filter and would no longer need to seek a related production permit.

On April 10, 2024, the District notified Mr. Hajovsky of its intent to contest permitting request case PRC-20231012-01. Under permitting request case PRC-20231012-01, Mr. Hajovsky seeks a wavier of the rules of the district and an amendment to production permit VPW-20161215-01 associated with grandfathered well GW-00348 to authorize the production of groundwater permitted under historic use validation permit VPW-20161215-01 (1,007.51 acre-feet per year) from grandfathered well GW-00348 and non-grandfathered well NW-00751. Unless instructed to do otherwise, staff will prepare for the consideration of the waiver request and permit hearing for the meeting of the board scheduled for July 18, 2024.

As of April 10, 2024, staff had initiated 5 permitting request case (PRCs) since October 1, 2023:

As of April 10, 2024, staff had 17 permitting request case pending:

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As of April 12, 2024, staff had 146 active or approved production permits recorded in the permitting database with a combined amount of authorized groundwater production per year of 167,059 acre-feet.

Regarding Groundwater Production Report Processing for CY2023.

As of April 10, 2024, staff had processed 193 groundwater production reports for the preceding calendar year since October 1, 2023.

As of April 10, 2024, staff had recorded groundwater production reports for 193 water wells reporting 23,979.6 acre-feet of groundwater production during CY2023. (TWDB estimated the volume of groundwater produced for rural domestic, livestock, mining, and rig supply exempt uses in Jackson County in Year 2020 was 1,581 acre-feet. See: TWDB - Projected Exempt Groundwater Use Estimates.).

Regarding Manage Investigations related to Permitting Violations for FY2024.

As of April 10, 2024, staff had initiated 2 investigations related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting) since October 1, 2023:

As of April 10, 2024, staff had 7 active investigations related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting):

Regarding Manage Enforcement Cases related to Permitting Violations for FY2024.

As of April 10, 2024, the Board had initiated 2 enforcement case violations related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting) since October 1, 2023:

As of April 20, 2024, staff had 0 unresolved enforcement cases related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting).

Board Action: None.

3.1 – Investigation – INV-20231109.0856 – Failure to Report Groundwater Production

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained as of April 10, 2024, the District has identified 15 wells under investigation INV-20231109.0856 - Failure to Satisfy Rules of the District - Production Reporting for CY2023 - Active that have

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potentially violated RULE 2.6: REPORTING REQUIREMENT RELATED TO NON-EXEMPTUSE WELLS by failing to report the volume of groundwater produced from the non-exempt-use well for the previous calendar year (January 1 to December 31) during January of the current calendar year.

On November 9, 2023, the general manager initiated the investigation.

On April 10, 2024, the general manager developed a list of wells and ownership information related to well that appear to currently have not satisfied the requirement to report groundwater production for CY2023.

Based on a review of recorded violations, staff have classified the potential violators based on appraisal district information (i.e., landowner names) into the following groups based the provisions of RULE 11.10: PENALTIES of the Rules of the District:

Group 1: Persons with one violation and no previous violations:

1. the well owner as of December 31, 2023, (Registered Well Owner: Donald Lewis Leach Jr., JCAD Landowner: Terranona Properties LP) of well(s) GW-00453 and GW-00544.

Group: 2: Persons with previous violation of the related rule in the previous 5-year period:

1. the well owner as of December 31, 2023, (Registered Well Owner: Alice Combs, JCAD Landowner: Alice M. Combs) of well(s) GW-00357, GW-00359, GW-00360, GW-00361 and GW-00363. (See: ECV-20230421-07, ECV-20230421-08, ECV-20210712-11, ECV-20210712-13, ECV-20210712-14, ECV-20210712-15, ECV-20210712-17.)
2. the well owner as of December 31, 2023, (Registered Well Owner: Mauritz S. Rogers, JCAD Landowner: Mauritz S. Rogers & Wilson B. & John S.) of well GW-00358. (See: ECV-20230421-05.)
3. the well owner as of December 31, 2023, (Registered Well Owner: Elizabeth C. Rogers, JCAD Landowner: Elizabeth Rogers) of well(s) GW-00362 and GW-00378. (See: ECV-20230421-06.)
4. the well owner as of December 31, 2023, (Registered Well Owner: Todish Farms LLC., JCAD Landowner: Todish Crystal Jansky) of well NW-00243. (See: ECV-20210712-39.)
5. the well owner as of December 31, 2023, (Registered Well Owner: TRI-COUNTY POINT, JCAD Landowner: TRI-COUNTY POINT) of well(s) GW-00418, GW-00419, GW-00420, and GW-00421. (See: ECV-20210712-27, ECV-20210712-28, ECV-20210712-29, and ECV-20210712-30.)

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If the boards find that violations have occurred in the instances identified above and instruct staff to proceed with enforcement efforts, staff will:

- a) mail 1st notice of violation and any approved settlement offer to the landowner associated with the appraisal district tax parcel by CMRRR and to the registered well owner by regular mail by May 1, 2024;
- b) mail the 2nd notice of violation and any approved settlement offer to the landowner associated with the appraisal district tax parcel by CMRRR and to the registered well owner by regular mail by June 1, 2024,
- c) mail the notice of need to file suit and any approved settlement offer to the landowner associated with the appraisal district tax parcel by CMRRR and to the registered well owner by regular mail by June 30, 2024,
- d) publish an enforcement hearing notice for any unresolved violations for the July 20, 2024 board meeting by July 6, 2024, and
- e) present any unresolved violations to the board at the July 20, 2024 meeting with a recommendation that board: 1) confirm the findings of violation and penalties and 2) referred to the violations to legal counsel for filing suit before the meeting scheduled for October 19, 2024.

Board Action: Mr. Boone moved to:

Group 1: Persons with one violation and no previous violations.

move to:

1. find that the well owner as of December 31, 2023, (Registered Well Owner: Donald Lewis Leach Jr.; JCAD Landowner: Terranona Properties LP) violated RULE 2.6: REPORTING REQUIREMENT RELATED TO NON-EXEMPTUSE WELLS of the Rules of the District related to well GW-00453 and GW-00544 unless evidence to the contrary or evidence of relevant extenuating circumstances is submitted to the District;
2. authorize the General Manager to initiate an enforcement case regarding the violation;
3. set a \$100.00 penalty for the violation per RULE 9.6: Rule Enforcement of the Rules of the District; and
4. offer to settle the violation if Registered Well Owner: Donald Lewis Leach Jr. (JCAD Landowner: Terranona Properties LP) consents to the following conditions:
 - a. acknowledges the violation by June 30, 2024;
 - b. pays a settlement fee of \$0.00 by June 30, 2024; and
 - c. submits a administratively complete groundwater production report for calendar year 2023 by June 30, 2024.

Management Recommendation for Group 2: Persons with a previous violation of the related rule in the previous 5-year period.

move to:

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1. find that the well owner as of December 31, 2023, (Registered Well Owner: Alice Combs; JCAD Landowner: Alice M. Combs) violated RULE 2.6: REPORTING REQUIREMENT RELATED TO NON-EXEMPTUSE WELLS of the Rules of the District related to well GW-00357, GW-00359, GW-00360, GW-00363 and GW-00361 unless evidence to the contrary or evidence of relevant extenuating circumstances is submitted to the District;
2. authorize the General Manager to initiate an enforcement case regarding the violation;
3. set a \$250.00 penalty for the violation per RULE 9.6: Rule Enforcement of the Rules of the District; and
4. offer to settle the violation if Registered Well Owner: Alice Combs (JCAD Landowner: Alice M. Combs) consents to the following conditions:
 - a. acknowledges the violation by June 30, 2024;
 - b. pays a settlement fee of \$20.00 by June 30, 2024; and
 - c. submits a administratively complete groundwater production report for calendar year 2023 by June 30, 2024.

move to:

1. find that the well owner as of December 31, 2023, (Registered Well Owner: Mauritz S. Rogers; JCAD Landowner: Mauritz S. Rogers & Wilson B. & John S.) violated RULE 2.6: REPORTING REQUIREMENT RELATED TO NON-EXEMPTUSE WELLS of the Rules of the District related to well GW-00358 unless evidence to the contrary or evidence of relevant extenuating circumstances is submitted to the District;
2. authorize the General Manager to initiate an enforcement case regarding the violation;
3. set a \$250.00 penalty for the violation per RULE 9.6: Rule Enforcement of the Rules of the District; and
4. offer to settle the violation if Registered Well Owner: Mauritz S. Rogers (JCAD Landowner: Mauritz S. Rogers & Wilson B. & John S.) consents to the following conditions:
 - a. acknowledges the violation by June 30, 2024;
 - b. pays a settlement fee of \$20.00 by June 30, 2024; and
 - c. submits a administratively complete groundwater production report for calendar year 2023 by June 30, 2024.

move to:

1. find that the well owner as of December 31, 2023, (Registered Well Owner: Elizabeth C. Rogers; JCAD Landowner: Elizabeth Rogers) violated RULE 2.6: REPORTING REQUIREMENT RELATED TO NON-EXEMPTUSE WELLS of the Rules of the District related to well GW-00362 and GW-00378 unless evidence to

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the contrary or evidence of relevant extenuating circumstances is submitted to the District;

2. authorize the General Manager to initiate an enforcement case regarding the violation;

3. set a \$250.00 penalty for the violation per RULE 9.6: Rule Enforcement of the Rules of the District; and

4. offer to settle the violation if Registered Well Owner: Elizabeth C. Rogers (JCAD Landowner: Elizabeth Rogers) consents to the following conditions:

a. acknowledges the violation by June 30, 2024;

b. pays a settlement fee of \$20.00 by June 30, 2024; and

c. submits a administratively complete groundwater production report for calendar year 2023 by June 30, 2024.

move to:

1. find that the well owner as of December 31, 2023, (Registered Well Owner: Todish Farms LLC.; JCAD Landowner: Todish Crystal Jansky) violated RULE 2.6: REPORTING REQUIREMENT RELATED TO NON-EXEMPTUSE WELLS of the Rules of the District related to well NW-00243 unless evidence to the contrary or evidence of relevant extenuating circumstances is submitted to the District;

2. authorize the General Manager to initiate an enforcement case regarding the violation;

3. set a \$250.00 penalty for the violation per RULE 9.6: Rule Enforcement of the Rules of the District; and

4. offer to settle the violation if Registered Well Owner: Todish Farms LLC. (JCAD Landowner: Todish Crystal Jansky) consents to the following conditions:

a. acknowledges the violation by June 30, 2024;

b. pays a settlement fee of \$20.00 by June 30, 2024; and

c. submits a administratively complete groundwater production report for calendar year 2023 by June 30, 2024.

move to:

1. find that the well owner as of December 31, 2023, (Registered Well Owner: TRI-COUNTY POINT; JCAD Landowner: TRI-COUNTY POINT) violated RULE 2.6: REPORTING REQUIREMENT RELATED TO NON-EXEMPTUSE WELLS of the Rules of the District related to well GW-00418, GW-00419, GW-00420, and GW-00421 unless evidence to the contrary or evidence of relevant extenuating circumstances is submitted to the District;

2. authorize the General Manager to initiate an enforcement case regarding the violation;

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3. set a \$250.00 penalty for the violation per RULE 9.6: Rule Enforcement of the Rules of the District; and
4. offer to settle the violation if Registered Well Owner: TRI-COUNTY POINT (JCAD Landowner: TRI-COUNTY POINT)) consents to the following conditions:
 - a. acknowledges the violation by June 30, 2024;
 - b. pays a settlement fee of \$20.00 by June 30, 2024; and
 - c. submits a administratively complete groundwater production report for calendar year 2023 by June 30, 2024.

Mr. Gendke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 – Investigation INV-20221012.1423 – Failure to Obtain Production Permits

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained on October 12, 2022, staff initiated an investigation to gather information regarding active utilities within Jackson County that obtain water from groundwater-based public water systems that do not have valid groundwater production permits issued by the District. See: INV-20221012.1423 - Failure to Obtain Production Permit - Active.

The relevant provisions of the rules of the district associated with the investigations are:

- Item 2 of RULE 4.9: PRODUCTION RELATED VIOLATIONS of the Rules of the District states "[a] person violates these rules by producing any amount of groundwater for non-exempt uses from a well, well field, or well system without a valid production permit issued by the Board."

As of October 12, 2023, staff had an open investigation related to groundwater management associated with 3 entities that had not submitted administratively complete permitting applications. The entities are:

1. City of Ganado;
2. Jackson County WCID 1 (Lolita);
3. Tri County Point Water Systems;

If the boards find that violations have occurred in the instances identified for Potential Failure to Obtain Production Permits and instruct staff to proceed with enforcement efforts, staff will:

- a) mail 1st notice of violation and any approved settlement offer to the landowner associated with the appraisal district tax parcel on which the subject well(s) is located by CMRRR and to the well owner by regular mail by November 1, 2023;
- b) mail the 2nd notice of violation and any approved settlement offer to the landowner associated with the appraisal district tax parcel on which the

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subject well(s) is located by CMRRR and to the well owner by regular mail by December 1, 2023,

c) mail the notice of need to file suit and any approved settlement offer to the landowner associated with the appraisal district tax parcel on which the subject well(s) is located by CMRRR and to the well owner by regular mail by January 1, 2024,

d) publish an enforcement hearing notice for any unresolved violations for the January 18, 2024 board meeting by January 3, 2024, and

e) present any unresolved violations to the board at the January 18, 2024 meeting with a recommendation that board: 1) confirm the findings of violation and penalties and 2) referred to the violations to legal counsel for filing suit before the meeting scheduled for January 18, 2024.

On October 12, 2023, staff of the District reviewed the TWDB website <https://www3.twdb.texas.gov/apps/WaterServiceBoundaries> and obtained the most recent water use survey submitted in CY2021 which evinces that associated entity is violating the rules of the district by producing groundwater for non-exempt-use purposes without the necessary production permit.

Board Action: Mr. Born moved to:

move to:

1. find that the City of Ganado violated RULE 4.9: PRODUCTION RELATED VIOLATIONS of the Rules of the District related to water well(s) owned by the City of Ganado used to produce groundwater for public water system uses unless evidence to the contrary or evidence of relevant extenuating circumstances is submitted to the District;
2. authorize the General Manager to initiate an enforcement case regarding the violation;
3. set a \$0.00 penalty to be paid by the City of Ganado for each violation per per Rule 11.10: Penalties of the Rules of the District as restricted under Section 36.102(e) of the Texas Water Code; and
4. offer to settle the violation without payment of the penalties if the City of Ganado consents to the following conditions:
 1. acknowledges the violation by June 30, 2024;
 2. pays a settlement fee of \$0.00 by June 30, 2024; and
 3. submits a administratively complete production permit application to the District by June 30, 2024.

move to:

1. find that the Jackson County WCID 1 violated RULE 4.9: PRODUCTION RELATED VIOLATIONS of the Rules of the District related to water well(s) owned by the Jackson County WCID 1 used to produce groundwater for

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public water system uses unless evidence to the contrary or evidence of relevant extenuating circumstances is submitted to the District;

2. authorize the General Manager to initiate an enforcement case regarding the violation;

3. set a \$0.00 penalty to be paid by the Jackson County WCID 1 for each violation per Rule 11.10: Penalties of the Rules of the District as restricted under Section 36.102(e) of the Texas Water Code; and

4. offer to settle the violation without payment of the penalties if the Jackson County WCID 1 consents to the following conditions:

1. acknowledges the violation by June 30, 2024;

2. pays a settlement fee of \$0.00 by June 30, 2024; and

3. submits a administratively complete production permit application to the District by June 30, 2024.

move to:

1. find that the Tri County Point Water Systems violated RULE 4.9: PRODUCTION RELATED VIOLATIONS of the Rules of the District related to water well(s) owned by the Tri County Point Water Systems used to produce groundwater for public water system uses unless evidence to the contrary or evidence of relevant extenuating circumstances is submitted to the District;

2. authorize the General Manager to initiate an enforcement case regarding the violation;

3. set a \$0.00 penalty to be paid by the Tri County Point Water Systems for each violation per Rule 11.10: Penalties of the Rules of the District as restricted under Section 36.102(e) of the Texas Water Code; and

4. offer to settle the violation without payment of the penalties if the Tri County Point Water Systems consents to the following conditions:

1. acknowledges the violation by June 30, 2024;

2. pays a settlement fee of \$0.00 by June 30, 2024; and

3. submits a administratively complete production permit application to the District by June 30, 2024.

Mr. Gendke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater protection including complaints, investigations, violations, and enforcement cases related to groundwater contamination and waste.

4.0 – Report regarding Groundwater Protection

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss offered the following report:

Regarding Well Inspections for FY2024.

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As of April 11, 2024, staff had recorded 11 well inspection forms (WIFs) since October 1, 2023:

Regarding Manage Investigations related to Groundwater Protection for FY2024.

As of April 11, 2024, staff had initiated 0 investigations related to Groundwater Protection since October 1, 2023:

As of April 11, 2024, staff had 1 active investigation related to Groundwater Protection:

Regarding Manage Enforcement Cases related to Groundwater Protection for FY2024.

As of April 8, 2024, the Board had initiated 0 enforcement cases related to Groundwater Protection since October 1, 2023:

As of April 8, 2024, staff had 0 unresolved enforcement case violations related to Groundwater Protection:

Board Action: None.

Agenda Item 5: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater monitoring.

5.1 – Report regarding Groundwater Monitoring

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss offered the following report:

Regarding Monitor Drought Conditions for FY2024.

As of April 11, 2024, the U.S. Drought Monitor indicates that 0% of Jackson County is experiencing abnormally dry or moderate drought conditions.

As of April 11, 2024, drought condition information related to the district and the surrounding region of Texas collected from the Water Data for Texas website (<https://www.waterdatafortexas.org/drought/>) indicates that no portions of Jackson County are experiencing drought conditions.

Regarding Synoptic Aquifer Monitoring for FY2024.

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As of April 11, 2024, staff had collected 54 water level measurements since October 1, 2023:

Regarding Continuous Water Level Monitoring for FY2024.

On January 18, 2024, staff provided a revised quote from WelIntel for the installation, configuration, and data services to monitor a single site within Jackson County as requested by the Board. See: MFC-20240118-5.3 - WelIntel Service for Continuous Aquifer Monitoring. Staff have suspended all efforts related to implementing a program to setup continuous aquifer monitoring sites within the District until such time as the Board provides guidance on how to proceed, if at all.

Regarding Baseline Water Quality Aquifer Monitoring for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding Ad-Hoc Baseline Water Quality Sampling for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding Annual Water Level Assessment for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding Annual Water Quality Assessment for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding Monitoring Network Assessment and Improvement Project for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding Aquifer Monitoring for WV-20191219-01 for FY2024.

Regarding West Ranch Monitoring for FY2024.

On January 18, 2024, staff provided an update regarding recent water quality data gathered from a site and the potential of significant changes near West Ranch. See: MFC-20240118-5.2 - Monitoring Near West Ranch. Staff have suspended all efforts to implement a program to renew monitoring activities near West Ranch until such time as the Board provides guidance on how to proceed, if at all.

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Board Action: None.

Agenda Item 6: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater conservation.

6.0 – Report regarding Groundwater Conservation

Meeting Discussion: None.

Board Action: None.

6.1 – Conservation Education and Teacher Professional Development

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained a project, to be completed in June 2024, related to conservation education and teacher professional development has been developed by staff as well as representatives of Victoria ISD (VISD), and University of Houston-Victoria (UHV).

The project seeks to extend and expand the cooperative efforts between the UHV, VISD, and the District to promote water conservation through a project to deliver professional development to teachers of middle school science classes and teachers of high school aquatic science and environmental systems classes. This proposal expands the professional development activities by 1) conducting a workshop at the Wetland Education Center located at the INVISTA Victoria Plant Wetland in Victoria County and 2) including a presentation by UHV staff on the application of Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning to water resource management.

If the project is implemented, the qualifying teachers would be recruited from within the boundary of the financially contributing partners to participate in workshops held on two days in the Summer of 2024 at multiple locations within Victoria County (i.e., INVISTA Victoria Plant Wetland, the Clements Ranch, and UHV Campus) designed to 1) increase awareness, knowledge, and technical skills related to the hydrologic cycle, water resources, risks to water resources including over-production and pollution, and 2) expand knowledge and skills that align with the related Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for the purposes of promoting water conservation. Participating teachers would receive a \$500.00 stipend and continuing education credits for completing the workshops. The project would conclude with the submittal of a summary report of professional development provided during the workshops.

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The total cost for the project is projected to at \$17,540. The proposal does not assign a cost to the valuable contributions of time to be made by Teresa LeSage-Clements of UHV, Dmitri Sobolev of UHV, John Snyder of VISD, Tim Andruss of VCGCD, or the administrative staff members of the cooperating entities. Furthermore, the proposal does not assign a cost to the valuable contributions made by the UHV, the City of Victoria, the VISD, the INVISTA Victoria Plant Wetland, or the Clements Ranch for providing access to facilities to be used during the workshops.

On July 21, 2023, the Victoria County GCD Board of Directors authorized staff to 1) seek cooperation and approval of cost sharing agreements with Calhoun County GCD, Refugio GCD, and Texana GCD as well as 2) take the necessary actions to implement the Proposal for the Cooperative Promotion of Water Conservation through Teacher Professional Development after October 1, 2023.

Board Action: Mr. Born moved to accept the Proposal for the Cooperative Promotion of Water Conservation through Teacher Professional Development Summer 2024 and agree to cost share with VCGCD in an amount not to exceed 25% of the actual expenses or \$4,385.00 for the implementation of the project. Mr. Gendke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 7: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater resource planning including Groundwater Management Area 15 Joint Planning and regional water planning.

7.0 – Report regarding Groundwater Resource Planning

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss offered the following report:

Regarding Regional Water Planning Participation for FY2024.

Representatives of the district did not participate in the meeting of the Lavaca Regional Planning Group (Region P) held on February 5, 2024. The next meeting of the Lavaca Regional Planning Group (Region P) is scheduled for May 6, 2024 at 12:00 PM at the LNRA Offices.

Regarding GMA 15 Joint Planning for 4th Planning Cycle in FY2024.

Representatives of the district participated in the meeting of the representatives of Groundwater Management Area 15 on January 11, 2024 to continue joint planning efforts. During the meeting the members received a report from TWDB stating that the internal work to compare predictive results when modeling the GMA 15 DFC pumping scenario using the previous GAM (CGCD-GAM) and the current GAM

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(combined GMA 15 and GMA 16 extent) resulted in significant discrepancies and issues. TWDB is undertaking a review of the new model. The representatives agreed to postpone action on the joint planning work until the next meeting of GMA 15. Staff of the district had suspended efforts to negotiate terms of an agreement with Intera until TWDB provides clarity regarding the GAM to be used during the current joint planning cycle.

The representatives of Groundwater Management Area 15 met on April 11, 2024 at Goliad County GCD offices. During the meeting, the representatives authorized the GMA 15 Administrator to submit a request to TWDB to authorize the use of the Central Gulf Coast Groundwater Availability Model (CGC-GAM) for the 4th Cycle of Joint Planning and evaluate the use of the "LRE Modification" to the CGC-GAM for the 4th Cycle of Joint Planning.

Board Action: None.

Agenda Item 8: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater policy including the Management Plan of the District and the Rules of the District.

8.0 – Report regarding Groundwater Policy

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss offered the following report:

Regarding Management Plan Revisions for FY2024.

No report.

Regarding Rule Amendments for FY2024.

Staff will review the passed legislation of the previous legislative session, coordinate with legal counsel to develop proposed rule revisions, and post the required rulemaking hearing notice for the meeting scheduled for July 18, 2023.

Regarding Legislative Support and Lobbying for FY2024.

On March 20, 2024, Mr. Andruss participated in a meeting of the Legislative Committee the Texas Water Conservation Association in Austin. The committee heard presentations regarding issues that members would like for the committee to consider as part of its efforts to identify "consensus legislation" including the following topics:

Infrastructure and Funding:

Regionalization and Growth:

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Surface Water:

Groundwater:

Data:

Other:

Board Action: None.

Agenda Item 9: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to administration and management including the minutes of previous meetings, the annual budget of the district, bank accounts, investments, financial reports of the district, bills and invoices of the district, management goals and objectives of the district, administrative policies, staffing, consultant agreements, interlocal cooperation agreements, and support services provided to and from other groundwater conservation districts.

9.0 – Report regarding Administration and Management

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss offered the following report:

Regarding Financial Audit for FY2023.

On March 22, 2024, Mr. Cox with Goldman, Hunt and Notz, LLP informed the District that he anticipates presenting the audit report to the Board on July 15, 2024.

Regarding Budget Development for FY2025.

Staff will develop and present preliminary budget information to the Board on July 18, 2024.

Regarding Website Improvements.

Staff have added webpages and electronic forms related to groundwater water production reporting, and renewal of groundwater production permits to the website of the district.

Regarding Public Notice and Meeting Coordination for FY2024.

The next meetings of the Board are scheduled for July 18, 2024, August 15, 2024 (Budget and Tax Rate Matters), and October 17, 2024, with each meeting to convene at 6:00 PM. Regular meetings will be rescheduled as necessary and special meeting may be scheduled to address unforeseen issues.

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Regarding Performance Audit for FY2023.

Staff will develop and present the performance audit for FY2023 to the Board on July 18, 2024.

Board Action: None.

9.1 – Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained the minutes for the previous meeting were sent the board members prior to the meeting.

Board Action: Mr. Gendke moved to accept and approve the meeting minutes for January 18, 2024, as drafted. Mr. Tupa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9.2 – Financial Reports of the District

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained the internal financial reports of the District for December 2023, January and February 2024, have been sent to the directors prior to the meeting.

Board Action: Mr. Born moved to accept and approve the financial reports for December 2023, January and February 2024. Mr. Tupa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9.2.1 – Financial Transaction Review

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained that there have been 20 accounts payable and 16 accounts receivable transactions since January 15, 2024, as of April 11, 2024.

Board Action: None.

9.3 – Investments of the District.

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained the investment reports for January and February 2024, have been sent to the board prior to the meeting.

Board Action: Mr. Gendke moved to accept the investment reports for January and February 2024. Mr. Tupa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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9.4 – Unpaid Accounts Payable

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained the District has outstanding accounts payable invoices that are not considered regular and routine for which the District has received the goods and services billed for under the invoices.

Board Action: Mr. Born moved to authorize the general manager to pay the following items:

1. ACCTP-20240208-02 - \$1,965.00 – ABM
2. ACCTP-20240313-01 - \$270.00 – ABM
3. ACCTP-20240418-01 - \$2,922.00 – ABM
4. ACCTP-20240418-02 - \$1,025.76 – VCGCD

Mr. Boone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 10: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to legal counsel report.

10.0 – Legal Counsel Report

Meeting Discussion: None.

Board Action: None.

Agenda Item 11: Adjourn

11.0 – Adjourn Meeting

Meeting Discussion: None.

Board Action: Mr. Tupa moved to adjourn the meeting after concluding all business of the District, at approximately 7:59 PM. Mr. Gendke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The above and foregoing minutes were read and approved on this the 18th day of July, 2024.

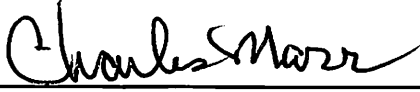
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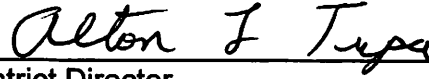
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