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**UPPER BLACK SQUIRREL CREEK GROUND  
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The **October** meeting of the Board of Directors of the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District was called to order **Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, at 6:00 P.M., at 1500 8<sup>th</sup> Street (inside the conference room at Farmers State Bank, enter through the courtyard). The meeting was open to the public.

**Board Members in Attendance:** President David Doran, Vice-President Dan Farmer, Secretary Darrel Nily, Treasurer Mitchell Baldwin

**Board Members Absent:** NA

**Others in Attendance:** John Hill, Tracy Doran, Lisa Thompson Via Zoom

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS POSTED AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:**  
President Doran called the meeting to order and took roll call and determined a quorum was present.
2. **Agenda for October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**  
Director Baldwin motioned to approve the agenda as written. Director Nily seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)
3. **Minutes for September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**  
Director Nily motioned to approve the September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0) Director Baldwin excused
4. **Treasurer Report & Any Bills Needing Board Approval:**  
Treasurer Baldwin reported on the income and expenses for the month of September. Director Nily motioned to accept the September treasurer report and pay the attorney bill for \$5,340.40. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)
5. **Preliminary 2023 Budget:**  
The board discussed the proposed 2023 budget and upcoming studies and projects and made the following changes to the draft budget. The board raised the water studies line item from \$250,000.00 to \$450,00.00 to account for the AEM project, and also raised directors' expense from \$5,100.00 to \$15,000.00 for a potential Ground Water Management District Conference held in Georgia for the board to attend. Attorney Thompson advised the board to raise contract services from \$50,000.00 to \$150,000.00 for a future hearing. Discussion continued. Director Farmer motioned to set the 2023 budget hearing for November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Director Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

## VISITOR INPUT

NA

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Cherokee Metro & Meridian Service Metro/Replacement Plan/Case No. 08GW71:**

Attorney Thompson advised that the State staff sent back a letter to Cherokee that there are still some holes, mainly regarding replacement sources and if there are any other entities that can claim the effluent. Ms. Thompson noted that there is a status conference on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10 AM and we will find out more then. Ms. Thompson speculates that it will be published in November or December. Discussion followed on timelines for objections and potential hearing dates.

### **2. District Violations/Enforcement Actions:**

No updates on this item.

### **3. USGS Monitoring Program/Water Quality Study:**

Ms. Thompson advised that Mike Wireman and Jared Abraham have been working with Kevin Brown at Cherokee for a number of wells for getting bore log data. Tentatively they will meet with Kevin on October 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> to log those wells.

### **4. Goss Variance Request/Hearing:**

Attorney Thompson advised that Mr. Goss's attorney withdrew the Variance request and hearing and will be withdrawing the related replacement application as well.

### **5. Meridian 22GW01 & 22GW02:**

Attorney Thompson reported that the parties are still reviewing the language on replacements and pending replacement plans.

Ms. Thompson advised that there were 3 determination of water objections filed last month and two comments submitted. They will be added to old business when we get case numbers.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Water Well Permit Applications:**

#### **1. Lockhart/Division 2:**

The Applicants are applying for a domestic well in Old West Ranch Subdivision, under 459-BD. They are asking for 2 homes, 1 acre of lawn and garden irrigation, domestic animal watering, stock watering, with 1 acre-foot in the Denver aquifer underlying 35.1 acres. It will be the only well on the property.

#### **2. Olson/Division 5:**

The applicants are applying for a domestic well in Sage Crest. They are asking for 1 home, 5,000 sq. feet of lawn and garden irrigation, livestock watering, and .5 acre-feet in the Arapahoe aquifer underlying 10 acres. The State staff said in their email that their irrigation will be reduced 1,000 sq. feet to allot for the stock watering. In the water supply plan, they are allowed 16,000 sq. feet if lawn and garden irrigation and 1 acre-foot in the Arapahoe.

#### **3. O'Neil/Large Capacity Division 4:**

The applicant is applying for a large capacity well in Santa Fe Springs. It says there are 160 acres in the parcel, and they want to irrigate 40 acres. They also have listed commercial as a use for the well. They would like max allowed pumping rate, and acre-feet in the Denver aquifer.

**4. RRB Group LLC/Division 1:**

The applicant is applying for a domestic well underlying 5 acres. They are seeking 1 home, 1 acre of lawn and garden irrigation, domestic animal watering and 1 acre-foot in the Dawson aquifer in Tiboria Estates Filing 2. The water supply plan does allow for 1 acre-foot in the Dawson aquifer, with 13,000 sq. feet of irrigation and a meter is required. They will need to reduce the irrigation amount on the application.

**5. Bibby/Division 5:**

The applicants are applying for a domestic well in Reserve at Corral Bluffs. They are asking for 1 home, 5,000 sq. feet of lawn and garden irrigation, domestic animal watering, .5 acre-feet in the Denver aquifer underlying 5.04 acres under 517-BD. In the water supply plan, they are allowed .5 acre-foot in the Denver, 2,700 sq. feet of lawn and garden irrigation, & 4 domestic animals. They will need to correct the amounts that are not consistent with the plan. The State staff also stated they need to correct the GPS location on the application for the parcel ID-lot and address.

Director Baldwin motioned to approve well permits numbers 1,2,4 & 5 and have attorney Thompson review and comment on number 3 if necessary. Director Nily seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

**Determination of Water Rights:**

NA

**El Paso County Reviews:**

**1. Chipotle/Falcon Marketplace Lot 6/Division 3 :**

Fast food restaurant. Woodmen Hills Metropolitan district will serve both the water and wastewater.

**2. Ellicott School Addition 2 Bldgs/Division 5 :**

The district is going to add a class room building in the middle of the site and will be adding a Votec building. Both are free standing structures. They will be connecting internal potable & sanitary sewer service lines. Cherokee Metropolitan District serves the water. The sanitary sewer system on this site is private.

**3. 4-Way Commercial Rezoning/District 1:**

The applicant is requesting approval of a map amendment (rezoning) of all 68.2 acres from PUD (Planned Unit Development) to CS (Commercial Service).

**4. 1041 Meadow Lake Airport Expansion/ District 4:**

The applicants are identifying future expansion and improvement projects at Meadow Lake Airport and to obtain El Paso County recognition of the Airport as an "Area and Activity of State Interest" to assist in compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes.

Director Baldwin motioned to approve El Paso County Reviews 1-4. Director Nily seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

**Any Other Business the Board May Have:**

Discussion followed on the board going to the Ground Water Management District Conference in January in Georgia.

Discussion followed on Colorado River water and CSU zoom seminars.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

**Next meeting will be November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Doran called for the meeting to be adjourned.

Director Baldwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Tracy Doran/Office Manager