

GREEN DeWITT DRAINAGE DISTRICT

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Green DeWitt Drainage District met in **REGULAR** Session on 20th of November 2023, at 11:00 A.M. in the Conference Room of the District's office at 107 N. Gonzales Street, in Cuero, Texas with the following members present:

Doug Sethness, Director
Larry Coppedge, Director
John Varela, Director

Staff: Jennifer Urban, General Manager
Pat Trevino, Office Manager
Ignacio Granado, Crew Foreman

ANNOUNCE QUORUM & CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Sethness called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

MINUTES:

MOTION: On Motion by John Varela and seconded by Larry Coppedge, the District approved the following minutes:

October 16, 2023, Regular Meeting
Certified Agenda of Closed Session October 16, 2023

FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENTS & PROJECTS:

Foreman, Ignacio Granado, gave a field report stating that his last report was on Oct 16, 2023. He provided an update on the daily operations of maintaining the channels. They have been cutting down trees and vines and hauling them off to the disposal area. In all, they hauled 12 loads of limbs, brushes, and vines.

They have received positive feedback from the community on the work the district is doing. He plans to focus on the tree limbs and cleaning up the W. Lateral Channel and the rest of the Alonzo Street area.

He reported that his part-time worker will be working regularly and that the district employee sent through the employment agency is now a regular full-time employee.

In addition, the truck was taken in to get the brakes worked on and the trailer needed new wiring and fuses.

Future projects: Continue clearing and cleaning up overgrown areas in the system.

GM REPORT:

On October 17, 2023, VCS Security Systems programmed the shop security system with remote viewing access. The General Manager was elected as Secretary for the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Doug Sethness attended the North Cuero Watershed Meeting as a proxy for the General Manager.

Additionally, the TWCA held their annual conference in San Antonio which was attended by the General Manager.

ENGINEERING:

NONE

GLO GRANT UPDATES:

Under review was the Gohlke Creek improvement project, which looked at providing a new ditch alignment through the lower section of Gohlke Creek that would straighten the existing creek from the confluence of the two upper reaches to where it meets the Guadalupe River thus providing more separation from the treatment plant. Although this is not part of the district's boundary it is the district's responsibility to clear and maintain weeds and debris to avert flooding of homes. Taking this approach will allow water to flow at a faster velocity thus causing concerns about the erosion this will have on the City Wastewater treatment plant.

Several options were discussed that involved rerouting the creek's flow, which would slow erosion, especially to the treatment plant. However, these options exceed our grant award and would require additional funding to maintain.

In conclusion, the board agreed that the General Manager set up a meeting with the City, its engineers, all board members, and CivilCorp Engineers to inform city officials of our concerns regarding the negative impact this will eventually have on the City Wastewater treatment plant.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

None

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The financial reports and mileage reimbursement for Foreman Ignacio Granado were reviewed and discussed.

MOTION:

John Varela motioned to approve reimbursement for Ignacio and to approve the financial reports. Larry Coppedge seconded the motion and the motion carried.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING(S):

The District's next Regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room of the district office at 107 N Gonzales, Cuero, Texas 77954.

MOTION:

John Varela made a motion to adjourn. Larry Coppedge seconded the motion and the motion carried.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Director

Jennifer Urban, General Manager