
**Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District
Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2026**

THE STATE OF TEXAS
VICTORIA COUNTY

Item 1 - Convene Meeting

Mr. Andruss explained that staff completed the necessary public notification requirements for the meeting.

Board Action: Mr. Meek called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and call the roll of representatives:

Precinct 1: Mr. Jerry Hroch, Vice President: Present.

Precinct 2: Mr. Thurman Clements, Jr., Director : Present.

Precinct 3: Mrs. Barbara Dietzel, Secretary : Absent.

Precinct 4: Mr. Mark Meek, President: Present.

At Large: Mr. Kenneth Eller, Director : Present.

General Manager: Tim Andruss : Present.

General Counsel: Jim Allison : Absent.

Item 2 - Receive Public Comment

No public comment was given at this time.

Item 3 - Groundwater Management (Permitting)

Topic 3.1 - PRC-20260113-01 - ANHUPPW-20251218-01 - VCPFC

Mr. Andruss explained that Mr. Sean Stibich, for Port of Victoria / Victoria County Port Facilities Corp. seeks, under permitting request case PRC-20260113-01, a standard-capacity non-historic-use production permit authorizing the production of groundwater from non-grandfathered well NW-000618 for dock operations and public supply uses at rates not to exceed 100 gallons per minute or 161.3 acre-feet per year. The subject well is located on a 2,723.6-acre tract of land near the intersection of State Highway 185 and McCoy Rd. in Victoria County, Texas.

The applications and supplemental information associated with this permitting request case are considered administratively complete and contain sufficient information to evaluate the request relative to the rules of the district.

The applicant did not submit a request for a district waiver in connection with the permitting request.

Based on the review of the information provided within the associated application and supplemental information provided by the applicant, the general manager has determined that the request is consistent with the policies and rules of the district.

On January 28, 2026, the district completed the public notice process for the permitting request case.

Board Action: Mr. Eller moved to 1) cancel the permit hearing and proceed with the permitting case as an uncontested matter; and 2) issue a standard-capacity production permit to Victoria County Port Facilities Corporation for the subject well under permitting request case PRC-20260113-01 with the following conditions and the requirements established in the rules of the district now in effect:

Authorized Groundwater Production Purpose: dock operations and public supply uses;

Authorized Groundwater Production Rate: 100 gallons per minute;

Authorized Groundwater Production: 161.3 acre-feet per year; and

Expiration Date: July 31, 2030.

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

Topic 3.2 - PRC-20260113-02 - ADSPP-20251218-01 - VCPFC

Mr. Andruss explained Mr. Sean Stibich for Port of Victoria / Victoria County Port Facilities Corporation seeks, under permitting request case PRC-20260113-02, a permit authorizing the production of saline groundwater for industrial uses at rates not to exceed 1,240 gallons per minute or 2,000 acre-feet per year from a proposed deep saline well screened in the Goliad Saline Groundwater Zone at depths exceeding 1,300 feet below the surface. The proposed well will be located on a 2,723.06-acre tract of land near the intersection of State Highway 185 and McCoy Road in Victoria County, Texas.

The applications and supplemental information associated with this permitting request case are considered administratively complete and contain sufficient information evaluate the request relative to the rules of the district.

The applicant did not submit a request for a district waiver in connection with the permitting request.

Based on the review of the information provided within the associated application and supplemental information provided by the applicant, the general manager has determined that the request is consistent with the policies and rules of the district.

On January 28, 2026, the district completed the public notice process for the permitting request case.

The Rules of the District specify requirements for deep-saline wells under the following rules:

RULE 2.3: WELL SPACING REQUIREMENTS OF DEEP-SALINE WELLS

RULE 6.4: SPECIAL POLICIES RELATED TO DEEP-SALINE NON-HISTORIC USE PERMITTING

RULE 6.4.1: GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION LIMITATIONS RELATED TO DEEP-SALINE SPECIAL GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ZONES

RULE 6.4.2: APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO DEEP-SALINE PRODUCTION PERMIT REQUESTS

RULE 6.4.3: SPECIAL MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PERMITTING DEEP-SALINE NON-HISTORIC USE

RULE 6.4.4: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PERMITTING DEEP-SALINE NON-HISTORIC USE

Board Action: Mr. Eller moved to 1) cancel the permit hearing and proceed with the permitting case as an uncontested matter; and 2) issue a deep-saline production permit to Port of Victoria / Victoria County Port Facilities Corporation for the proposed well under permitting request case PRC-20260113-02 with the following conditions and the requirements established in the rules of the district now in effect:

Authorized Groundwater Production Purpose: industrial uses;

Authorized Groundwater Production Rate: 1,240 gallons per minute;

Authorized Groundwater Production: 2,000 acre-feet per year; and

Expiration Date: July 31, 2030.

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

Item 4 - Groundwater Protection

Item 5 - Groundwater Monitoring

Item 6 - Groundwater Conservation

Item 7 - Groundwater Resource Planning

Item 8 - Groundwater Policy

Item 9 - Administration and Management

Topic 9.1 - Review of Administrative Policies

Mr. Andruss explained in order to ensure that the bylaws of the District conform with relevant statutes and present practices of the District, management has draft certain revisions to the previously adopted bylaws of the District in consultation with legal counsel of the District. The revisions (1) remove superfluous or repetitive material or (2) revise the provisions of the Bylaws to conform to Chapter 36, Water Code or current district policies.

Board Action: Mr. Clements moved to adopt the Bylaws of the District, as drafted. Mr.

Eller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Topic 9.2 - TWDB Groundwater Science, Research, and Data Collection Grants

Mr. Andruss explained that the TWDB opened the application period for Groundwater Science, Research, and Data Collection Grants. **The application period will be open from Friday, January 16, 2026, through Friday, March 13, 2026, 2 pm.**

Staff will develop one or more applications for funding related to 1) improving aquifer monitoring, or 2) improving modeling impacts of groundwater development projects in the central portions of the Gulf Coast Aquifer.

Board Action: Mr. Clements moved to authorize the General Manager to submit an application, with affidavit confirming the eligibility of the District to apply and the authority of the General Manager to act on behalf of the District, to TWDB on behalf of the District in cooperation with Calhoun County GCD, Texana GCD, and Refugio GCD for the Groundwater Science, Research, and Data Collection Grants Program. Mr. Eller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Topic 9.3 - Employee Compensation


Mr. Andruss explained that employee Corbin Karl was promoted from Aquifer Monitoring Technician to Compliance Specialist. Starting March 1, 2026, his pay rate will reflect that of the Compliance Specialist at Step 1.


Item 10 - Legal Counsel Report

Item 11.0 - Adjourn Meeting

Mr. Eller moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:22 AM. Mr. Clements seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 10
DAY OF April A.D. 2026

 Director of the Victoria County
Groundwater Conservation District

ATTEST:  Director of the Victoria
Groundwater Conservation District