

Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District Meeting Notice and Agenda

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code and Section 36.064 of the Texas Water Code that the Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors will hold a meeting on September 14, 2026, at 5:30 PM at 312 W. Live Oak, Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, Texas.

AGENDA

1. Convene the meeting and receive a report from the general manager.
2. Receive public comments.
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.
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.
5. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater monitoring.
6. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater conservation.
7. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater resource planning, including Joint Planning of Groundwater Management Area 15, regional water planning, and proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs).
8. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater policy, including the Management Plan of the District, the Rules of the District, and the 2026 Proposed Rules of the District.
9. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to administration and management including minutes of previous meetings, amendments to the annual budget, the tax rates, certified tax roll, bank accounts, investments, financial reports of the district, bills and invoices of the district, general elections, management goals and objectives of the district, administrative policies, staffing, consultant agreements, interlocal cooperation agreements, the annual report of the District, and support services provided to and received from other groundwater conservation districts.
 - a. Budget for Fiscal Year 2027;
 - b. Public hearing regarding the Proposed Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026;
 - c. Certified tax roll for Tax Year 2026; and
 - d. November 2026 General Elections.
10. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to legal counsel report.
11. Adjourn.

The Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District may close the meeting, if necessary, to conduct private consultation with legal counsel regarding matters protected by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code or to discuss matters regarding personnel pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code. The Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District will return to open meeting, if necessary, to take any action deemed necessary based on discussion in closed meeting pursuant to Section 551.102 of the Government Code.

In accordance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we invite all attendees to advise us of any special accommodations due to disability. Please submit your request as far as possible in advance of the event you wish to attend.

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Topic 1.1 - Roll Call

Management Discussion:

Staff completed the necessary public notification requirements for the meeting.

 1.1.1 CCGCD - Meeting Notice - 20260914 - Final.pdf 87 kB

 1.1.2 CCGCD - Small Taxing Unit Notice - TY2026 - Final.pdf 132 kB

Management Recommendation:

Call the meeting to order and call the roll of representatives:

_____ : Precinct 1 Director: Mr. Steven Dierschke.

_____ : Precinct 2 Director: Mr. Wesley (Clay) Brett, Vice-President.

_____ : Precinct 3 Director: Mr. Galen Johnson, Secretary.

_____ : Precinct 4 Director: Mr. Michael (Mike) Hahn, Treasurer.

_____ : At-Large Director: Mr. Harold (Danny) May, President.

_____ : General Manager: Tim Andruss.

_____ : General Counsel: Jim Allison.

Item 2 - Receive Public Comment

Item 9 - Administration and Management Considerations

Topic 9.1 - Budget for FY2027

Management Discussion:

Management developed a draft budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, that attempts to fund the operations of the District in a manner which provides for 1) the accomplishment of the management plan goals and objectives, and 2) the completion of projects and tasks associated with the administration of the district, groundwater conservation, groundwater management and permitting, groundwater monitoring, groundwater policy development, groundwater protection, groundwater research, and groundwater resource planning.

To facilitate future comparisons of adopted budgets to financial audits and to simplify bookkeeping tasks, the draft budget has developed using a single fund referred to as the General Fund instead of developing a budget using two funds, Operating Fund and Reserve Fund.

The budget anticipates purchases and projects that are not routine in nature including funding for conducting an election, increased legal expenses, increased district fees, expanded water level assessment, increased legislative support expenditures, site-specific monitoring and assessments, CGCBGF Model improvements, expanded DFC modeling.

On August 24, 2026, the Board authorized the publication of a proposed a tax rate not exceeding the "Small Taxing Unit Tax Rate" for Tax Year 2026 of \$0.0071/\$100 of taxable value.

 9.1.1 CCGCD - FY2027 Budget - GF - STU Tax Rate - Draft.pdf 174 kB

 9.1.2 CCGCD - Order Adopting Budget.pdf 100 kB

Management Recommendation:

Move to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2027 by order, as drafted.

Topic 9.2 - Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026

Management Discussion:

On August 30, 2026, the public notice requirements were completed for the proposed tax rate for Tax Year 2026.

 1.1.2 CCGCD - Small Taxing Unit Notice - TY2026 - Final.pdf 132 kB

 9.2.2 CCGCD - AOP - Small Taxing Unit Notice - 20260914.pdf 474 kB

 9.2.3 CCGCD - Order Adopting Tax Rate.pdf 786 kB

Management Recommendation:

Management Recommendation 1: open the public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate.

Management Recommendation 2: move to close the public hearing after accepting public comment regarding the proposed tax rate.

Management Recommendation 3: move to approve and adopt a tax rate equal to or less than \$0.0071/\$100 of taxable value as the adopted tax rate by order.

Topic 9.3 - Appraisal Roll for Tax Year 2025

Management Discussion:

On July 27, 2026, the Chief Appraiser of the Calhoun County Appraisal District submitted the certified 2026 Appraisal Roll to the District.

 9.3.1 CCGCD - 2026 Appraisal Roll Certification.pdf 231 kB

 9.3.2 CCGCD - Order Approving Appraisal Roll.pdf 125 kB

Management Recommendation:

Move to accept the appraisal roll for Tax Year 2026 and adopt the Order Approving the 2026 Appraisal Roll.

Topic 9.4 - November 2026 General Elections

Management Discussion:

The terms of the following offices are scheduled to expire in 2026: Director, Precinct 2; (currently held by Mr. Clay Brett); Director, Precinct 4; (currently held by Mr. Michael Hahn); Director, At-Large; (currently held by Mr. Danny May). The District did not received applications for a place on the ballot before 5:00 PM on August 17, 2026.

The District did not receive any write-in applications by 5:00 PM on August 21, 2026.

As a result of not receiving applications for a place on the ballot for each office up for election, it is appropriate for the Board to cancel the election for November 2026 by order after the certification of unopposed candidates are executed by the Mr. Johnson, Board Secretary.

 9.4.1 CCGCD - Elections - Certification of Unopposed Candidates - Form 13-1.pdf 295 kB

 9.4.2 CCGCD - 2026 Order of Cancellation - Form 13-2 - Final.pdf 205 kB

Management Recommendation:

Move to cancel the election for all positions by order.

Topic 9.5 - Investment Report

Management Discussion:

The investment reports for June, and July 2026 have been developed by Lisa Ramirez, Administrator Coordinator, and reviewed and approved by Caitlynn Davenport, Investment Officer of the District, and were sent to the directors prior to the meeting.

 9.5.1 CCGCD - IR-202600630-01 - FY2026M09 - June 2026.pdf 163 kB

 9.5.2 CCGCD - IR-202600731-01 - FY2026M10 - July 2026.pdf 164 kB

The balance of all funds of the district as of July 31, 2026, was \$3,047,337.43.

Management Recommendation:

Move to accept the investment reports for June and July 2026.

Item 10 - Legal Counsel Report

Item 11 - Adjourn Meeting

Management Recommendation:

Move to adjourn the meeting after concluding all business of the District.