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Board of Directors
Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 6:00 PM 13709 Schriber Road Buda, TX 78610

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All Things Board-Related

Join our Board of Directors!

We have two (2) board vacancies and are seeking dedicated individuals to help shape the future of Creedmoor Maha Water Supply Corporation.

If you are passionate about water conservation and eager to make a positive impact in our community, we'd love to hear from you. This is your opportunity to be part of the team guiding our efforts toward a sustainable future.

Contact us today at (512) 243-2113

Board of Directors



John Grav **Board President**



Yvonne Gil-Vallejo Rebecca Richards Darrell Walenta Vice President Secretary/Treasurer





Director



Bobby Burklund Director



Anna Ortiz Director



Jay Vaughn Director

Annual Membership Meeting

Board candidate packets due: January 5th

February 19, 2025 13709 Schriber Road, Buda, TX 78610 Meeting begins promptly at 6:00 PM

Have Questions? Call (512) 243-2113

Board Meetings

Begin at 6:00 PM

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*Annual Membership Meeting

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- 19 Board Meeting
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Day Holiday

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17 Board Meeting 25-26 Christmas Day



WATER CONSERVATION

Every drop tells a story!



<u>Water conservation</u> is the practice of using water efficiently to reduce waste and protect resources for future needs.

2024—A Year in Review

BOARD NEWS

- **February:** The Annual Meeting and Regular Meeting were held on February 21, 2024. During the meeting, General Manager Matthew Pickle delivered the State of the Corporation address. The 2024 election was canceled because no new candidates applied for board positions. As a result, incumbent members John Gray and Anna Ortiz were reappointed to their current seats as unopposed candidates.
- March: The board adopted a resolution posthumously honoring the late Earl Burklund for his remarkable dedication of over 55 years of service to the board. In addition, the board approved two CCN release requests, reviewed the General Manager's annual performance, and initiated discussions on the desalination RFP process.
- April: Following the General Manager's performance review, the board passed a resolution to meet PUC documentation requirements for the Thaxton Partners CCN release. Joseph "Jay" Vaughn, III, was appointed to a three-year term on the board, and the updated Board Bylaws were approved. Additionally, the deadline for the desalination RFP was extended to June.
- May: Director John Gray was appointed as the new Board President, while Vice President Yvonne Gil-Vallejo and Secretary/Treasurer Rebecca Richards retained their positions. The General Manager provided an update on ongoing cybersecurity initiatives. The board also established a Tariff Committee, comprising President John Gray, Anna Ortiz, and Jay Vaughn. Additionally, a motion to approve the Alexander NE Loop project was passed.
- **June:** The board approved the 45 Williamson settlement agreement, along with the proposed revisions and updates to the tariff.
- August: BGICO's proposal for the new desalination plant was selected as the most qualified, and the board authorized contract negotiations to move forward. Additionally, the board approved a maintenance contract with Hydrant Rescue, LLC.
- October: The board approved essential tariff corrections and finalized the 2024-2025 fiscal budget. The date for the 2025 Annual Meeting and election was scheduled for February 19, 2025. Additionally, the board approved a contract with Bird Dog Leak Detection.
- **November and December:** The board voted to replace the December board meeting with a holiday luncheon, celebrating a productive year and our ongoing commitment to service.

OTHER NEWS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Events

The CMWSC staff enjoys supporting the communities it serves. Below are some of the events we participated in this year.

- Lockhart Chisholm Trail Roundup (CTR) parade participant.
- Lockhart Chisholm Trail Roundup (CTR) Rodeo Sponsor (\$500.00).
- City of Creedmoor Oktoberfest parade (participant).
- City of Creedmoor Oktoberfest live auction donation of BBQ and CMWSC swag basket for their live auction (\$117.00+ value).
- City of Creedmoor Oktoberfest informational table participant (\$10.00).
- Mustang Ridge Police Department National Night Out event sponsor (donated \$100.00)
- Creedmoor Elementary Trunk-or-Treat sponsor donated 2 large bags of candy (\$80.00)

New Water Sources

• Desalination Plant

The Creedmoor Maha Water Supply Corporation (CMWSC) Board of Directors made a pivotal decision to advance water sustainability by approving a Request for Proposal (RFP) for desalinated water during their June 26, 2024, regular board meeting. After careful consideration, the board announced BGICO as their

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selected partner, reinforcing their commitment to delivering reliable desalinated water within the next 12-24 months. This strategic choice underscores the board's focus on innovative water solutions. CMWSC and BGI-CO will now enter contract negotiations to establish a mutually beneficial partnership.

If all agreements are finalized, CMWSC and BGICO will move forward together to address water scarcity challenges and ensure a reliable water supply for the community. This collaboration reflects CMWSC's commitment to embracing technological innovation while making significant progress toward achieving long-term water sustainability goals.

Aqua Take Site



This year, we made significant progress on the Aqua Site water intake facility. While not yet operational, construction is complete, and final preparations are underway to ensure it meets our high standards. Launching in 2025, this project strengthens our infrastructure and commitment to reliable, high-quality water. We are proud to partner with Aqua Water Supply Corporation to secure a sustainable water supply for our community.

Quenchy the Mascot

Creedmoor Maha WSC proudly introduced its new mascot, "Quenchy," as part of its water conservation program. Quenchy made his debut at the Lockhart Lighted Parade on December 7, 2024. This life-size mascot is dedicated to engaging the community and promoting the vital message of water conservation. Look for Quenchy at upcoming community and school events, spreading awareness and celebrating the importance of sustainable water use!

Community Alert: Help Us Safeguard Our Precious Water Resources

We want to stress the importance of staying vigilant to protect our water storage sites. While we've implemented robust security measures, including cameras at each location, community involvement is vital. We encourage members to report any unusual activity near our facilities. Together, we can safeguard our water supply and maintain reliable service for all.

In recent years, several water systems in the United States have faced cyberattacks, highlighting vulnerabilities in critical infrastructure. Here are some notable incidents:

Muleshoe, **Texas** (**January 2024**): A cyberattack linked to the Russian hacking group "CyberArmyofRus sia_Reborn" caused an overflow at a water tank in Muleshoe. Fortunately, the attack did not compromise the drinking water supply. Local officials reported the incident to federal agencies, including the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security. <u>Insider</u>, <u>KTSA</u>.

Hale Center, Texas (January 2024): Alongside Muleshoe, Hale Center experienced attempted cyberattacks but successfully took its systems offline before any damage occurred KTSA.

Abernathy, Texas (January 2024): Similar to Hale Center, Abernathy faced cyber threats during the same wave of attacks KTSA.

American Water, New Jersey (October 8, 2024) [TX locations: Victoria, Round Rock, Dripping Springs]: The largest regulated water utility in the U.S. experienced a cyberattack that disrupted its customer billing system. While the company acted quickly to secure its systems, water services were not affected SecureWorld, KTSA.

Arkansas City, Kansas (September 2024): This city reported a cybersecurity incident targeting its water treatment facility, involving a ransomware attack, prompting a shift to manual operations for a time. SecureWorld, JD Supra, Techopedia.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to assisting us in safeguarding our precious water supply. Your partnership is invaluable in ensuring a sustainable future for our community!

Report a qualified water leak and get \$50.00 off your next bill.

Call: (512) 243-2113

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CMWSC Staff

General Manager:	Matthew Pickle
Operations Manager	Scott R.
CSR Manager:	
Business Manager:	Cassie Taylor
Executive Support	Darla Damron

CMWSC Board of Directors

John Gray
Yvonne Gil-Vallejo
Rebecca Richards
Darrell Walenta
Bobby Burklund
Anna Ortiz
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Contact Information

CMWSC Main Line: 512.243.2113

Utility Locate: 811

Report a Leak

Between 8AM-4PM: 512.243.2113 After 4PM & Weekends: 512.243.1265

Holiday Schedule

January 1—New Year's Day January 20—Marin Luther King Day February 17—President's Day

Board Meetings

Starts at 6:00 PM

January 15 February 19* March 19

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