

THE STATE OF TEXAS * GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COUNTY OF KENEDY * OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 19th day of June, 2013, at 8:00 o'clock a.m., a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held in Sarita, Texas, at the Kenedy County Foundation Carriage House.

Directors present:

Chuck Burns, President
Homero Vera, Vice-President
Dave Delaney, Secretary
Daniel Butler
Craig Weiland

Also present:

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Andy Garza, General Manager
J.D. Head, Laborcitas Ranch
Shana Horton, La Paloma Ranch

Absent:

None

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

2. Receive Public Comments

No comments were received.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of May 22, 2013, Regular Meeting

Chuck Burns, President, presented to the Board of Directors the Minutes of the May 22, 2013, regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Homero Vera moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the May 22, 2013, regular meeting minutes be accepted as presented.

4. Receive General Manager's Activity Report and Act, If Necessary, Regarding:

- a. **Communications**
- b. **TAGD meeting report**

- c. **Region N meeting report**
- d. **Brush Country GCD activities report**
- e. **Assistance to TWDB for water chemistry sampling**
- f. **DFC guidance from TWDB**
- g. **Workers' compensation audit worksheet**
- h. **News articles**
- i. **Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported to the Board of Directors regarding the following matters: a) an environmental engineering firm had called the office inquiring about registering wells, but, the location of the well was determined to be outside the District boundaries; b) Garza gave a brief report on the TAGD meeting that he had attended on May 29-29, 2013 in Austin, TX; c) the Board received a report on the Region N meeting that was held in Robstown, TX on June 13, 2013; the biggest issue was the alternative numbers relative to population and water demands that were derived for the city of Corpus Christi and the towns served by the San Patricio Municipal Water District; d) the Brush Country GCD will hold a public hearing on July 2, 2013, in Falfurrias, TX to adopt rules; e) Andy Garza assisted the TWDB with water chemistry sampling on the Santa Gertrudis and Laureles divisions of the King Ranch; f) the TWDB has developed a guidance sheet for GCDs and GMAs that are in the process of revising their desired future condition; g) a workers' compensation audit worksheet was completed and returned to the Texas Water Conservation Association; h) several news articles were distributed to the directors and i) a survey completed by TAGD showing which districts have programs in place to assist landowners with plugging abandoned water wells was given to the directors; Andy Garza proceeded to inform the directors that there 3 programs (EQIP, SB 503, CIAP) that can provide cost-share assistance for plugging abandoned water wells in the District. Garza requested permission from the Board to seek an avenue such as the quarterly newsletter from USDA-Farm Services Agency to inform the landowners in the District about the different programs that are available to them.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion to authorize the General Manager to find a way to disseminate the proper information on plugging abandoned water wells passed unanimously. Danny Butler emphasized a "common sense" approach.

5. Receive Report from Mary Sahs on Brush Country GCD's Rules and Act, If Necessary

Andy Garza, General Manager, informed the Board that Mary's report consisted of an oral report as per telephone conversation. Garza reported that Mary Sahs had indicated that overall, the Brush Country GCD rules were acceptable with two exceptions. One was the high-end production limit of 2.5 acre feet per acre which may be a problem in the future and the other was the part of the rules on spacing. Ms. Sahs suggested that the District provide comments to the effect that on those properties in the Brush Country GCD that border our District, perhaps, the spacing requirements should mirror those of our District.

David Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion to authorize Mary Sahs to provide comments on spacing requirements to the attorney who is assisting the Brush Country GCD with the rules passed unanimously.

6. Discuss & Act, If Necessary, on GMA-16 Activities Report

Andy Garza reported that the next GMA-16 meeting will be held sometime after July 4, 2013.

This being a report only, no vote was needed and none was taken.

7. Discuss & Act, If Necessary, on Legislative, Litigation and Agency Rulemaking Report

Andy Garza presented to the Directors a final legislative update on various bills that the District had been tracking. Overall, relatively few water bills were signed into law.

This being a report only, no vote was needed.

8. Receive 2013 Budget Report In Preparation for the 2014 Budget

Leo Villarreal presented the Board of Directors with the 2013 Budget Comparison through June 19, 2013, and the 2013 estimated valuations from Brooks, Hidalgo, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Nueces and Willacy Counties. Danny Butler requested that a preliminary 2014 budget be prepared prior to the July, 2013 meeting.

This being a report only, no vote was needed.

9. Discuss & Act on Date of Next Board Meeting

Chuck Burns informed the Board of Directors that a date for the July 2013 meeting needed to be determined.

Danny Butler moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the next regular Board of Directors meeting be held on July 24, 2013.

10. Discuss and Act on Payment of Bills

Chuck Burns presented the bills to the Board of Directors and asked that the bills be considered for payment.

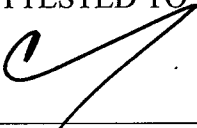
Homero Vera moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously to pay bills as presented.

11. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Danny Butler moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Chuck Burns, President