

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

On the 11th day of September, 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 Courthouse Courtroom.

Directors present:

Chuck Burns, President
Homero Vera, Vice-President
David Delaney, Secretary
Craig Weiland, Board Member
Danny Butler, Board Member

Also present:

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

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 August 21, 2013, Regular Meeting

Chuck Burns presented to the Board the minutes of the August 21, 2013, regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously that the August 21, 2013, regular meeting minutes be passed as presented.

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

- a. TAGD Groundwater Summit Report**
- b. Brush Country GCD meeting**
- c. GMA-16 report**
- d. Water level to bottom of screen measurements**
- e. News articles**
- f. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported to the Board of Directors as follows:

- a. TAGD Groundwater Summit Report:**
Andy Garza reported on topics that included legislative updates, endangered species, case law updates, brackish water, hydraulic fracking, groundwater use in oil and gas production, presentations by Land Commissioner Patterson and Senator Troy Fraser and the possibility of taxing groundwater as real property.
- b. Brush Country GCD meeting:**
Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD had held a public hearing prior to approving district rules on August 26, 2013.
- c. GMA-16 report:**
The Board received a copy of the agenda for this particular meeting. Andy Garza reported that Bernard Paulson had resigned from the Region N group and a
- d. Water level to bottom of screen measurements:**
Andy Garza gave the board a report on measurements that compared the hydrostatic levels to the bottom of the screen. The difference between the two gives you the water column or amount of head in the casing.
- e. News articles:**
Two news articles were handed out. One covered the effects of the oil and gas boom on communities, groundwater and infrastructure. The other one was the article written and published jointly by the District and the USDA-NRCS in the Kingsville Record.
- f. Other:**
Information on an air quality application from the company that will mix the concrete for Phase 3 of wind farm construction and summary of proposed changes to sections 3.36, 3.9 and 3.46 of chapter 16 of the Texas Administrative Code was reviewed with the Board. Additionally, Garza discussed the Lone Star Water Forum that will be held in Brenham, TX on October 5, 2013. Garza expressed an interest in attending the forum.

Homero Vera moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that Andy Garza be allowed to attend the Lone Star Water Forum and be reimbursed for travel expenses.

5. Hold Public Hearing on the Proposed 2014 Budget

Chuck Burns closed the regular board meeting and opened the public hearing on the proposed 2014 budget. Mr. Burns asked for input from the public. There was no input from the public. Mr. Burns closed the public meeting.

6. Discuss and Act on Adoption of the 2014 Budget

Chuck Burns reconvened the regular board meeting and called for adoption of the 2014 budget as presented by Leo Villarreal.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously that the 2014 budget be approved as presented.

7. Hold Public Hearing on the Proposed 2013 Tax Rate

Chuck Burns closed the regular board meeting and opened the public hearing on the proposed 2013 tax rate. Mr. Burns asked for input from the public. There was no input from the public. Mr. Burns closed the public hearing.

8. Discuss and Act on Adoption of the 2013 Tax Rate

Chuck Burns reconvened the regular board meeting and called for adoption of the 2013 tax rate at \$.0153 per \$100 valuation.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the 2013 tax rate be adopted at \$.0153 per \$100 valuation.

9. Discuss and Act on Date for Meeting to Certify 2013 Tax Roll

Leo Villarreal informed the board that a special meeting would be needed to certify the 2013 tax roll. Villarreal recommended that the meeting be held at the Sheriff's Substation in Norias, TX and both the Kenedy County GCD and the Emergency Services District could meet at the same place at different times on the same date.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that a special meeting be held at the Sheriff's Substation in Norias, TX on September 23, 2013 to certify the 2013 tax roll.

10. Discuss and Act on Payment of Bills

Chuck Burns presented the bills to the Board of Directors for consideration and payment.


Dave Delaney moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the bills be paid as presented.

11. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Chuck Burns, President