

THE STATE OF TEXAS

\* GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

COUNTY OF KENEDY

\* OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 20th day of August, 2014, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Courthouse in Sarita, Texas.

**Directors present:**

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

**Also present:**

Andy Garza, General Manager  
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:**

None

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Receive Public Comments**

No public comments were received.

**3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of July 23, 2014, Regular Meeting**

Chuck Burns presented the Board with the July 23, 2014, regular meeting minutes of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District. Andy Garza informed the Board that a revised copy of the minutes had been sent to the directors prior to the meeting.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the July 23, 2014, regular meeting minutes be approved as presented.

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

- a. **Communications**
- b. **Well registrations and letters pertinent to registration**
- c. **Region N meeting held on August 14, 2014**
- d. **Duval County GCD meeting**

- e. Texas Well Owner Network workshop
- f. Legislative interim charges
- g. Update on presentation by Mary Sahs at October, 2014 TAGD meeting in Kingsville, TX
- h. Kenedy County Agricultural and Conservation Education Center
- i. News articles

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

- a) Communications: Garza reported that he had communications with Luke Womack (CPA), Pablo Garcia (SKE Heritage), Kevin O'Hanlon (attorney) and Kathy McDonald (King Ranch) since the last meeting.
- b) Well registrations and letters pertinent to registration: Garza reported that the Kenedy Charitable Trust, King Ranch, Kenedy Memorial Foundation and SKE Heritage had registered wells with the District.  
Garza also reported that he had mailed to letters to Fausto Yturria and Los Hermanos Ranch to remind to register their wells. A positive response was received from Los Hermanos Ranch. No response has been received from Mr. Yturria.
- c) Region N meeting held on August 14, 2014: Garza provided the Board with a copy of the agenda followed at this meeting. Various topics were covered, but of particular interest was the strategy to study the possibility of developing brackish water fields for blending purposes. One of the fields would be located just north of the boundary between Nueces and Kleberg counties and east of Bishop, TX.
- d) Duval County GCD meeting: Garza reported that he had made a presentation on the monitoring program that the Kenedy County GCD has in place to track hydrostatic well levels and water quality.
- e) Texas Well Owner Network workshop: Garza reported that he attended this workshop to learn more about the TWON. Garza stated that he was impressed with program and would hope that sometime in the near future, the Kenedy County GCD would sponsor or co-sponsor the workshop in our area.
- f) Legislative interim charges: Garza informed the Board of the latest interim charges issued through the Lieutenant Governor's office to various Senate Committees.
- g) Update on presentation by Mary Sahs at October 2014 TAGD meeting in Kingsville, Texas: Garza reported that Mary Sahs had agreed to do this task at no charge provided that the District cover expenses for room and board and mileage. Dave Delaney stated that he would try to get lodging at the King Ranch Main House at no expense to the District.
- h) Kenedy County Agricultural and Conservation Education Center: Garza reported that he would like to explore the idea of having the District assist with the management of this county-owned facility. Leo Villarreal will assist with follow-up on this matter.

i) News articles: Garza reviewed various news articles with the directors.

**5. Receive Report on Hydrostatic Water Levels and Water Chemistry for Summer, 2014**

Andy Garza provided the Board with reports on hydrostatic water levels and water chemistry for summer, 2014. Garza reported that overall, the hydrostatic well levels have remained steady since the first measurements taken in summer, 2011.

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

**6. Receive Report on GMA-16 Activities**

Andy Garza reported to the Directors regarding GMA-16 activities. The landowners who plan to develop a water field in northern San Patricio County will provide the funding to perform another GAM run for the revised DFC for GMA-16. Copies of correspondence from the law firm and the engineering company that have been hired by the landowners involved were provided to the directors.

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

**7. Discuss & Act to Approve Contribution to TAGD for Quarterly Meeting in Kingsville, TX**

Andy Garza informed the Directors that the District needed to act on a contribution to TAGD for the quarterly meeting to be held in October, 2014 in Kingsville, Texas. The amount recommended was \$200.00. Garza stated that both the Brush Country GCD and the Duval County GCD would contribute an amount to TAGD.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the District contribute \$200.00 towards the TAGD quarterly meeting to be held in Kingsville, Texas.

**8. Discuss & Act to Purchase Bottled Water for National Night Out Block Party on October 7, 2014 in Sarita, TX**

Chuck Burns informed the Directors that he would like to see the District participate in the National Night Out Block Party by providing bottled water to the attendees. The party will be held in Sarita, TX on October 7, 2014. The District will try to place the District's name on the bottles. Andy Garza will get a cost estimate before the next meeting.

Homero Vera moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the District provide bottled water at the National Night Out Block Party to be held on October 7, 2014 in Sarita, TX.

**9. Discuss & Act, If Necessary, on Cancellation of November 4, 2014 Election**

Leo Villarreal informed the Board of Directors that Homero Vera, Craig Weiland and David Delaney were unopposed candidates as Directors of their respective Precincts; therefore, the November 4, 2014, election needed to be cancelled; and that Homero Vera, Craig Weiland and David Delaney, the unopposed candidates, needed to be declared elected to their respective offices and that the Elections Administration/County Clerk Offices in Kenedy, Kleberg, Jim Wells and Nueces Counties needed to be notified of the cancellation of the 2014 elections.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed and it is hereby:

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014, ELECTIONS**

**RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code, Noel Pena, the Elections Administrator, hereby cancels the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District's election scheduled to be held on November 4, 2014, and that the following candidates are certified by the Kenedy County Elections Administrator as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

Homero Vera – Director, Precinct 1  
Craig Weiland – Director, Precinct 2  
David Delaney – Director, Precinct 5

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that each respective Elections Administrator/County Clerk post a copy of the Notice of Cancellation of the November 4, 2014, Elections in each polling place that would have been used in the elections.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that that Leo Villarreal send letters and the Notice of Cancellation of Elections to each of the Elections Administrators/County Clerks in Kenedy, Kleberg, Jim Wells and Nueces Counties.

**10. Conduct 2015 Budget and 2014 Tax Rate Workshop**

Chuck Burns informed the Board of Directors of the need to conduct a 2015 Budget Workshop. Each budget line item was addressed and budgeted a dollar amount. Dave Delaney recommended that the amount for legal expenses be increased by \$10,000 because of the upcoming 2015 legislative session. This was accomplished by decreasing the amounts allocated

for contingency and well monitoring. The proposed 2015 Budget is \$198,600 and the proposed 2014 Tax Rate is \$0.0153 per \$100 valuation.

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

**11. Discuss & Act on Proposed 2015 Budget and Publish Hearing as Required by Law**

Chuck Burns informed the Board of Directors that a Public Hearing needed to be set and held on the proposed 2015 budget of \$198,600.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that a Public Hearing be held on September 12, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. regarding the proposed 2015 budget.

**12. Discuss & Act on Proposed 2014 Tax Rate and Publish Hearing as Required by Law**

Chuck Burns informed the Board of Directors that a Public Hearing needed to be set and held on the proposed 2014 tax rate of \$0.0153 per \$100 valuation.

Homero Vera moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that a Public Hearing be held on September 12, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. regarding the proposed 2014 tax rate.

**13. Discuss & Act on Setting Date in September for Public Hearing on 2015 Budget and 2014 Tax Rate**

Chuck Burns informed the Board of Directors that a date for the Public Hearing on the 2014 Tax Rate and 2015 Budget needed to be determined in September, 2014.

Danny Butler moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the Public Hearing on the 2014 Tax Rate and 2015 Budget be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 12, 2014.

**14. Discuss & Act on Date For Special Board Meeting to Certify 2014 Tax Roll**

Chuck Burns informed the Board of Directors that a date for the special meeting needed to be set to certify the 2014 tax roll. Dave Delaney asked Leo Villarreal if it was legal to certify tax roll via teleconference, otherwise, the meeting could be held at the Sheriff's Substation in Norias, TX.

Craig Weiland moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that a special meeting to certify the 2014 Tax Roll be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 22, 2014, at the Sheriff's Substation in Norias.

**15. Discuss & Act on Date For Next Regular Meeting**

Chuck Burns informed the Board of Directors that a date needed to be selected for the next meeting.

Craig Weiland moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the next meeting be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 12, 2014.

**16. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills**

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

Homero Vera moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the bills be paid as presented.

**17. Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Homero Vera moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



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Chuck Burns, President