

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

On the 19th day of December, 2013, at 10:30 o'clock a.m., a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held in Sarita, Texas, at the Kenedy Foundation Carriage House.

**Directors present:**

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

**Also present:**

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant  
Andy Garza, General Manager  
Shelley Ross, Kelly Hart  
Felix Saenz, Brush Country GCD

**Absent:**

Dave Delaney, Secretary

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. Public Comments**

The directors were entertained with Christmas carols sung by Sarita School students.

**3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of November 19, 2014, Regular Meeting**

Chuck Burns presented to the Board the minutes of the November 19, 2014, regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Homero Vera moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously that the November 10, 2014, regular meeting minutes be approved as presented.

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

- a. **Communications**
- b. **Well registrations**
- c. **Follow-up on Irrigation Survey requested by TWDB**
- d. **TAGD's Legislative Committee activity**
- e. **Brush Country GCD meeting**
- f. **Letters requesting for 2014 water production reports**
- g. **Office space**
- h. **News articles**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported on correspondence received from the Jim Wells County Appraisal District relative to a recall election that will be held for one of its directors. Garza spent some time with Cinco E Drilling observing the process of drilling a water well on the Kenedy Memorial Foundation. A representative from Tecpetrol contacted the District to inquire about the water usage report.

b. Well registrations: Garza reported that there were 4 wells that were in the process of being registered with the District.

c. Follow-up on Irrigation Survey requested by TWDB: Garza reported that he had contacted Cameron Turner to ask about reporting whereby the well and the irrigated acreage were in different counties. The TWDB replied that the county where the acreage is located should be reported.

d. TAGD's Legislative Committee activity: Garza reported that the Legislative Committee had held a meeting via a conference call on December 9, 2014 and another meeting in Austin, TX on December 17, 2014. Garza participated in both meetings.

e. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD did not meet in December, 2014.

f. Letters requesting 2014 water production reports: Garza informed the Board that letters requesting this information had been mailed out on December 2, 2014.

g. News articles: Garza handed out several news articles to the directors.

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

**5. Receive Report on GMA-16 Activities and Act, If Necessary**

Andy Garza reviewed GAM runs 1.4(revised), 1.5 and 1.6. Garza explained that GAM run 1.4(revised) was done to correct dry cells in the Chicot layer in Hidalgo County and to ensure that the pumpage destined for 2060 was not reached several years prior to 2060. GAM run 1.5 was completed to show the results of pumping at the 20 MGD level and GAM run 1.6 was completed for pumping at the 25 MGD in the San Patricio GCD.

There was no vote needed and none was taken.

6. **Receive Report on Water Chemistry Sampling**

Andy Garza reminded the directors about the water chemistry project that Dr. Lee Clapp, TAMUK, had initiated in 2011. The project was completed in 2014. Preliminary data from this project had shown elevated levels of uranium in groundwater in a particular area just east of Sarita, TX. Garza reported that he had gone back and resampled 3 wells in the suspect area in early November, 2014. The results showed elevated levels of uranium. The federal standard for drinking water, as set by EPA, is 30 micrograms per liter. The samples collected by Garza were in the 70 to 80 micrograms per liter range. The owners of the wells were informed of the results and given literature dealing with uranium in drinking water. Garza stated that he would resample the same 3 wells and add at least 3 more wells to the list.

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

7. **Receive Report on Legislative Services Provided to District by Mary Sahs**

Andy Garza provided the directors with an email from Mary Sahs in which she explained the failed efforts of the TWCA in drafting a brackish groundwater bill for the upcoming legislative session. Mary Sahs also indicated that she had used most of the \$2500 that had been allocated by the District for this purpose. After some discussion on whether to allocate additional funds for legislative activity, Danny Butler moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to allocate an additional \$3500 for specific services from Mary Sahs.

8. **Discuss & Act to Accept Resolution From the Kenedy County Appraisal District to Approve Proposed Office Renovation**

Chuck Burns read the resolution submitted by the Kenedy County Appraisal District. The purpose of the resolution is to have the Kenedy County GCD approve the proposed renovation of the Kenedy County Appraisal District office at a cost not to exceed \$120,000.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the resolution from the Kenedy County Appraisal District calling for the renovation of the appraisal district office at a cost not to exceed \$120,000.

9. **Discuss & Act to Approve 2014 Budget Amendments**

Leo Villarreal reported to the Board of Directors that 2 budget amendments needed to be approved. One amendment transferred \$550 from Election Costs to Dues and Subscriptions and the other amendment transferred \$150 from Bank Charges to Accounting.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the 2 budget amendments as presented.

10. **Discuss & Act on Status of Current Taxation of Properties Annexed into District**

Leo Villarreal presented the Board of Directors with the status of the current taxation of properties annexed into the District. The status for each county that is part of the District was reviewed by Villarreal. Villarreal stated that overall there were approximately 80,536 acres missing from the appraisal districts' records.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

11. **Discuss & Act on Reimbursement of 2014 Mileage to Directors and Staff**

Leo Villarreal reported that the 2014 mileage reimbursements for Chuck Burns, Daniel Butler and Leo Villarreal needed approval. The amounts were \$571.78 for Chuck Burns, \$406.80 for Daniel Butler and \$233.74 for Leo Villarreal.

Homero Vera moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously to approve 2014 mileage reimbursements as presented.

12. **Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Meeting Date**

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

Homero Vera moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to hold the District's next meeting on January 21, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in Sarita, TX.

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

Chuck Burns presented the bills for consideration and payment.

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

14. **Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Danny Butler moved Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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David Delaney, Secretary

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Chuck Burns, President