

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

On the 22nd day of January, 2014, 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 Memorial Foundation Carriage House.

**Directors present:**

Chuck Burns, President  
Dave Delaney, Secretary  
Craig Weiland, Board Member  
Danny Butler, Board Member

**Also present:**

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant  
Andy Garza, General Manager  
Louie Pena, Duval County GCD  
Dain McCoig  
William Dieterle

**Absent:**

Homero Vera, Vice-President

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**2. Receive Public Comments**

Andy Garza introduced Louie Pena, General Manager for the Duval County GCD, to the directors.

**3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of December 19, 2013, Regular Meeting**

Chuck Burns presented to the Board the minutes of the December 19, 2013, regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously that the December 19, 2013, regular meeting minutes be approved with one correction on item #10.

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

- a. **Communications**
- b. **2013 Water Use Report Update**
- c. **GMA-16 meeting scheduled for January 27, 2014**
- d. **Final water chemistry report from DBSA for uranium project**
- e. **TWDB Fact Sheet**
- f. **News release from Lt. Governor's office**
- g. **TWDB: Agricultural Water Conservation Grant Program**
- h. **Appraisal Districts' election results**
- i. **Drought report**
- j. **News articles**
- k. **Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following: a) communications with the Jim Wells County Appraisal District about a certain being in the District; LBG-Guyton reported that Dave O'Rourke had gained employment with another company; Randy Koehler, Shannon Lillie and Monica Mendoza, EOG Resources, had questions about the water use reports for 2013; Arlena Porras, Headington Oil Co., had requested a form for transfer of a well; and Wayne Halbert, manager of the Harlingen Irrigation District, has indicated that he would provide a tour of the pump house after the February, 2014 meeting, b) Andy Garza reported that several water use reports from permittees for 2013 had already been submitted; c) Garza reported that the next GMA-16 meeting would be held on January 27, 2014 in Falfurrias, TX where results from another GAM run would be discussed; d) The results from the final water chemistry report for the La Parra uranium exploration project were reviewed with the board; no concerns were expressed in the report; e) The board was given a copy of the TWDB fact sheet on modeled available water; f) News release from the Lt. Governor's office that outlined the interim charges given to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources was reviewed with the Board; g) The TWDB's Agricultural Water Conservation Grant program was reviewed with the Board with Garza stating that the program was primarily geared towards irrigation practices; h) a copy of the election results for the Kleberg County Appraisal District was distributed to the directors; i) quarterly drought reported was reviewed with the Board; j) various news articles pertaining to groundwater were reviewed with the Board and k) the board was made aware of a webcast being moderated by Mary Sahs and the Board agreed to tour the Harlingen Irrigation District pump house following the February, 2014 meeting.

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

**5. Discuss and Approve District Annual Report for 2013**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reviewed the 2013 Annual Report in which various outcomes were reported as per the goals, management objectives and performance standards outlined in the District's Management Plan. Garza stated that the Annual Report would play a major role the next time that the District is audited by the State Auditor's Office. Dave Delaney

suggested that perhaps it would be appropriate to mention the District's website and what the public can glean from it.

Danny Butler moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously that the 2013 Annual Report be approved as presented.

**6. Receive Report on TAGD Legislative Committee Activities**

Andy Garza, General Manager, informed the Board of Directors regarding TAGD Legislative Committee Activities. Garza reported that he attended 2 committee meetings on January 14 and 15, 2014 in Austin, TX. The outcome of the meeting on permits was that HB 1796 will be used as the foundation for the 2015 legislative session. A copy of the bill with recommendations from the committee was given to the Board.

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

**7. Discuss and Act On Kenedy County GCD's Investment Policy**

Leo Villarreal presented the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District policy that had been previously distributed to the Directors and General Manager for information and comments. Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that the Investment Policy requires: 1) the Board of Directors to annually review the District's investment policy and amend it if necessary; 2) the Investment Officer must quarterly present the Directors with the starting and ending investment balances for the quarter being presented and the Directors, by Resolution, would act on the quarterly report; 3) the policy was designed to insure safekeeping of the District's funds and emphasizing liquidity, for the District to have easy and prompt access to the assets; that Kleberg Bank, monthly, provides a letter showing the District's funds on deposit and the security covering the funds that are in excess of \$250,000 which are covered by the FDIC and that the Kleberg Bank letter will be part of the quarterly report.

Danny Butler moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed the investment policy as presented by Leo Villarreal be adopted.

**8. Discuss & Act on Date of Next Board Meeting**

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

Danny Butler moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the District's next meeting be held at the Butler Hunting Camp on February 19, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. followed with a tour of the Harlingen Irrigation District pump house.

**9. 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 Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the bills be paid as presented.

**10. 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 that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

  
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David Delaney, Secretary

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Chuck Burns, President