THE STATE OF TEXAS

GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

COUNTY OF KENEDY

* OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 22nd day of April, 2015, 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 Memorial Foundation's Carriage House.

Directors present:

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

Also present:

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant Andy Garza, General Manager Shelley Ross, Kelly Hart

Absent:

Danny Butler, Member

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of April 1, 2015, Regular Meeting

Chuck Burns presented to the Board the minutes of the April 1, 2015, regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the April 1, 2015, regular meeting minutes be approved as presented.

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

- a. Communications
- b. Well registrations
- c. Permit transfers: ExxonMobil to Energy Transfer
- d. Review of rules as per fracking
- e. Water chemistry sampling
- f. Region N meeting: 3/12/2015
- g. Desal plant tour
- h. Directory
- i. News articles

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

- a. <u>Communications</u>: Andy Garza reported that he had communicated with Harold Epperson, uranium in well water; Shannon Lillie, water use report from EOG Resources and Mary Sahs, legislative issues.
- b. Well registrations: Garza reported that no wells had been registered since the last meeting on April 1, 2015.
- c. <u>Permit transfers: ExxonMobil to Energy Transfer:</u> Garza reported that he had received the paperwork for the transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Energy Transfer. Garza also reported that he had met with Al Sandoval, Armando Villarreal, Cy Clark and J.J. Hinojosa at the King Ranch Gas Plant to discuss water use reports and other aspects of the permits.
- d. Review of rules as per fracking: Garza reported that this item was a follow-up from the last board meeting. Dave Delaney had requested that the District's rules on fracking be reviewed at this meeting. Both rules 3 and 13 cover the issue of hydraulic fracking.
- e. <u>Water chemistry sampling</u>: Garza informed the directors that he would be delivering a water sample from the Iberdrola Wind Farm to the TestAmerica lab after today's meeting.
- f. Region N meeting: 4/9/2015: Garza reported that he had attended the Region N meeting in Robstown on 4/9/2015. The main purpose of the meeting was to approve the Initially Proposed Plan (IPP) for submission to the Texas Water Development Board. At least 3 comment periods will be held relative to the IPP. Comments will be considered at the October, 2015 meeting and the final plan will be approved at the November, 2015 meeting.
- g. <u>Desal plant tour</u>: Garza asked for comments from those directors who had participated in the tour. Dave Delaney provided an extensive commentary on the tour. Overall, it was informative and educational.
- h. <u>News articles</u>: Several news articles pertinent to water were given to the directors.

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

5. Receive Report on 84th Legislative Session and Act, If Necessary

Andy Garza presented the Board of Directors with a 84th Legislative Session update. Various bills including HB 30, HB 200, HB 2647, HB 3356 and HB 4112 were reviewed. Garza noted that a bill to create a groundwater district in Aransas County has been introduced in the Texas senate.

Garza also reported that he had received a communication from the Gonzales County UWCD in which that district asked for support for an amendment to SB 1903 that Senator Zaffirini will offer from the floor when the bill is considered before the Senate.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to authorize Andy Garza to inform Senator Eddie Lucio's office that the Kenedy GCD does support the amendment that is forthcoming from Senator Zaffirini.

6. <u>Discuss and Act, If Necessary, to Allocate Additional Funding for Legislative Services from Mary Sahs</u>

Andy Garza informed the board that additional funding would be needed to continue receiving legislative related services from Mary Sahs. Garza recommended that any services from Mary Sahs should be narrowed to specific bills with specific directions from the board.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to allocate \$2000.00 and instruct Mary Sahs to provide written feedback on HB 3356 and HB 4112.

7. Receive Report on Landowners' Taxes in Adjacent Counties

Leo Villarreal reported that the discrepancies in tax rolls had been rectified in all the adjoining counties with the exception of Hidalgo County. Villarreal stated that he had not received any feedback from the Hidalgo County Appraisal District since the last board meeting. Villarreal will be making a personal visit to that office on April 24, 2015.

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

8. <u>Discuss & Act on Renewal of Kleberg Bank Certificate of Deposit #60549</u> That Matures on May 12, 2015

Leo Villarreal reported that Certificate of Deposit #60549 in the amount of \$000 will mature on May 12, 2015 and requested authorization to renew the Certificate of Deposit.

Homero Vera moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to authorize Leo Villarreal to renew Certificate of Deposit #60549.

9. 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 regular meeting.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to hold the District's next meeting at 10:00 AM on May 20, 2015 at the Butler Lodge.

10. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills

Chuck Burns presented the bills for consideration and payment.

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

11. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Craig Weiland moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the meeting be adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:

Chuck Burns, President