

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

On the 18th day of December, 2015, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy Memorial Foundation's Carriage House 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
Venki Uddameri, Hydrologist
Mary Sahs, Consulting attorney
Monica Jacobs, Kelly Hart

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Public Comments

Monica Jacobs thanked the District for the hospitality extended to her at the meetings. The board of directors thanked her for the valuable input that she has provided over the years.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of November 18, 2015, Regular Meeting

Chuck Burns presented the Board with the November 18, 2015, regular meeting minutes of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the November 18, 2015 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented.

4. **Receive General Manager's Activity Report and Act, If Necessary, Regarding:**
- a. **Follow-up: Groundwater exempt use in District**
 - b. **TWDB: 2014 Agricultural Irrigation Water Use Estimates**
 - c. **Water production reports for 2015**
 - d. **Brush Country GCD meeting on Dec. 8, 2015**
 - e. **News articles**
 - f. **Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

- a. Follow-up: Groundwater exempt use in District: Garza reported that he had spoken with Robert Bradley, TWDB specialist, about listing some information under "other" aquifers. After researching the question, Mr. Bradley responded that there were approximately 11 wells drilled into some shallow sands above the Gulf Coast aquifer. After further review, Mr. Bradley concluded that it was not necessary to list those wells separately.
- b. TWDB: 2014 Agricultural Irrigation Water use Estimates: Garza reviewed the 2014 irrigation survey with the directors. Garza stated that the values used for completing the survey were based on the water production reports that the District had received in 2014.
- c. Water production reports for 2015: Garza informed the directors that the requests for water production reports for 2015 had been mailed out in early December, 2015.
- d. Brush Country GCD meeting on Dec. 8, 2015: Garza reported that he attended a meeting of the Brush Country GCD on December 8, 2015. Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD is looking into going paperless at their meetings with iPads, etc. The GCD continues to issue permits and register wells.
- e. News articles: Garza handed out several news articles to the Directors.
- f. Other: Andy Garza and Leo Villarreal reviewed proposed 2015 budget amendments to cover the cost of office renovations with the directors. The budget amendments will transfer \$95.00 from Audit to Manager, \$60.00 from Audit to Tax Office Commission, \$7500.00 from Computer/Software to Contingency, \$1500.00 from Directors Continuing Ed to Contingency, \$1500.00 from Election Costs to Contingency, \$7000.00 from Joint Planning/GMA-16 to Contingency and \$3500.00 from Maps & Records to Contingency for a total of \$21,000.00.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the budget amendments as presented.

5. Receive Report from Dr. Uddameri on HB 30 and Act, If Necessary

Dr. Venki Uddameri gave a power point presentation on HB 30 to the directors to provide guidance on how the District may respond to TWDB's project to designate brackish groundwater production zones in the Gulf Coast Aquifer. After a productive discussion, the directors agreed to hold a special meeting in early January, 2016 to finalize response to TWDB. Dave Delaney offered to provide data on TDS levels that the King Ranch has collected over the last few years.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold a special meeting in early January, 2016 to finalize response from District to the TWDB on HB 30.

6. Discuss & Act on Renewal of Membership in TAGD

Andy Garza recommended that the District renew its membership in TAGD for the 2015-2016 program year at a cost of \$750.00.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to renew membership in TAGD for 2015-2016 at a cost of \$750.00.

7. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Meeting Date

Chuck Burns informed the directors that a date needed to be set for the next regular meeting.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on January 20, 2016.

8. Discuss & Act On Payment of Bills

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

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

9. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Dave Delaney moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 AM.

David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:

Chuck Burns, President