

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

On the 20th day of February, 2015, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held in Sarita, Texas, at the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom

Directors present:

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

Also present:

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Andy Garza, General Manager
Shelley Ross, Kelly Hart
Humberto Almaraz
David Almaraz
Arnoldo Almaraz

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of January 21, 2015, Regular Meeting

Chuck Burns presented to the Board the minutes of the January 21, 2015, regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Craig Weiland moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously that the January 21, 2015, 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. TxDOT well in right-of-way**
- d. Water production reports for 2014**
- e. Water chemistry sampling**
- f. TAGD meeting held on 2/11/12/2015**
- g. Region N meeting held on 2/12/2015**
- h. Brush Country GCD meeting**
- i. Public information and education efforts for 2015**
- j. News articles**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported on communications with Headington Oil Co. (water use reports), Nancy Gatti (P-13 well registration), Heather Rein, TWDB (water level measurements), Adam Foster, TDLR (well inspections) and Shelby Pennington, ExxonMobil (water use reports).

b. Well registrations: Harold Epperson and ECR-LPR, Inc. have registered their wells with the District.

c. TxDOT well in right-of-way: Garza reported that he had met with David Nieto, Raymondville TxDOT Field Office, to discuss the well that is located in the highway right-of-way north of Sarita, TX. Mr. Nieto has informed the District that the well in question will be plugged in the near future.

d. Water production reports for 2014: Garza reported that Kenedy County, Santa Fe Ranch and ExxonMobil had not submitted their production reports. Garza clarified that ExxonMobil was in the process of submitting its reports with corrected figures.

e. Water chemistry sampling: Garza reported that he had resampled 3 wells for uranium only and sampled 3 additional wells for various constituents. One of the additional wells showed slightly elevated levels of uranium.

f. TAGD meeting held on 2/11-12/2015: Garza reviewed the meeting agenda with the directors. Garza informed the directors that Stacey Steinbach, TAGD Executive Director, will be leaving for other employment at the end of June, 2015. A search committee has been appointed to look for her replacement.

g. Region N meeting held on 2/12/2015: Garza reported that he had not attended this meeting, but, that Chuck Burns had attended. A summary of the meeting was provided to the directors.

h. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that at Brush Country's Board of Directors' last meeting, the Brush Country GCD had voted to reimburse the Mariposa Ranch for taxes that should have been paid to the Kenedy County GCD. The Brush Country GCD will be applying for a grant from the TWDB to cost-share flow meters installed on agricultural irrigation wells.

i. Public information and education efforts for 2015: Garza reported that he recommends that the District provide the Toby Globy environmental program to schools

in Sarita, Riviera, Kingsville, Palito Blanco and San Perlita in 2015. Garza introduced to the Board of Directors Mr. Humberto Almaraz, creator of the Toby Globy.

j. 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 84th Legislative Session and Act, If Necessary

Andy Garza provided the Directors several handouts pertinent to legislative matters. One handout covered analyses of 3 brackish groundwater bills, as per Mary Sahs, that have been filed this session. Other handouts included information on committee membership in the House and Senate, a list of bills that have been referred to committees and texts of some bills related to water or district functions. Garza informed the Directors that some of the conversations at the TAGD meeting indicated that a brackish bill would not pass during this legislative session for various reasons such as committee makeup and opposition from several entities.

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

6. Receive Update on Highway Construction Project and Act, If Necessary

Andy Garza reported to the board that he had not received any information on this project since the last meeting. None of the adjoining landowners have been contacted. The discussion amongst the directors lead to the conclusion that if a well is drilled in the right-of-way, then, all applicable district rules must be adhered by the entity drilling the well.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold an emergency meeting and issue a temporary restraining order if the District is not notified prior to commencement of drilling activity.

7. Receive Report on Landowners' Taxes in Adjacent Counties

Leo Villarreal reported that the proper paperwork on properties in question and owned by King Ranch and ECR-LPR, Inc. had been submitted to the District and the Kenedy County tax office. Villarreal reported that he will continue to work with appraisal districts in Brooks, Hidalgo and Willacy counties to ensure that proper paperwork on properties in question is filed and ad valorem taxes are paid to the District.

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

8. Receive Report on 2014 Tax Revenue Collected

Leo Villarreal reported that all but \$103.74 had been collected in taxes for 2014. The levied amount was \$199,481.23 and the amount collected to date is \$199,377.26.

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

9. **Discuss & Act on Resigning Bank Signature Cards Regarding Certificates of Deposit**

Leo Villarreal reported that bank signature cards needed to be signed again because one of the signatures was in the wrong place the last time the cards were signed.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to resign bank signature cards for certificates of deposit as requested by bank.

10. **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 regular meeting.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the District's next meeting at 10:00 AM on April 1, 2015, at the Butler Hunting Lodge in southern Kenedy County.

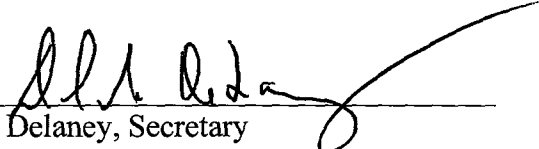
11. **Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills**

Chuck Burns presented the bills for consideration and payment.

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

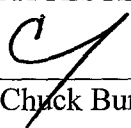
12. **Adjournment**

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



David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Chuck Burns, President