

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

On the 21st day of January, 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  
Craig Weiland, Board Member

**Also present:**

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant  
Andy Garza, General Manager  
Monica Jacobs, Kelly Hart

**Absent:**

Dave Delaney, Secretary  
Danny Butler, Member

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

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

**2. Public Comments**

No public comments were offered.

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

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

Homero Vera moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously that the December 19, 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. **Water production reports for 2014**
- d. **Water chemistry sampling**
- e. **Region N meeting**
- f. **84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session report**
- g. **News articles**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported on having had communications with Tecpetrol Co.; Randy Koehler and Shannon Lillie, EOG Resources; Shelby Pennington, ExxonMobil; Geothermal Drilling; Filomena Brienza, TestAmerica and Martin Water Well Drilling Co.

b. Well registrations: No wells were registered since the last meeting.

c. Water production reports for 2014: Garza reported that the reports have been coming in on a steady basis. Deadline for reports is January 31, 2015.

d. Water chemistry sampling: Garza reported that he would resample the same 3 wells for uranium as last time and would add 3 other wells to the list.

e. Region N meeting: Garza reported that the Region N meeting had been held on January 15, 2015. It was reported that the same slate of officers was elected for 2015, the 2016 regional water plan is due on December 1, 2015 and some housekeeping items relative to the 2021 regional water plan were approved.

f. 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session report: Garza reviewed an excerpt pertaining to groundwater from the Interim Report from the House Committee on Natural Resources to the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislature. Garza handed out a copy of HB 655 pertaining to aquifer storage and recovery that has been filed by Rep. Lyle Larson. This bill has the consensus of TWCA and TAGD.

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. Discuss & Act to Approve 2014 Annual Report**

Andy Garza reviewed the 2014 Annual Report with the directors. This is a requirement spelled out in the District's Management Plan and is due on January 31 of each year.

Homero Vera moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the 2014 Annual Report as presented.

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

Andy Garza reviewed the report that was prepared by a graduate student supervised by Dr. Lee Clapp, TAMUK professor.. The report contains water chemistry data from wells located throughout Kenedy County and sampled in 2011 and 2012. The report shows that wells with elevated levels of uranium are located in the north central part of the county.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

7. **Receive Report on Highway Construction Project and Act, If Necessary**

Andy Garza informed the directors that he had received a phone call from Linda Lozano who works for Martin Water Well Drilling Company. Ms. Lozano stated that Highway 285 would be upgraded between Riviera, TX and Brooks County line and that the contractor intended to drill 2 water wells in the state of Texas right-of-way, use the water for construction purposes and thereafter plug the wells upon completion of the project. Garza shared correspondence that he had requested from Mary Sahs on this matter. The alternative to drilling the wells would be to buy the water from one of landowners adjoining the highway right of way. It is impossible for this project to meet the spacing requirements as per district rules because of the narrowness of the Texas highway right-of-way.

The directors provided input on what they thought about the issue. Craig Weiland stated the adjoining landowners should be informed as the location of the wells prior to being drilled.

Craig Weiland moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to ensure that district rules are followed until completion of project.

8. **Discuss & Act on 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report**

Leo Villarreal provided the directors with a 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report. Villarreal reported that the District's market value was \$463,667.91 on October 1, 2014 and \$570,613.54 on December 31, 2014 for a net gain of \$106,945.63. Supporting documents were provided with the report.

Craig Weiland moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (2014) Investment Report as presented.

9. **Receive Report on Landowners' Taxes in Adjacent Counties**

Leo Villarreal reported to the Board on the issue regarding some properties annexed by the District and not being included on the tax rolls will take time and effort to

rectify. Villarreal stated that he would visit each of the appraisal districts in person rather than communicating via telephone or email with them.

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

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 meeting.

Craig Weiland moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to hold the District's next meeting on February 20, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in Sarita, TX.

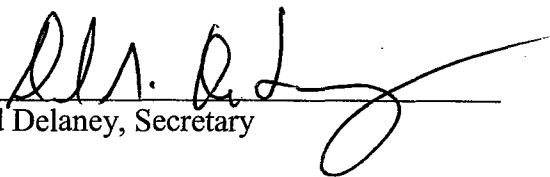
11. **Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills**

Chuck Burns presented the bills for consideration and payment.

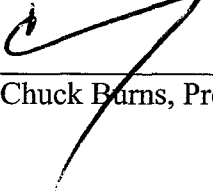
Homero Vera moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously to pay the bills as presented.

12. **Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Homero Vera moved 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