

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

On the 15th day of July, 2015, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom in Sarita, Texas.

Directors present:

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

Also present:

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Andy Garza, General Manager
Lorraine Burns
Bob Bethel

Absent:

Dave Delaney, Secretary

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of June 17, 2015, Regular Meeting

Chuck Burns presented the Board of Directors the minutes of the June 17, 2015, regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the June 17, 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. Brush Country GCD meeting**

- d. Duval County GCD
- e. Water level measurements for Summer, 2015
- f. Leave Schedule for July, 2015
- g. Danny Butler's hospitality
- h. News articles

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

- a. Communications: Andy Garza reported that he had communicated with J.J. Hinojosa, Energy Transfer technician, regarding water use reports; Gary Don Hopkins, King Ranch, regarding water well drillers; John Meyer, TWDB scientist, regarding brackish groundwater issues; Louie Longoria, CPA assistant, regarding letters needed to complete audit; and Tom Denney, Chief Appraiser, regarding renovation of building that will house the Kenedy County GCD.
- b. Well registrations: Garza reported that no wells had been registered since the last meeting on June 17, 2015.
- c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that on June 23, 2015, he had attended a meeting of the Brush Country GCD. A copy of the agenda for the meeting was reviewed with the Directors.
- d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza reported that on June 22, 2015, he had attended a meeting of the Duval County GCD in Benavides, TX. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed with the Directors.
- e. Water level measurements for Summer, 2015: Garza reported that he would begin taking water level measurements on July 16, 2015.
- f. Leave schedule for July, 2015: Garza reported that he would be on leave July 27-29, 2015.
- g. News articles: Several news articles pertinent to groundwater were given to the Directors.

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

5. **Discuss & Act to Approve Proposed Contract from Mary Sahs to Review Legislation and Recommend Revisions to District Rules**

Andy Garza and Leo Villarreal reviewed correspondence received from Mary Sahs pertinent to the cost to review legislation and recommend revisions to District rules.

Andy Garza reviewed the table of contents of the current District rules. Upon review of the table of contents, Garza stated that based on legislation passed by the 84th Legislature, rule #3, pertaining to registration and permitting and rule #8, pertaining to procedural rules, would most likely require revisions.

Craig Weiland moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Mary Sahs submit a proposal on what it would cost to review legislation and recommend revisions for rules #3 and #8.

6. Receive Report on GMA-16 and Act, If Necessary

Andy Garza reported to the Board of Directors that the final GAM run for GMA-16 had been completed and that it included proposed additional pumping in San Patricio County and in the City of Alice. Garza reported that GMA-16 will meet on August 18, 2015 to adopt the proposed desired future condition (DFC) based on scenario 1.8. Districts in GMA-16 will then have a period of 90 days to receive public comments on the proposed DFC. Additionally, each district must hold a public hearing on the proposed DFC during the 90-day comment period.

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

7. Receive Report on Landowners' Taxes in Hidalgo County

Leo Villarreal reported to the Board of Directors that the Kenedy County Tax Office had received the Hidalgo County Appraisal District supplements regarding acreage for La Mula Ranch and the acreage for ECR-LCR, Inc. and would be added to the tax rolls on July 31, 2015. Villarreal stated this action should correct the tax rolls for all the properties located in the Kenedy County GCD.

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

8. Receive Quarterly Investment Report

Leo Villarreal reviewed the 2nd Quarter investment report with the directors. The District's beginning market value was \$598,045.01 on April 1, 2015 whereas the market value was \$560,619.73 for the quarter ending on June 30, 2015. Villarreal reported that there were no new investments during the first quarter of 2015.

Craig Weiland moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to accept the 2nd Quarter investment report as presented.

9. Conduct 2016 Budget Workshop

In preparation for the 2016 budget, Leo Villarreal reviewed the 2015 budget as of July 15, 2015. Villarreal noted that approximately 48% of the budget had been expended as of July 15, 2015. This figure includes the \$22,000 to cover the renovation of the building that will house both the Kenedy County Appraisal District and the Kenedy County GCD. Villarreal stated that a budget amendment would be required to cover the \$22,000 expense. When asked, Villarreal stated

that there were sufficient funds in the Legal line item to cover the cost to revise the rules based on new legislation passed in 2015.

A proposed budget for 2016, based on certified 2015 valuations, will be reviewed and approved at the August, 2015 meeting.

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

10. 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 of the District.

Craig Weiland moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to hold the District's next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on August 19, 2015 in Sarita, Texas.

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 unanimously passed that the bills be paid as presented.


12. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 AM.



David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Chuck Burns, President