

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

On the 17th day of June, 2015, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Butler Lodge in Southern Kenedy County, Texas.

**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

**Absent:**

None

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

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

**2. Public Comments**

No public comments were offered.

**3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of May 20, 2015, Regular Meeting**

Chuck Burns presented to the Board the minutes of the May 20, 2015, regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Homero Vera moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the May 20, 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. **Public hearing for Region N IPP**

- e. **Leave schedule for June, 2015**
- f. **News articles**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

- a. **Communications:** Andy Garza reported that he had communicated with Luke Womack, Certified Public Accountant, regarding the audit questionnaires, and Margee Valdez, Texas Water Conservation Association, regarding survey for workman's compensation.
- b. **Well registrations:** Garza reported that no wells had been registered since the last meeting on May 20, 2015.
- c. **Brush Country GCD meeting:** Garza reported that on May 26, 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. **Public hearing for Region N IPP:** Garza informed the Directors that on June 11, 2015, a public hearing on Region N's Initially Prepared Plan was held in Robstown, Texas. Garza reported that the meeting was brief and only 2 items were offered for discussion: the proposed pumping in San Patricio and the dredging of Lake Corpus Christi.
- e. **Leave schedule for June, 2015:** Garza reported that he would be on leave June 24-26, 2015.
- f. **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. Receive Report on TAGD Meeting and 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session and Act, If Necessary**

Andy Garza reported that he had attended a TAGD quarterly meeting on June 3-4, 2015 in Austin, TEXAS. The most relevant item on the agenda was the legislative update given by individuals who had spent considerable time at the capitol during the legislative session. Overall, it was reported that it had been a good session for groundwater districts. It was noted that testimony given on behalf of groundwater districts was still valued in the House, but, failed in the Senate. There was an obvious lack of institutional knowledge in the Senate because of the new members.

Garza reported that the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session had ended on June 1, 2015. Various water bills made it to the Governor's desk. House Bills 30, 200, 655, 950, 1232, 2179, 2767, 3163 and 4207 and Senate Bill 854 were reviewed.

Garza informed the Directors that now that the legislative session had ended, it would be prudent to contract with Mary Sahs to review legislation related to

Groundwater Districts and informed the Boards of the need for revisions to the current District rules.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to have Mary Sahs submit a contract proposal that would cover work to review new groundwater legislation and recommend revisions to the District's current rules, if any.

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

Andy Garza informed the Directors that GMA-16 will be meeting on June 23, 2015 at which time the final GAM runs would be reviewed along with the explanatory report.

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 that he had finally received word from the Hidalgo County Appraisal District that the acreage in question would be added to the tax roll as soon as the protest period for valuations ends.

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

**8. Receive Report on Preliminary Estimated Valuations for 2015**

Leo Villarreal reviewed the 2015 preliminary estimates of appraised values with the Directors. The preliminary estimated total value is \$1,290,618,046. The certified valuations amount will be made available on July 25, 2015.

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

**9. Receive Report on 2015 Budget In Preparation for 2016 Budget**

Leo Villarreal reviewed the 2015 budget as of June 17, 2015. Villarreal explained that 50% of the fiscal year had passed, but only 38% of the budget had been expended. Villarreal reported that a proposed budget for 2016 will be presented at the July, 2015 meeting.

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

**10. Discuss & Act to Renew Notary Public Commission for General Manager**

Andy Garza reported that his current Notary Public commission will soon expire and asked for authorization to renew commission.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Andy Garza is authorized to renew his Notary Public commission.

**11. Receive Update on Renovation of Appraisal District Building**

Chuck Burns provided the Directors with an update on the renovation of the Appraisal District building where the future office of the Kenedy County GCD will be located. The prorated cost to the Kenedy County GCD will be approximately \$22,000. It was explained to the Directors that this would be a one-time cost to the District and the space would be rent free.

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

**12. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Meeting Date**

Chuck Burns informed the Directors that a date needed to be selected for the next regular meeting of the District.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to hold the District's next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on July 15, 2015 in Sarita, Texas.

**13. 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.


**14. Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the meeting be adjourned at 11:05 AM.

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David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



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Chuck Burns, President