

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

On the 20th day of May, 2015, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held in Sarita, Texas, at the Kenedy Memorial Foundation's Carriage House.

Directors present:

Chuck Burns, President
Homero Vera, Vice-President
Dave Delaney, Secretary

Also present:

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Andy Garza, General Manager
Monica Jacobs, Kelly Hart
Felix Saenz, Brush Country GCD

Absent:

Danny Butler, Member
Craig Weiland, Member

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 offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of April 22, 2015, Regular Meeting

Chuck Burns presented to the Board the minutes of the April 22, 2015, regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously that the April 22, 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. **GMA-16**
- e. **Public hearing for Region N IPP**
- f. **TAMUK Engineering Design Conference**
- g. **Water chemistry sampling**
- h. **Highway project**
- i. **Conservation awards banquet**
- j. **News articles**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

- a. **Communications:** Andy Garza reported that he had communicated with Kody Bessent, Legislative Liaison for High Plains Underground Water District, regarding legislative issues; Neil Hudgins, Coastal Bend GCD, regarding metering requirements for permitted wells; and Tomas Dominquez, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations, regarding initiative for habitat management for migratory birds.
- b. **Well registrations:** Garza reported that no wells had been registered since the last meeting on April 22, 2015. Garza informed the board that Sean Sahs had uploaded well registration data into the District's database.
- c. **Brush Country GCD meeting:** Garza reported that on April 28, 2015, he had attended a meeting of the Brush Country GCD. A copy of the agenda for the meeting was given to the directors.
- d. **GMA-16:** Garza reported that on June 23, 2015, the next meeting for GMA-16 will be held in Falfurrias, TX. Hopefully, final reports on GAM runs will be reviewed at this meeting.
- e. **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 will be held in Robstown, TX. Garza indicated that he would be attending the meeting.
- f. **TAMUK Engineering Design Conference:** Garza reported that he had been asked to be a judge at this conference that was held at the TAMUK Engineering Complex on May 1, 2015. Garza reported that he was highly impressed with the quality of the presentations made by college seniors. Two of the presentations dealt with removal of arsenic and uranium in groundwater, respectively.
- g. **Water chemistry sampling:** Garza reported that he had assisted the Iberdrola Wind Farm with sampling of well water. The sample was analyzed by TestAmerica Lab in Corpus Christi, TX.
- h. **Highway project:** Garza reported that the portion of Highway 285 between Riviera, TX and the Brooks County was being repaired. There are no signs of high water usage.

- i. Conservation awards banquet: Garza reported that on May 5, 2015, he attended the Area III soil and water conservation awards banquet in Victoria, TX; Kenedy County being a runner-up winner in the Friend of Conservation category. The winner in the Conservation Teacher category was Glenda Brown from the Sarita School. Jaelyn Barrera was the second place winner in the Conservation Poster category.
- j. 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 84th Legislative Session and Act, If Necessary

Andy Garza presented the Board of Directors with a 84th Legislative Session update. Various bills including HB 30, HB 200, HB 2647, HB 3356, HB 4112 and other bills were reviewed. The current legislative session will end on June 1, 2015.

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

6. Discuss and Act, If Necessary, to Allocate Additional Funding for Legislative Services from Mary Sahs

Andy Garza informed the board that the funding allocated at the last meeting was still available.

No action was taken.

7. Receive Report on Landowners' Taxes in Adjacent Counties

Leo Villarreal reported that he continues to encounter problems when dealing with the Hidalgo County Appraisal District. Villarreal stated that if he does not receive the appropriate response from the Hidalgo County Appraisal District by May 22, 2015, he will ask to be placed on the Hidalgo County Appraisal District's agenda at their next meeting.

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

8. Receive Report on Preliminary Estimated Valuations for 2015

Leo Villarreal reported that he had received preliminary estimated values from all the counties included in the District except Willacy and Jim Wells counties. The total valuations for 2015 could be less than those of 2014.

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

9. 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.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the District's next meeting at 10:00 AM on June 17, 2015 at the Butler Lodge.

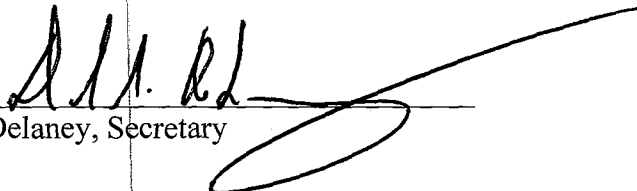
10. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills

Chuck Burns presented the bills for consideration and payment.

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


11. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Homero Vera moved Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Chuck Burns, President