

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

On the 17th day of August, 2016, at 9:00 AM 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  
Dave Delaney, Secretary

**Also present:**

Andy Garza, General Manager  
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant  
Monica Jacobs, La Paloma Ranch  
Luke Womack, CPA, John Womack & Co.  
Justin Cantu, Rancho Alegre Ranch

**Absent:**

Danny Butler, Member  
Craig Weiland, Member

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

**2. Public Comments**

No public comments were offered.

**3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of July 20, 2016 Regular Meeting**

Chuck Burns presented the Board with the July 20, 2016 regular meeting minutes of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District. Homero Vera pointed out 2 corrections.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the July 20, 2016 regular meeting minutes be approved with corrections from Homero Vera.

**4. Receive Report from State Representative J M Lozano's Office**

No one from Representative Lozano's office attended the meeting.

**5. Receive General Manager's Activity Report & Act, If Necessary, Regarding:**

**a. Communications**

**b. Well registrations**

**c. Comments on LRGV transport model submitted to TWDB**

**d. Summer 2016 water levels and water chemistry sampling**

**e. Public hearing: Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs; 7/25/2016**

**f. National Night Out Block Party on October 4, 2016**

**g. News articles**

**h. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

**a. Communications:** Garza reported that since the District meeting in July, 2016, he had communicated with the following individuals and/or entities: Beverly Moore regarding state representative JM Lozano attending the District meeting; Mike Estes, wind farm consultant, regarding groundwater data in the Chapman Ranch area of Nueces County; Jerry Miller regarding registration of new well; Don Davis, well driller, regarding the drilling and plugging of wells in Kenedy County; Judy Muzycszm, Kleberg County Airport Manager, regarding the registration of a water well; and Dr. Clapp, TAMUK, regarding the measurement of radon gas in a new water well in Kenedy County.

**b. Well registrations:** Garza reported that Jerry Miller and Bud Turcotte are drilling new wells.

**c. Comments on LRGV transport model submitted to TWDB:** Garza informed the directors that the comments relative to the transport model for the Lower Rio Grande Valley and reviewed by Monica Jacobs at the last meeting had been submitted to the TWDB. The Brush Country and Red Sands GCDs also submitted the comments under their own signature.

**d. Summer 2016 water levels and water chemistry sampling:** Garza reviewed the water level measurements and water chemistry data for summer 2016. Garza stated that this was the 11<sup>th</sup> measurement for most of the wells. Garza stated that the measurements have remained stable since the summer of 2011.

**e. Public hearing: Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs Committee:** Garza informed the directors that he had attended a public hearing held by the Senate Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs Committee in Austin, TX on July 25, 2016. Garza reported that the hearing had been well attended. Garza stated that he had been impressed with Senator Brandon Creighton's comments and questions regarding the panel discussion on the Capstone groundwater report to the point where he emailed the senator a message praising him for his efforts. Garza also reported that Senator Kolkhorst had some good questions and showed support for the rural areas that have the groundwater that urban areas want to transport out.

f. National Night Out Block Party on October 4, 2016: Garza informed the directors that the Kenedy County GCD will again be giving out bottled water at the block party which is a major event for Sarita, TX.

g. News articles: Garza distributed several news articles pertinent to groundwater to the directors.

h. Other: Garza informed the directors that Felix Saenz, General Manager of the Brush Country GCD, was recovering quite well from open heart surgery.

**6. Discuss & Act, If Necessary, on Cancellation of November 8, 2016 Election**

Leo Villarreal informed the directors that the filing deadline for the November 8, 2016 election for directors from precincts 3 and 4 was August 22, 2016. According to Villarreal, the election will be cancelled if only one candidate files for each precinct.

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

**7. Conduct 2017 Budget and 2016 Tax Rate Workshop**

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza reviewed the proposed budget for 2017 that was based on certified 2016 valuations and the same tax rate (\$0.0153/\$100) used in 2015. Leo Villarreal stated that a 2016 budget surplus of \$6691.00 was being proposed to balance the 2017 budget. Dave Delaney stated that a legislative session would be held in 2017 and wanted to make sure that there were sufficient funds to cover legal costs. Villarreal and Garza responded that \$15,000 would be available in the budget for that purpose.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

**8. Discuss & Act on Proposed 2017 Budget and Publish Hearing as Required by Law**

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza recommended that the proposed 2017 budget be set at \$200,650.00 with a budget surplus of \$6691.00 from 2016 needed to balance it. Leo Villarreal informed the directors that a notice for a public hearing on the proposed 2017 budget had to be published at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the proposed 2017 budget for \$200,650.00 and publish the notice for public hearing as required by law.

**9. Discuss & Act on Proposed 2016 Tax Rate and Publish Hearing as Required by Law**

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza recommended that the tax rate for 2016 remain the same as for 2015 at \$0.0153 per \$100 valuation. Leo Villarreal informed the directors that a notice for a public hearing on the proposed 2016 tax rate had to be published at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the proposed 2016 tax rate at \$0.0153 per \$100 valuation and publish the notice for public hearing as required by law.

**10. Discuss & Act on 2015 Audit**

Luke Womack, CPA, reviewed the 2015 audit with the directors and reported that the District was financially sound and the recordkeeping was in order.

Craig Weiland moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the District's 2015 audit as presented by Luke Womack.

**11. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Board Meeting**

Chuck Burns informed the directors that an earlier than normal date for the September, 2016 meeting needed to be set.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next meeting at 9:00 AM on Friday, September 9, 2016.

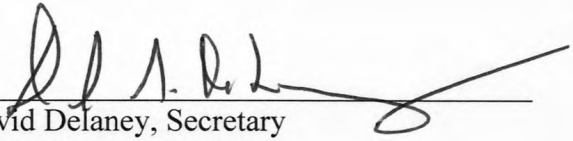
**12. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills**

Chuck Burns presented the bills to the directors for consideration and payment.

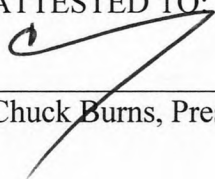
Homero Vera moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the bills be paid as presented.

**13. Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 10:25 AM.

  
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David Delaney, Secretary

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Chuck Burns, President