

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

On the 20th day of January, 2016, 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
Dave Delaney, Secretary
Craig Weiland, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Venki Uddameri, Hydrologist
Mary Sahs, Consulting attorney
Monica Jacobs, Kelly Hart

Absent:

Danny Butler

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. Hold Public Hearing Regarding District's Proposed Rule Amendments

Chuck Burns, at 9:30 a.m., announced that the Public Hearing regarding the District's proposed Rule Amendments was now in session and welcomed members of the public to address the Board of Directors regarding the proposed district rule amendments.

No comments were received from the public.

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza informed the Directors that the Public Hearing Notices had been published in the Corpus Christi Caller and in the Valley Morning Star and that the District had not received any written comments on the proposed Rule Amendments. Andy Garza listed the particular rules that are being amended.

Chuck Burns, at 9:40 a.m., closed the Public Hearing and convened the regular meeting.

4. Discuss & Act on Proposed Rule Amendments

Chuck Burns, after closing the Public Hearing, presented to the Board of Directors the District's proposed rule amendments and recommended that they be adopted and become effective on the date the Board chairman would sign the Order Adopting the Rule Amendments.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that and be it

RESOLVED that the District Rules be adopted as amended; be incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Rules shall be effective on the date the Order Adopting the Rule Amendments is signed by the Board Chairman.

5. Discuss & Act on Minutes of December 18, 2015, Regular Meeting, and January 13, 2016, Special Meeting

Chuck Burns presented the Board with the December 18, 2015 regular meeting minutes and the January 13, 2016 special meeting minutes of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Craig Weiland moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the December 18, 2015 regular meeting minutes and the January 13, 2016 special meeting minutes be approved as presented.

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

a. Communications

b. Quarterly TAGD meeting on January 27-28, 2016 in Austin, TX

c. Winter 2016 water level measurements

d. Water production reports for 2015

e. Database

f. Office relocation

g. News articles

h. Other

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that he had communicated with Randy Koehler, EOG Resources, regarding a water production report for a permitted well; Antonio Delgado, TWDB, regarding the 2014 irrigation survey for the part of the District that is in Brooks

County; Elaine Krueger, Newfield Exploration, regarding a water production report; and Justin Cantu, Campo Alegre ranch manager, regarding the possibility of measuring water levels on some of their wells.

b. Quarterly TAGD meeting on January 27-28, 2016 in Austin, TX: Garza informed the directors that he would be attending a TAGD quarterly in Austin, TX on January 27-28, 2016.

c. Winter 2016 water level measurements: Garza informed the directors that he would start measuring water levels during the first week of February, 2016 with Heather Rein from the TWDB.

d. Water production reports for 2015: Garza reported that he had received several 2015 water production reports from various permittees. Deadline is January 31, 2016.

e. Database: Garza reported that data previously uploaded into the database had been lost. Fortunately, Sean Sahs had the database information saved on thumb drives and would not have to rescan the database.

f. Office relocation: Garza informed the Directors that he will move into the new office as soon as the phone and internet services are connected in the new office.

g. News articles: Garza handed out several news articles to the Directors.

h. Other: There was nothing to report under this item.

7. Discuss & Act to Approve 2015 Annual Report as Per Management Plan

Andy Garza reviewed the 2015 Annual Report with the Directors that is required in the District's Management Plan. Garza stated that if the District is audited again by the State Auditor's Office, the Annual Report would contain much of the information that is normally requested by the State Auditor.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to approve the 2015 Annual Report as presented.

8. Discuss & Act to Assist the Kenedy County Appraisal District with Cost of Security System

Chuck Burns informed the directors that the Appraisal District will be installing a security system and are asking the Kenedy County GCD to assist with the cost. Andy Garza stated that the installation cost would be \$955.19 and the monthly cost would be \$22.30.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to pay \$477.60 for the GCD's share of the installation cost and \$22.30 for the monthly charge.

9. Discuss & Act on Open Carry Policy for District Office

Andy Garza informed the directors that the new Open Carry law in Texas was in effect as of January 1, 2016. Garza stated that the Kenedy County Commissioners' had discussed the law at their last meeting.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed for the Kenedy County GCD to follow Kenedy County's Open Carry Policy.

10. Discuss & Act on Purchasing Accounting Software

Leo Villarreal informed the directors that the auditor who conducts the audit for the GCD had recommended that the GCD purchase the software for the Sage 50 accounting program at a cost not to exceed \$100.

Craig Weiland moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to approve the purchase of the Sage 50 accounting software at a cost not to exceed \$100.

11. Discuss & Act on 4th Quarter Investment Report

Leo Villarreal presented the 4th Quarter Investment Report to the directors. Villarreal reported that on October 1, 2015, the District's beginning demand deposit account balance was \$196,455.76. Both of the Certificates of Deposit will mature in November, 2016. Regarding new investments, Villarreal stated that he would invite Phil Esquivel from New York Life to the meeting in February, 2016, to provide investment options.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to accept the 4th Quarter Investment Report as presented.

12. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Board Meeting

Chuck Burns informed the directors that a date for the February, 2016 meeting needed to be set. Andy Garza recommended that the meeting be held at 9:00 AM on February 17, 2016.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed to hold the next meeting at 9:00 AM on February 17, 2016.

13. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills

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


Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the bill be paid as presented.

14. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Homero Vera moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 AM.

David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Chuck Burns, President