

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

On the 16th day of March, 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:

Homero Vera, Vice-President
Dave Delaney, Secretary
Craig Weiland, Member
Danny Butler, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Felix Saenz, Brush Country GCD
Luis Pena, Duval County GCD
Dain McCoig, URI, Inc.

Absent:

Chuck Burns

1. Call Meeting to Order

Homero Vera, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments offered.

3. Dicuss & Act on Minutes of February 17, 2016 Regular Meeting

Homero Vera presented the Board with the February 17, 2016 regular meeting minutes of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Craig Weiland moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the February 17, 2016 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented

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

a. Communications

b. Well registrations

c. Brush Country GCD meeting

- d. Duval County GCD meeting**
- e. Contested case hearing involving URI, Inc.**
- f. Amicus brief supporting Lone Star GCD**
- g. TAGD conference call**
- h. Power outage; use of generator**
- i. News articles**
- j. Follow-up on investment options**
- k. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

- a. Communications:** Garza reported that he had communicated with John Bruciak, CEO of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, who will be attending the District's meeting in April, 2016.
- b. Well registrations:** Garza informed the directors that the King Ranch had registered an existing well that ExxonMobil had transferred to the ranch and had also registered a replacement well.
- c. Brush Country GCD meeting:** Garza informed the directors that he had attended a meeting of the Brush Country GCD on February 23, 2016. Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD may buy software from Collier Consulting for their database.
- d. Duval County GCD meeting:** Garza reported that he had attended a meeting of the Duval County GCD on February 17, 2016 and had provided some general remarks on the DFC process to their directors.
- e. Contested case hearing involving URI, Inc.:** Garza reported that he had attended a contested case hearing that was conducted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings in Kingsville, TX on March 3, 2016. Garza stated that the main purpose of the hearing was to align the parties involved in the case. Several landowners have contested URI, Inc.'s application for a permit renewal. Final hearing for this case tentatively will be on September 26, 2016.
- f. Amicus brief supporting Lone Star GCD:** Garza provided the directors with an amicus brief that was prepared by Greg Ellis in support of the Lone Star GCD. The Kenedy County GCD has pledged financial support towards the brief expenses.
- g. TAGD conference call:** Garza informed the directors that he had participated in a conference call with TAGD's Legislative Committee on March 10, 2016 and stated that he is currently serving on the Brackish Desal subcommittee.
- h. Power outage; use of generator:** Garza reported that Sarita, TX had experienced a power outage for about 5 hours on March 9, 2016. The Appraisal District is in the process of determining whether a generator left behind by the Sheriff's Office can be made operational at a reasonable cost for the Appraisal District's use.
- i. News articles:** Garza provided the directors with several news articles.
- j. Follow-up on investment options:** Garza informed the directors that Fidel Fernandez with the Edward Jones Company will attend the District's meeting in April, 2016 to make a presentation on investment options.
- k. Other:** There was nothing to report.

5. Receive Report on Water Level Measurements for Winter, 2016

Andy Garza reviewed with the directors the water level measurements for winter, 2016. Garza reported that this was the 10th measurement for most of the wells and that water levels have not changed significantly since summer, 2011.

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

6. Receive Report on Water Use for 2015

Andy Garza reviewed with the directors the water use report for 2015. Garza stated that both permitted and temporary rig supply water use in 2015 was the lowest in the last 5 years. Garza gave an example where Kenedy County did not irrigate the courthouse lawn in 2015 because of adequate rainfall.

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

7. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Board Meeting

Homero Vera informed the directors that a date for the April, 2016 meeting needed to be set. Andy Garza recommended that the meeting be held at 10:00 AM on April 20, 2016 in Sarita, TX. Garza stated that a meal will be served at the Appraisal District office after the meeting.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next meeting at 10:00 AM on April 20, 2016.

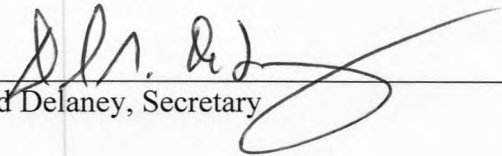
8. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills

Homero Vera presented the bills to the directors for consideration and payment.

Craig Weiland moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the bills be paid as presented.


9. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Danny Butler moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 AM.



David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Chuck Burns, President