

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

On the 17th day of May, 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  
Dave Delaney, Secretary  
Craig Weiland, Member  
Danny Butler, Member

**Also present:**

Andy Garza, General Manager  
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant  
Louie Sanchez, Chief of Staff, Senator Lucio  
Edward Gonzales, Legislative Aide, Senator Lucio  
Tom Denney, Kenedy County Chief Appraiser

**Absent:**

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**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Public Comments**

There were no public comments offered.

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

Chuck Burns presented the Board with the April 20, 2016 regular meeting minutes of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the April 20, 2016 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented.

**4. Receive Report from Senator Lucio's Office**

The directors received a report from Edward Gonzales and Louie Sanchez who serve on Senator Lucio's staff. Edward Gonzales manages the senator's field office in Raymondville, TX and Louie Sanchez is the senator's Chief of Staff in Austin, TX. Both

stated that now was the right time to make legislative contacts and not after the next legislative session starts in January, 2017. The directors expressed some of their concerns on groundwater to both Mr. Gonzales and Mr. Sanchez.

- 5. Receive General Manager's Activity Report & Act, If Necessary, Regarding:**
  - a. Communications**
  - b. Well registrations**
  - c. Public hearing held by House Natural Resources Committee on 4/26/2016**
  - d. Public hearing: House Natural Resources Committee, June 1, 2016, Austin, TX**
  - e. Report: Reorganizing Groundwater Regulation in Texas**
  - f. TAGD quarterly meeting on May 18-19, 2016**
  - g. 2016 Annual Engineering Senior Design Conference at TAMUK**
  - h. Visit from Executive Director of TAGD in June or July, 2016**
  - i. News articles**
  - j. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

**a. Communications:** Garza reported that he had communicated with the following individuals and/or entities: Luke Womack regarding letters sent to directors and others relative to the upcoming 2015 district audit; Steve Young regarding a request for well locations and depths throughout the District; Julian Cuellar, Energy Transfer technician, regarding information on well #1094; Edward Gonzales, legislative aide for Senator Lucio, regarding the possibility of Senator Lucio attending our meeting May 17, 2016; and Sarah Schlessinger, TAGD Executive Director, regarding the possibility of her attending our meeting in either June or July, 2016.

**b. Well registrations:** There was no information for this item.

**c. Public hearing: Texas House Natural Resources Committee:** Garza informed the directors that he had attended a public hearing held by the Texas House Natural Resources Committee on April 27, 2016 in Brownsville, TX. Garza reviewed some of the agenda items covered at the public hearing.

**d. Public hearing: House Natural Resources Committee, June 1, 2016:** Garza informed the directors that the Texas House Natural Resources Committee will be holding a public hearing in Austin, TX on June 1, 2016. Garza indicated some of the items that will be covered at the public hearing are relevant to groundwater conservation districts and recommended that the Kenedy County GCD along with the Duval County GCD jointly hire Mary Sahs to attend the public hearing and submit a report afterwards.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hire Mary Sahs jointly with the Duval County GCD to attend the public hearing on June 1, 2016 and submit a report.

**e. Report: Reorganizing Groundwater Regulation in Texas:** Garza distributed a copy of the report to the directors. Garza explained that the report had been completed by graduate

students at Texas A&M University. Garza recommended that the directors read the report and then have a discussion on the report at the June, 2016 meeting.

f. TAGD quarterly meeting on May 18-19, 2016: Garza informed the directors that he would be attending the TAGD quarterly meeting in Austin, TX on May 18-19, 2016. Garza stated that he had been asked and had accepted to participate in a field tech panel discussion at this meeting.

g. 2016 Annual Engineering Senior Design Conference at TAMUK: Garza reported that he had participated as a judge at this conference for the second year in a row. Garza stated that the presentations made by senior engineering students are well organized and informative. Garza specifically talked about one presentation that involved taking ammonia from wastewater and converting to ammonium sulfate which can be used as a fertilizer.

h. Visit from Executive Director of TAGD in June or July, 2016: Garza informed the directors that the Sarah Schlessinger has expressed an interest in attending a district meeting in either June or July, 2016.

i. News articles: Garza provided the directors with news articles pertinent to groundwater and related issues.

j. Other: Garza reported that he had purchased a replacement copier/printer/scanner for his office.

#### **6. Discuss & Act, If Necessary, on GMA-16 Activities**

Andy Garza informed the directors that no activity had taken place since the last board meeting in April, 2016.

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

#### **7. Discuss & Act, If Necessary, on Correspondence Received from TWDB Pertinent to District Management Plan**

Andy Garza reviewed a letter received from the TWDB which encourages certain districts to submit their district management plans early for review. Garza stated most of the revisions needed have to do with data that is provided and updated by the TWDB. Garza informed the board that he would like to take upon himself to work on the management plan revision. Garza stated that a revised DFC and MAG would be needed for the revision process.

Dave Delaney moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to authorize Andy Garza to work on the district management plan revision.

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

Chuck Burns informed the directors that a date for the June, 2016 meeting needed to be set.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next meeting at 9:00 AM on June 15, 2016

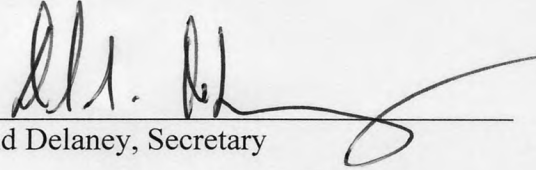
**9. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills**

Chuck Burns 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.

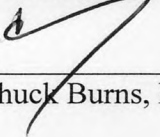
**10. Adjournment**

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 9:55 AM.



David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Chuck Burns, President