

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

On the 12th day of October, 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:

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

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Louie Pena, Duval County GCD
Justin Cantu, Campo Alegre Ranch
Robert Williams, Williams Web Solutions

Absent:

Chuck Burns, President

1. Call Meeting to Order

Homero Vera, Vice-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 September 9, 2016 Regular Meeting and September 28, 2016 Special Meeting

Homero Vera presented to the Board the minutes of the September 9, 2016 regular meeting and the September 28, 2016 special meeting.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the September 9, 2016 regular meeting minutes and the September 28, 2016 special meeting minutes be approved as presented.

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

a. Communications

b. Well registrations

c. GMA-16 update

d. Public hearing: Committee on Natural Resources/Subcommittee on Special Water Districts

e. House Committee chairmanship

f. Court case update: Coyote Lake Ranch vs City of Lubbock

g. Lower RGV transport model update

h. Water chemistry sampling

i. Website

j. Groundwater resources seminar; Nov. 8, 2016; Harlingen, TX

k. Sarita National Night Out party

l. News articles

m. Other

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's meeting in September, 2016, he had communicated with the following individuals and/or entities: Dr. Uddameri regarding the District's response to designation of brackish production zones; Monica Jacobs regarding the Lower Rio Grande Valley groundwater transport model; Bluefin Resources regarding boundaries of District and location of their wells and State Rep. Ryan Guillen regarding the chairmanship of the Texas House Committee on Natural Resources.

b. Well registrations: Garza reported that King Ranch, Kenedy Memorial Foundation, J.A. Garcia and Cecilia Dismukes had submitted paperwork on new wells.

c. GMA-16: Garza reviewed with the directors the results of GAM run that was needed to correct discrepancies with some well files. Garza stated that the draft results will have to be approved at the next GMA-16 meeting. Garza also reported that David O'Rourke had contacted him informing that he was available to complete the revised DFC process if Randy Williams is unable to complete the job.

d. Public hearing: Committee on Natural Resources/Subcommittee on Special Water Districts: Garza reported that he and Felix Saenz, Brush Country GCD manager, had attended this public hearing in Del Rio, TX. Garza reviewed the agenda and the testimony that was offered by various individuals. Garza also reviewed a news article covering the public hearing that had been held by the same subcommittee in Fort Stockton, TX the previous day. Representative Lyle Larson was quoted as saying that perhaps groundwater districts were not the preferred method to manage groundwater resources.

e. House committee chairmanship: Garza reported that he had visited with Representative Ryan Guillen and expressed the District's concerns about Lyle Larson possibly being the next chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources. Guillen stated that one option would be to write to the Speaker of the House's office and express those concerns. Garza stated that the Speaker and Larson are both from San Antonio, TX and perhaps writing a letter would not be a wise idea. Garza stated that there is a push to have TAGD write a position paper on the management of brackish groundwater resources.

f. Case court update: Coyote Lake Ranch vs City of Lubbock: Garza handout information on this particular case where the accommodation doctrine has been applied to groundwater.

g. Lower RGV transport model: Garza gave the directors an update on progress being made on the development of a groundwater transport model for the lower Rio Grande Valley.

h. Water chemistry sampling: Garza informed the directors that he was able to locate a lab at Texas A&M- Corpus Christi that will analyze for radon gas in a sample from a water well owned by Jerry Miller.

i. Website: Robert Williams, Williams Web Solutions owner, reported on the status of the District's website. Williams stated that the attempts to compromise the site had been unsuccessful, but, that it needed to be revamped for protection. Williams provided 2 options with option #2 being less expensive and as effective as the more expensive option. Williams stated that with option #2, the District would provide information and he would upload into the website.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to authorize Robert Williams to revamp the District's website at a cost not to exceed \$1000 and all additional work will be billed at \$45 per hour.

j. Groundwater resources seminar: Garza informed the directors that he planned to a seminar on groundwater resources in Harlingen, TX on November, 8, 2016.

k. Sarita National Night Out party: Garza reviewed the block party that was held in Sarita, TX on October 4, 2016. The District handed out bottled water and Garza and Tom Denney provided tamales to those who attended the event.

l. News articles: News articles relative to groundwater were distributed to the Directors.

m. Other: Leo Villarreal reviewed legal documents pertinent to natural gas pipeline that will transect Kenedy County. However, the pipeline is generating some resistance from some landowners.

5. Discuss & Act On Response to HB 30 Report

Andy Garza informed the directors that at the meeting on October 20, 2016, the TWDB staff will recommend 3 brackish production zones that are located with the boundaries of the Kenedy County GCD. One zone in particular includes the Upper Lagarto stratigraphic layer which is the lower layer of the Evangeline aquifer. Garza recommended that Dr. Uddarmeri be authorized to prepare comments in response to the latest report on brackish production zones. The comments would be sent to the TWDB prior to the meeting scheduled on October 20, 2016.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to authorize Dr. Uddameri to prepare comments in response to the latest report on proposed brackish production zones.

6. Discuss & Act on Renewing Membership in TAGD

Andy Garza reported that the renewal for membership in TAGD was due on November 1, 2016. Garza recommended that the renewal be approved.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously for the District to renew its membership in TAGD.

7. Discuss & Act on Amending 2016 Budget

No action was needed and none was taken.

8. Discuss & Act on Renewal of Certificates of Deposit #60720, 60854 & 60852 (Mature 11/12/2016, 11/17/2016 & 11/10/2016, respectively)

Leo Villarreal reported that Certificates of Deposit (CD) #60720, 60854 and 60852 will be maturing in November, 2016 and needed to be renewed.

Craig Weiland moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to authorize Leo Villarreal to initiate the paperwork needed for renewal of CDs.

9. Discuss & Act on Ordering Hylson Minutes Book from Excelsior Blumberg for 2017

Leo Villarreal reported that it was time to order a Hylson Minutes Book from Excelsior Blumberg for 2017.

Dave Delaney moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to purchase the Hylson Minutes Book needed for 2017.

10. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Board Meeting

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

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on November 16, 2016.

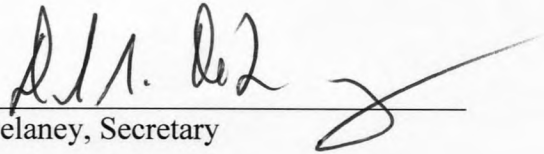
11. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills

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

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills as presented.

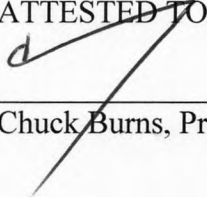
12. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 11:50 AM.



David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Chuck Burns, President