

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

On the 17th day of March, 2017, at 10:00AM 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
Danny Butler, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Phil Esquivel, New York Life agent

Absent:

None

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of February 15, 2017 Regular Meeting

Chuck Burns presented to the Board the minutes of the February 15, 2017 regular meeting.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the February 15, 2017 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented.

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

a. Communications

b. Well registrations

c. 2016 Water Use Reports

d. Winter 2017 water level measurements

- e. Update on Lower Rio Grande Valley groundwater transport model**
- f. Report on Sarita PWS water sample analysis**
- g. Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program**
- h. TAMUK: Annual Engineering Student Design Conference**
- i. District sign for La Parra Street**
- j. News articles**
- k. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's meeting in February, 2017, he had communicated with the following individuals and/or entities: Mary Sahs, legal counsel, regarding analysis of 2 legislative bills; Bert Haner, water well driller, regarding registration of new water well in Kleberg County; Lica Pinkston, rancher, regarding the registration of a P-13 well; Dr. Uddameri, consulting hydrologist, regarding assistance with the revision of the District management plan and Arlena Porras, Headington Energy Co., regarding a water use report for a temporary rig supply well.

b. Well registrations: Garza reported that the paperwork regarding a P-13 well on the Santa Fe-East Cattle Co. had been submitted by Lica Pinkston.

c. 2016 Water Use Reports: Garza presented the water use reports for permitted wells and temporary rig supply wells. Garza reported that usage was slightly higher than in 2015 for both permitted and temporary rig supply wells.

d. Winter 2017 water level measurements: Garza presented the water levels report with the directors. The 2017 winter measurements were the 12th reading for many of the wells. Garza indicated that in the future, a few selected wells can be measured during the summer and all the wells can be measured during the winter or vice-versa.

e. Update on Lower Rio Grande Valley groundwater transport model: Garza reported that the Numerical Model Development and Calibration Report for this particular model will be submitted to the TWDB on March 20, 2017.

f. Report on Sarita PWS water sample analysis: Garza shared with the directors a memo from the TCEQ which determined that Kenedy County has violated the maximum contaminant level for combined uranium during the 4th quarter of 2016.

g. Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program: Garza reported that the Texas 4-H has initiated a Water Ambassadors Program. The program structure is such that through an application, 2 high school youth from each of the 16 Texas regional water planning areas will be selected to participate in a 10 day summer 4-H20 Youth Leadership Academy and commit service hours annually in a variety of ways. Garza reported that the program is also asking for monetary donations to carry out the program.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously for the Kenedy County GCD to donate \$500.00 to the 4-H Water Ambassadors Program.

h. TAMUK; Annual Engineering Student Design Conference: Garza reported that he will again participate as a judge for the Engineering Student Design Conference. Garza indicated that he requested to be placed on panels that have projects related to either surface water or groundwater.

i. District sign for La Parra Street: Garza reported that the Kenedy County Appraisal District and the Kenedy County GCD will jointly pay for street signs by respective offices as suggested by Kenedy County.

j. News articles: Garza provided the directors with various news articles pertinent to groundwater issues.

k. Other: There was nothing to report for this item.

5. Discuss & Act, If Necessary, on Timelines for Review and Adoption/Readoption Of Kenedy County GCD Management Plan

Andy Garza presented the deadlines that the Kenedy County GCD must meet during the process of revising and readopting the District Management Plan.

There was no vote needed and none was taken.

6. Discuss & Act, If Necessary, on Legislative Report from General Manager

Andy Garza commented on numerous legislative bills pertinent to groundwater that have been filed in the House and Senate. The filing deadline was March 10, 2017. Of particular interest was HB 2377 that deals with the development of brackish groundwater and SB 1392 which addresses 33 sections of Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code.

No vote was needed and none was taken on this item.

7. Discuss & Act, If Necessary, on Investment Options as Presented by Phil Esquivel

Phil Esquivel, New York Life agent, presented two investment options that the District could use. The options revolved around the concept of whole life insurance on the District's key man and annuities. Leo Villarreal explained that whatever option the District chose, it would have to have low risk and fund liquidity.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

8. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Board Meeting

Chuck Burns informed the directors that a date needed to be selected for the April, 2017 regular monthly meeting.

Danny Butler moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next meeting on April 12, 2017.

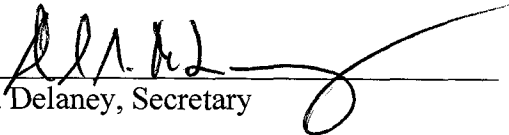
9. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills

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

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


10. 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 11:30 AM.



David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Chuck Burns, President