

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

On the 17th day of January, 2018, 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:

Chuck Burns, President
Homero Vera, Vice-President
Dave Delaney, Secretary
Craig Weiland, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Danny Butler, Member

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of December 13, 2017 Regular Meeting

President Chuck Burns presented to the Directors the minutes of the December 13, 2017 regular meeting.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the December 13, 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 Irrigation Survey as per TWDB

d. Brush Country GCD meeting

e. Duval County GCD meeting

f. TAGD quarterly meeting: 1/30-31/2018 in Austin, TX

g. Water use reports for 2017

h. Eminent Domain update

i. News articles

j. Other

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's meeting in December, 2017, he had communicated with the following individuals and/or entities: Ed Riddle, representative for Sarita Energy Resources, regarding a water use report for 2017; Danny Garcia, chief appraiser for Brooks County, regarding property appraisal charges; Adeline Fox, Texas Groundwater Resources Association, regarding CEUs for water well drillers that could be offered with the assistance of GCDs; Shannon Lillie, EOG Resources, regarding a water use report for 2017; Lupe Parham, Bluefin Resources, regarding a temporary rig supply water use report for 2017; Steve Young, hydrologist for Intera, regarding a contract for the Lower Rio Grande transport model and Heather Rein, field technician for TWDB, regarding the monitoring of water levels in the Kenedy County GCD.

b. Well registrations: Garza reported that no wells had been registered during the month of December, 2017.

c. 2016 Irrigation Survey as per TWDB: Garza reviewed the TWDB 2016 Irrigation Survey with the Directors. Garza stated that the figures were based on water use reports submitted to the District in 2016.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the TWDB 2016 Irrigation Survey as presented by Garza.

d. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that he would be attending the Brush Country GCD meeting sometime in January, 2018.

e. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza informed the Directors that he would be attending the Duval County GCD meeting once a date for January, 2018 had been confirmed.

f. TAGD quarterly meeting:1/30-31/2018 in Austin, TX Garza stated that he would be attending the TAGD quarterly meeting scheduled for January 30-31, 2018 in Austin, TX.

g. Water use reports for 2017: Andy Garza reported that the water use reports for 2017 were due on January 31, 2018 and that several permit holders had already submitted their reports for 2017.

h. Eminent domain update: Garza informed the Directors that the information submitted by the District pertinent to eminent domain had been updated with the State Comptroller's office.

i. News articles: Various news articles were distributed to the Directors.

j. Other: Leo Villarreal reported on the following:

1. The oil and gas account for Mary Canales Jary has been deleted from the tax roll due to no production. Ms. Jary will receive a letter on this matter.

2. New legislation, effective on February 1, 2018, requires that the District file certain information with the Texas Comptroller's office. District will follow-up on this matter.

3. Chuck Burns has announced that he will run for County Judge in the General Election in November, 2018 and thereby must resign from the District board of directors.

District by-laws however state that Mr. Burns can remain on the board until he is replaced by the Directors.

4. The Jim Wells Appraisal District has raised its appraisal fees by \$2.00.

5. Discuss & Act to Approve 2017 Annual Report

Andy Garza reviewed the Kenedy County GCD's 2017 Annual Report which is required as per the District's Management Plan. Garza stated that the sections making references to the revised Desired Future Condition and the monitoring of the Desired Future Condition had been updated. Garza reviewed each of the report's appendices.

Homero Vera moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the 2017 Annual Report as presented.

6. Receive Report on Proposed District Rule Amendments and Act, If Necessary

Andy Garza reported that Mary Sahs and Dr. Venki Uddameri had completed the work on the proposed rule amendments that the District needs to consider and adopt after a specified comment period and public hearing has been held. Garza stated that the proposed rule amendments pertained to rules 2, 3, 8 and 11. Notice of a public hearing must be published and posted 20 days before the hearing is held.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to publish and post notice of public hearing at least 20 days prior to the public hearing to be held on February 23, 2018 at 10:30 AM.

7. Discuss & Act to Sponsor 4-H Water Ambassadors Program in 2018

Andy Garza reviewed the 4-H Water Ambassadors Program for 2018 and reminded the Directors that this is second year for the program. Garza stated that the District had sponsored the program at the Stewardship level by donating \$500.00 in 2017. Garza recommended the District do the same in 2018.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to sponsor the 4-H Water Ambassadors Program at the Stewardship level of \$500.00 in 2018.

8. Discuss & Act to Approve 4th Quarter, 2017 Investment Report

Leo Villarreal presented to the Directors the 4th Quarter, 2017 investment report. Villarreal reported that CD#60852 had a value of \$207,604.90 and CD#60854 had a value of \$208,523.86 as of November, 2017. Villarreal reported that the District's ending checking account balance for the 4th quarter of 2017 was \$315,032.71.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the 4th quarter, 2017 investment report as presented by Villarreal.

9. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Board Meeting

Chuck Burns informed the Directors that a date needed to be set for the next regular meeting which will include a public hearing for the proposed rule amendments.

Craig Weiland moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 10:30 AM on February 23, 2018 in Sarita, TX.

10. Discuss & Act on Payment Bills

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

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

11. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 AM.

David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:

Chuck Burns, President