

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

On the 18th day of July, 2018, at 10:30 AM, 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
Danny Butler, Member
Craig Weiland, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Felix Saenz, Brush Country GCD
Louie Saenz, Duval County GCD
Kenny Guerra, Duval County GCD
Monica Jacobs, La Paloma Ranch
J.M. Lozano, State Representative

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM

2. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of June 20, 2018 Regular Meeting

President Chuck Burns presented to the Directors the minutes of the June 20, 2018 regular meeting.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the June 20, 2018 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented.

4. Receive Report from State Representative J.M. Lozano

State Representative J.M. Lozano reported on the activities of Committee on Higher Education which he chairs. Mr. Lozano then shared his thoughts on who may be

elected as the next House speaker. Lastly, Mr. Lozano encouraged the directors to use his office to relay input on legislation related to groundwater issues.

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

- a. Communications**
- b. Well registrations**
- c. GMA-16 meeting**
- d. Brush Country GCD meeting**
- e. Duval County GCD meeting**
- f. Seawater desalination facility**
- g. Texas Desalination Association meeting**
- h. News articles**
- i. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's meeting in June, 2018, he had communicated with Bert Haner, water well driller, regarding a temporary rig supply well for Headington Oil Co.; Bart Dupont, La Paloma Ranch, regarding registration of an existing well; Beverly Moore, legislative aide for J.M. Lozano, regarding State Representative Lozano attending District meeting and Cody Fry, Armstrong Ranch, Gary Don Hopkins, King Ranch, Alejandro Urias, Santa Fe Ranch, and Louis Morales, Border Patrol, regarding water level measurements.

b. Well registrations: Garza reported that no wells had been registered since the last meeting.

c. GMA-16 meeting: Andy Garza informed the directors that the next GMA-16 meeting will be held in Falfurrias, TX on July 24, 2018.

d. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that he had attended a meeting of the Brush Country GCD in Falfurrias, TX on June 26, 2018. Garza reviewed the highlights of the meeting with the Directors.

e. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza reviewed the highlights of the meeting of the Duval County GCD that was held on June 27, 2018 in Benavides, TX.

f. Seawater desalination facility: Garza reported that the Port of Corpus Christi has proposed to build a seawater desalination plant near the ferry landing in Nueces County.

g. Texas Desalination Association meeting: Garza informed the directors that the Texas Desalination Association will hold its annual meeting on September 13-14, 2018 in Austin, TX.

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

i. Other: Craig Weiland recommended that the District provide input on the proposed GAM model for GMA-15 and GMA-16 during the development of the model.

Craig Weiland moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously for the District to submit comments pertaining to the proposed GAM mode to the Texas Water Development Board

6. Receive Report on Rules Pertaining to Brackish Groundwater Production from Monica Jacobs and Act, If Necessary

Monica Jacobs reviewed the brackish groundwater production zones that were designated as per HB 30 in 2016 in the Kenedy County GCD. Jacobs stated that rules on permits for brackish groundwater production should be flexible to cover small and large projects such as the rules established by the Gonzales GCD. According to Jacobs, any possible interaction between the Evangeline and other hydrologic layers should be closely examined before the project is approved. Jacobs reported that the new GAM model for GMA-16 should allow for the production of brackish groundwater to be reflected in the MAG whether jointly or separately. Lastly, Jacobs reviewed a list of topics that should be included in any input that is provided to the TWDB as per the development of the GAM for GMA 15/16.

7. Discuss & Act on an Order Calling the November 6, 2018, Election Regarding the Board of Directors for Precinct 1, Precinct 2 and Precinct 5 and Publish Public Notices as Required by Law

Leo Villarreal informed to the Directors that an order calling the November 6, 2018 election for the directors of precincts 1,2 and 5 needed to be approved. Villarreal stated that the period to accept applications for candidacy will be from July 21 to August 20, 2018.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the order calling for the November 6, 2018 election of directors from precinct 1, precinct 2 and precinct 5, as follows:

**ORDER OF ELECTION
KENEDY COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
November 6, 2018**

An election is hereby ORDERED to be held on November 6, 2018, for the purpose of electing Directors for the offices of Precincts 1, 2 and 5 which are located in Kenedy, Jim Wells, Kleberg and Nueces Counties, at the following polling places:

(Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una elección el 4 de noviembre 2018, para elegir las oficinas de precintos 1, 2 y 5 de la Meza Directiva loquilisados en los Condados de Kenedy, Jim Wells, Kleberg y Nueces, en los siguientes lugares:

Kenedy County

Precinct 1 – Polling Place: Sarita Elementary School

Precinct 2 – Polling Place 3: Kenedy County Elections Administration Office

Kleberg County

Precinct 1 – Polling Place 2: King Ranch Office at Laureles

Precinct 2 – Polling Place 4: Santa Gertrudis School Building on the King Ranch

Precinct 5 – Polling Place 12: Santa Gertrudis School Building on the King Ranch

Jim Wells County

Precinct 5 – Polling Place 13: Premont High School, Premont, Texas

Nueces County

Precinct 2 – Polling Place 14: King Ranch Office at Laureles

Applications for a place on the ballot shall be filed by August 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. with Andy Garza, General Manager, P. O. Box 221, Sarita, Texas 78385.

(Solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta serán enviadas por correo a Andy Garza, General Manager, P. O. Box 221, Sarita, Texas 78385, para el 20 de agosto, 2018 a las 5:00 p.m.)

Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-In Candidacy is Friday, August 24, 2018.

(El ultimo dia para un lugar en la boleta por declaración de candidado por escitura es vienes, el 24 de agosto 2018.)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 26, 2018.

(Las solicitudes de boletas para votar en ausencia deberán recibirse por correo antes del fin de las horas de negocio de el 26 de octubre 2018.)

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted each weekday beginning on October 22, 2018, and ending on November 2, 2018, as follows:

(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo cada dia del la semana commensando el 22 de octubre 2018 hasta el 2 de noviembre 2018.)

Kenedy County – Precincts 1, 2 & 5:

Kenedy County Elections Administrator's Office

150 N. Turcotte

Sarita, Texas 78385

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Jim Wells County – Precinct 5:

Jim Wells County Election Administration's Office

200 N. Almond St., Alice, Texas 78332

Hours: 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Kleberg County – Precincts 1, 2 & 5:

Early Voting Annex Office

720 E. King & 12th Street

Kingsville, Texas 78363

Hours: 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Nueces County – Precincts 2 & 5:

Nueces County Clerk's Office

901 Leopard St.

Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

Hours: 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Aplicaciones de boleto deberán enviarse a:)

Kenedy County: Leo Villarreal at P. O. Box 273, Sarita, Texas 78385

Jim Wells County: Maria Antonia Kuhlman at P. O. Box 2188, Alice, Texas 78333-2188

Kleberg County: Stephanie Garza at P. O. Box 1327, Kingsville, Texas 78364-1327

Nueces County: Kara Sands at P. O. Box 2627, Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

Ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on November 6, 2018.

(Boletas por correo se deben recibir para el fin de las horas de negocio del 6 de noviembre 2018.)

ISSUED this the 17th day of July, 2018.

EMITIDA este dia 17 de julio 2018.

8. Discuss & Act on Professional Services Provided by Patrick Moore, CPA, for Oversight of Outside Auditors

Leo Villarreal reported the audit process requires the District to contract the services of a CPA to provide oversight of outside auditors like the John Womack Co. which compiles the District's annual audit.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to contract with Patrick Moore, CPA, at a cost of \$500.00 to provide oversight of outside auditors.

9. Review Preliminary 2019 Budget and Set Workshop for 2019 Budget and 2018 Tax Rate

Andy Garza and Leo Villarreal reviewed the current 2018 budget and stated that the proposed 2019 budget will be similar to it. Some changes to the line items listed as budget carryover, legal, joint planning and contingency will be recommended.

Directors were in agreement to hold the workshop on the 2019 budget and 2018 tax rate at the August, 2018 District meeting.

10. Discuss & Act to Accept Quarterly Investment Report

Leo Villarreal reported that the ending checking account balance for the 2nd Quarter, 2018, was \$203,950.85. Villarreal noted that the 2 certificates of deposit had been renewed by adding \$50,000 to each one and had a combined value of \$518,384.90.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the quarterly investment report as presented by Leo Villarreal.

11. 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.

Craig Weiland moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on August 22, 2018 in Sarita, TX.

12. Discuss & Act on Payment Bills

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

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

13. 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 11:35 AM.

David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:

Chuck Burns, President