

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

On the 20th day of June, 2018, at 10:00 AM , a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Punta Del Monte Ranch in Kenedy County, Texas.

Directors present:

Chuck Burns, President
Homero Vera, Vice-President
Dave Delaney, Secretary
Danny Butler, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Felix Saenz, Brush Country GCD
Louie Saenz, Duval County GCD
J.M. Rodriguez, Duval County GCD
Octavio Guerra, Duval County GCD
Monica Jacobs, La Paloma Ranch
Kathleen Jackson, TWBD member
Ryan Guillen, State Representative

Absent:

Craig Weiland, Member

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

2. Public Comments

Kathleen Jackson, TWDB member, introduced herself to the Directors and guests and provided the Directors with a brief update on what the TWDB is currently doing. Ms. Jackson expressed her appreciation for the invitation by the District and thanked the Directors for all the work they do to manage the groundwater resources of the state.

Ryan Guillen, state representative, provided the Directors with an interim update. Guillen stated that a new House speaker would be chosen and that could impact committee membership and chairmanship. The next biennium budget will be a difficult issue.

Discuss & Act on Minutes of May 16, 2018 Regular Meeting

President Chuck Burns presented to the Directors the minutes of the May 16, 2018 regular meeting.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the May 16, 2018 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented.

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

a. Communications

b. Well registrations

c. TAGD meeting; May 21-22, 2018

d. House Committee on Natural Resources; public hearing; June,5, 2018

e. Senate Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs Committee; public hearing; 6/4/2018

f. Duval County GCD meeting

g. Annual leave request

h. News articles

i. Other

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's meeting in March, 2018, he had communicated with the following individuals and/or entities: Laura Rodriguez, TWDB executive secretary, regarding Kathleen Jackson's attendance of District meeting; Ruben Martinez, MDA Construction, regarding a water well for the new wind farm being built on the Kenedy Foundation and Ryan Guillen, state representation, regarding him attending the June, 2018 District meeting.

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

c. TAGD; May 21-22, 2018meeting: Andy Garza informed the directors that he had attended a quarterly TAGD meeting in Austin, TX on May 21-22, 2018 and provided the directors with a written report on the highlights of the meeting.

d. House Committee on Natural Resources; public hearing; June 5, 2018: Garza reported that he had attended a public hearing on June 5, 2018 held by the House Committee on Natural Resources at Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Garza informed the directors that issues like SB 1392, attorney's fees and similar rules would likely trigger proposed legislation during the next legislative session.

e. Senate Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs Committee; public hearing; 6/4/2018: Garza reviewed the highlights of a broadcast of a public hearing held by the Senate Ag, Water and Rural Affairs Committee held in Austin, TX on June 4, 2018.

f. Duval County GCD: Garza presented the Directors with a copy of the agenda of the meeting held by the Duval County GCD on May 30, 2018.

g. Annual leave request: Garza informed the directors that he would be on annual leave on July 5-6, 2018.

Homero Vera moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve Andy Garza's vacation leave.

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

i. Other: Monica Jacobs, attorney with Kelly Hart, provided some information on GCDs that have rules on brackish groundwater production.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that Monica Jacobs is authorized to provide additional information on rules pertaining to brackish groundwater production.

5. Receive Update on Directors' Election in November, 2018

Leo Villarreal reminded the board that the directors for precincts 1(Homero Vera), 2(Craig Weiland) and 5(Dave Delaney) would be up for reelection in 2018. Villarreal stated that the District would call an election at the July, 2018 meeting and start accepting applications for candidacy July 21, 2018 through August 20, 2018.

6. Review Preliminary Valuations for 2018

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza reviewed the preliminary taxable valuations for 2018. Garza stated that the preliminary valuations for 2018 are approximately \$20 million less than for 2017.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

7. 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.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on July 18, 2018 in Sarita, TX.

8. 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.

9. Receive Report on joint meeting with Brush Country GCD

No directors from the Brush Country GCD were able to attend the meeting.

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