

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

On the 16th day of May, 2018, at 9:00 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
Dave Delaney, Secretary
Craig Weiland, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Felix Saenz, Brush Country GCD
Louie Saenz, Duval County GCD
Monica Jacobs, La Paloma Ranch

Absent:

Homero Vera, Vice-President
Danny Butler, Member

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

2. Public Comments

Monica Jacobs, representing La Paloma Ranch, offered some comments on the current MAG and DFC for the Kenedy County GCD. Ms. Jacobs stated that the current MAG may be too high and could attract the attention of water marketers. Jacobs indicated that she would work with the District during the next MAG and DFC cycle which is currently in its initial stages.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of April 18, 2018 Regular Meeting

President Chuck Burns presented to the Directors the minutes of the April 18, 2018 regular meeting.

Craig Weiland moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the April 18, 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. Region N meeting

d. GMA-16 meeting

e. Brush Country GCD meeting

f. Intera report

g. Drought report

h. Data on artesian pressure

i. Joint GCD meeting; 6/20/2018; Punta del Monte Ranch

j. 2018 taxable values

k. Sarita School

l. Annual leave request

m. News articles

n. 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: Joe Stiles, Kenedy Charitable Trust liaison, regarding a water well that may provide water to the Sarita Cemetery; Terry Walker, Halff Associates rep, regarding utilities in the Highway 77 right-of-way; Louie Longoria, Womack Co. accountant, regarding letters needed to complete the 2017 audit; Laura Rodriguez, executive secretary for TWDB member Kathleen Jackson, regarding Ms. Jackson’s attendance to the District’s June, 2018 meeting at Punta del Monte Ranch and Shaun Grell, J & S Water Well Drilling superintendent, regarding aquifer information in the vicinity of Armstrong, TX.

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

c. Region N meeting: Andy Garza informed the directors that he had attended a Region N meeting in Robstown, TX on May 10, 2018. Garza discussed the highlights of the meeting with the directors.

d. GMA-16 meeting: Garza reported that he had attended a GMA-16 meeting in Falfurrias, TX on April 24, 2018. Garza informed the directors that work on the next cycle for the MAG and DFC will not start in earnest until after the 2019 legislative session. Garza stated the Starr County GCD may be dissolved in the near future.

e. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reviewed the highlights of the meeting held by the Brush Country GCD on April 24, 2018. Garza reported that the Brush Country will be amending some of its rules within the next month or so.

f. Intera report: Garza presented an overview of an interim report entitled “Review of Rio Grande Flow and Transport Model and Potential for Land Subsidence in South Texas” compiled by Steve Young, Intera hydrologist. Young’s report assesses that the LRGV transport model does not adequately simulate land subsidence.

g. Drought report: Garza provided the directors with a report from the U.S. Drought Monitor. Drought conditions are intensifying across a large portion of the state.

h. Data on artesian pressure: Garza presented some data on artesian or hydrostatic pressure for some of the wells being monitored for water levels. Artesian pressures ranged from 163 to 606 PSI. Artesian pressures tend to be higher near the coast where well depths are greater.

i. Joint GCD meeting: 6/20/2018; Punta del Monte Ranch: Garza informed the directors that the joint meeting with the Brush Country GCD will be held on June 20, 2018 at Danny Butler's Punta del Monte Ranch. Kathleen Jackson, TWDB member, has indicated that she will attend the meeting.

j. 2018 taxable values: Garza reviewed the 2018 estimate taxable values for Kenedy and Brooks counties.

k. Sarita School: Garza reported that hamburgers will be provided to the students and staff from the Sarita School on May 30, 2018.

l. Annual leave request: Garza informed the directors that he would be on annual leave on May 24-25, 2018 to assist with the Lions state convention being held in Corpus Christi, TX.

Craig Weiland moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the leave request for Andy Garza

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

n. Other: There was nothing to report.

5. Discuss & Act on Approving Revised Cost-Sharing Interlocal Participation Agreement for GMA-16

Andy Garza reported that the Cost-Sharing Interlocal Participation Agreement for GMA-16 had been amended at the last meeting and required approval by the Board.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the revised Cost-Sharing Interlocal Participation Agreement for GMA-16.

6. Discuss & Act on an Order Calling the November 6, 2018 Election Regarding the Board of Directors for Precincts 2, 3 and 5

Leo Villarreal informed the board that directors from Precincts 2(Craig Weiland), 3(Chuck Burns) and 5(Dave Delaney) will up for reelection in 2018. Villarreal stated that applications for candidacy will be accepted in August, 2018

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.

Craig Weiland moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 10:00 AM on June 20, 2018 at the Punta de Monte Ranch.

8. Discuss & Act on Payment Bills

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

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

9. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 AM.

David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:

Chuck Burns, President