

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

On the 23rd day of October, 2020, at 9:00 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held in the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom.

Directors present:

Chuck Burns, President
Homero Vera, Vice-President
Dave Delaney, Secretary (via telephone)
Danny Butler, Member
Craig Weiland, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Mary Sahs, Legal Counsel
Dr. Venki Uddameri, Hydrologist
Louie Pena, Brush Country GCD (via telephone)
Monica Jacobs, La Paloma Ranch (via telephone)
Verl Cash, King Ranch, Inc.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chuck Burns, President, a quorum being present, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of September 16, 2020 Regular Meeting

President Chuck Burns presented to the Directors the minutes of the September 16, 2020 regular meeting.

Homero Vera moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the September 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes be accepted as presented.

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

- a. Communications**
- b. Well registrations**
- c. Brush Country GCD meeting**
- d. Duval County GCD meeting**
- e. TAGD quarterly meeting**
- f. Webinar: proposed GAM for GMA-16 and 16**
- g. GMA-16 meeting**

h. Annual letter to drillers

i. News articles

j. Other

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's September, 2020 meeting, he had communicated with Norma Zavala, Kenedy County tax, regarding paperwork associated with the certification of the 2020 tax roll; Dr. Jerry Shi, groundwater modeler with the TWDB, regarding a request for additional time to submit comments on the proposed GAM; Monica Jacobs, legal counsel for La Paloma Ranch, regarding formulation of comments pertaining to the proposed GAM; Sean Sahs regarding the downloading of data in the District's database; Lisa Hernandez, Border Patrol clerk, regarding the inspection of a backflow meter on a water well; Antonio Quintanilla, Hidalgo County appraisal district representative, regarding the Kenedy County GCD's 2020 tax rate and Adalberto Garza, interim General Manager of the Starr County GCD, regarding the request of a meeting with Andy Garza to review GCD operational procedures that are currently in use.

b. Well registrations: Garza reported that the District had not received any paperwork on new or replacement wells.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza informed the Directors that he had attended a meeting of the Brush Country GCD on September 22, 2020 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting with the Directors.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Duval County GCD has scheduled a meeting for October 28, 2020 and that he would attend that meeting.

e. TAGD quarterly meeting: Garza informed the Directors that he had attended virtually a quarterly TAGD meeting on Sept. 29, 2020. Garza reviewed the highlights of the meeting with the Directors.

f. Webinar: proposed GAM for GMA-15 and 16: Garza reported that he had participated virtually in a webinar in which the conceptual portion of the proposed GAM was discussed in detail by Dr. Jerry Shi of the Texas Water Development Board.

g. GMA-16 meeting: Garza stated that he would be attending a GMA-16 meeting in Falfurrias, TX on Oct. 27, 2020.

h. Annual letter to drillers: Garza shared with the Directors a copy of the letter that is mailed annually to water well drillers and pump installers.

i. News articles: Garza handed out news articles pertinent to groundwater issues.

j. Other: Garza provided the Directors with a copy of the first report ever issued by the Interregional Planning Council whose membership consists of representatives from each of the 16 regional water planning areas in Texas.

5. Hold Work Session and Act, If Necessary, on HB 722 Rule Amendments Regarding Brackish Groundwater Production Permits

Mary Sahs and Dr. Uddameri led a comprehensive discussion on revised production well classes in a brackish groundwater production zone (BGPZ), outside a BGPZ and in the Burkeville and Jasper formations as proposed by Monica Jacobs.

No action was needed and none was taken.

6. Discuss and Act on Mary Sahs' Legislative Activities Report

Mary Sahs provided the Directors with a copy of her most current Legislative Activities report. Sahs indicated that not much was happening in terms of legislative activities.

Craig Weiland moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the Legislative Activities report from Mary Sahs as presented.

7. Discuss & Act, If Necessary, to Approve Comments on New GAM

Dr. Uddameri made a powerpoint presentation on the conceptual model of the proposed GAM currently being developed by the TWDB. Dr. Uddameri discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed GAM and will formulate comments to that effect that will be submitted to the TWDB in November, 2020.

No action was needed and none was taken.

8. Discuss & Act to Renew TAGD Membership for 2020

Andy Garza recommended to the Directors that the Kenedy County GCD renew its 2021 Texas Alliance of Groundwater District membership at the cost of \$1,080.00.

Homero Vera moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to renew District membership for 2021 in the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts membership for 2010 for the cost of \$1,080.00.

9. Discuss & Act to Approve Amendments Regarding the 2020

Andy Garza and Leo Villarreal recommended the following line item amendments to the 2020 budget:

1. \$3000 to "legal" from "contingency";
2. \$1000 to "legal" from "directors' continuing education";
3. \$1500 to "legal" from "election costs";
4. \$1500 to legal" from "equipment";
5. \$1000 to "legal" from "public education brochure";
6. \$1000 to "audit" from "well monitoring" and
7. \$500 to "audit" from "water test/lab".

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the line item amendments to the 2020 budget as presented.

10. Discuss & Act to Approve 3rd Quarter Investment Report

Leo Villarreal provided the 3rd quarter investment report to the Directors. Villarreal reported that as of Sept. 30, 2020, the checking account balance was \$220,093.36 and the Texas CLASS investment balance stood at \$532,121.48.

Craig Weiland moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion: the motion passed unanimously to approve the 3rd quarter investment as presented by 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.

Homero Vera moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular board meeting at 9:00 AM on November 18, 2020 in Sarita, TX.

12. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for October, 2020

Chuck Burns presented the bills from October, 2020 to the Directors for consideration and payment.


Homero Vera moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to officially approve the October, 2020 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 1:30 PM.

David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Chuck Burns, President