

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

On the 18th day of December, 2020, at 10:30 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held in the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom. Both a phone number, 866-899-4679, and an access code, 728376517, were provided for those who desired to participate in the meeting via telephone.

**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  
Louie Pena, Brush Country GCD  
Monica Jacobs, La Paloma Ranch (via telephone)  
George Gonzalez, Duval County GCD  
Verl Cash, King Ranch, Inc.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chuck Burns, President, with a quorum being present, called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

**2. Public Comments**

No public comments were offered.

**3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of November 18, 2020 Regular Meeting**

President Chuck Burns presented to the Directors the minutes of the November 18, 2020 regular meeting.

Craig Weiland moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the November 18, 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 virtual special meeting**

- f. GMA-16 meeting**
- g. Water use reports for 2020**
- h. Comments on GAM**
- i. 4-H Water Ambassadors Program**
- j. District copier**
- k. Leave request**
- l. News articles**
- m. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's November, 2020 meeting, he had communicated with Guero Dieterle, Assistant Ranch Manager for the Kenedy Memorial Foundation, regarding salinity levels in water samples; Lonnie Stewart, GMA-16 Vice-President, regarding comments on the proposed GAM; Kathleen Hoover, Office Manager for Frank Yturria Estate, regarding drilling depths for water wells in the vicinity of the Yturria Ranch; and Peggy Hunke, TCEQ Representative, regarding a new form that the Kenedy County GCD needed to complete after the 2020 election.

b. Well registrations: Garza reported that the District did not receive any paperwork on wells since the last meeting.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza informed the Directors that he had attended a meeting of the Brush Country GCD on December 1, 2020. Garza stated that Louie Pena will be the new General Manager effective January 1, 2021.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza reported that he had attended a meeting of the Duval County GCD on November 24, 2020 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting with the Directors.

e. TAGD virtual special meeting: Garza informed the Directors that he had participated in a virtual special meeting of TAGD on December 2, 2020 to discuss the amicus brief that the Neches and Trinity Valleys GCD has requested.

f. GMA-16 meeting: Garza reported that GMA-16 will meet on January 28, 2021 at which time a draft copy of the Explanatory Report will be reviewed.

g. Water use reports for 2020: Garza informed the Directors that a letter was mailed to permittees and temporary rig supply users requesting 2020 water use reports.

h. Comments on GAM: Garza reported that he had signed the letter that Dr. Uddameri had prepared regarding comments addressed to the TWDB on the proposed GAM.

i. 4-H Water Ambassadors Program: Garza shared with the Directors a letter from the 4-H Water Ambassadors Program thanking the Kenedy County GCD for its financial support to their program.

j. District copier: Garza informed the Directors that the office copier had been repaired in Corpus Christi, TX.

k. Leave request: Garza submitted a request for annual leave for December 28-29, 2020.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the leave request from Andy Garza for December 28-29, 2020.

l. News articles: Garza shared with the Directors news articles pertinent to groundwater issues.

m. Other: There was nothing to report.

#### **5. Receive Legislative Report from State Representative Ryan Guillen**

State Representative Ryan Guillen updated the Directors on the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas legislative session that begins on January 12, 2021. Guillen gave his perspectives on the following: 1) naming of a new Speaker of the House, 2) FY 22-23 budget, 3) redistricting based on the 2020 census, and 4) conducting a legislative session during a pandemic.

Being that this item was only for informational purposes, no vote was needed and none was taken.

#### **6. Discuss and Act to Approve Financial Support for Amicus Brief for Case Involving The Neches and Trinity Valleys GCD**

Andy Garza informed the Directors that the Neches and Trinity Valleys GCD had requested an amicus brief from TAGD relative to a court case in which the GCD's rules were being challenged. TAGD is requesting pledges to cover the cost for the amicus brief which has been estimated to be approximately \$5,000.00. Andy Garza recommended to the Directors that the Kenedy County GCD pledge \$250.00 to cover the cost of the amicus brief.

Homero Vera moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously for the Kenedy County GCD to pledge \$250.00 for the amicus brief requested by the Neches and Trinity Valleys GCD.

#### **7. Discuss and Act on Mary Sah's Legislative Activities Report**

Mary Sah's informed the General Manager that there was nothing to report relative to legislative activities.

No vote was needed and none was taken.



**8. Discuss & Act to Approve 2020 Mileage Reimbursements for Chuck Burns, Danny Butler And Leo Villarreal**

Leo Villarreal reported that 2020 mileage reimbursements for Chuck Burns in the amount of \$634.80, Danny Butler in the amount of \$414.00 and Leo Villarreal in the amount of \$303.60 needed approval from the Directors.

Homero Vera moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the 2020 mileage reimbursements for Chuck Burns, Danny Butler and Leo Villarreal as presented to the Directors.

**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.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular board meeting at 9:00 AM on January 20, 2021 in Sarita, TX.

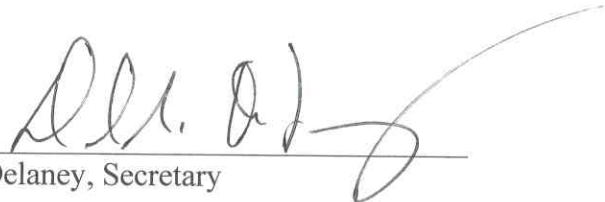
**10. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for December, 2020**

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

Homero Vera moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to officially approve the December, 2020 bills as presented.

**11. 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.

  
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David Delaney, Secretary

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Chuck Burns, President