

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

On the 15th day of July, 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
Danny Butler, Member
Craig Weiland, Member (via telephone)

Also present:

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chuck Burns, President, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of June 17, 2020 Regular Meeting

President Chuck Burns presented to the Directors the minutes of the June 17, 2020 regular meeting.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the June 17, 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. GMA-16 meeting**
- f. 2020 Texas Groundwater Summit**

- g. Summer water level measurements**
- h. Directors' photos**
- i. News articles**
- j. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's meeting in June, 2020, he had communicated with Julia Guido, Kleberg County landowner, regarding a water chemistry test on her new well and George Gondola, Hidalgo County Appraisal District agent, regarding their revamped website and how to access information from it.

b. Well registrations: Garza reported that the District did not register any wells during the last month.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Brush Country GCD had cancelled their June, 2020 meeting.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza informed the Directors that the Duval County GCD had held a meeting on June 24, 2020, and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

e. GMA-16 meeting: Garza informed the Directors that GMA-16 will hold a meeting on July 28, 2020 in Falfurrias, TX.

f. 2020 Texas Groundwater Summit: Garza reported that the 2020 Texas Groundwater Summit hosted by TAGD and scheduled for September 1-3, 2020 will be a virtual meeting because of the pandemic.

g. Summer water level measurements: Garza informed the Directors that he will be begin summer water level measurements on July 22, 2020.

h. Directors photos: Garza took photos of the Directors that need to be posted on the District's website.

i. News articles: Garza provided the Directors with news articles pertinent to groundwater issues.

j. Other: There was nothing to report.

5. Conduct Work Session on HB 722 Rule Amendments Regarding Brackish Groundwater Production Permits

Mary Sahs reviewed draft HB 722 rule amendments which included revised production well classes, well construction standards, revised production limits, subsidence and proposed rule #14 which will address production permits from brackish groundwater production zones.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

6. Executive Session: Pursuant to TX Gov't Code, Sec. 551-071, Consultation With Attorney on HB 722 Rule Amendments Regarding Brackish Groundwater Production Permits

Leo Villarreal and Mary Sahs advised the Directors that there was no need to hold an executive session.

7. Open Session: Discuss & Act on Matters Addressed in Executive Session

Because it was determined that there was no need for an executive session, no action was needed and none was taken in open session.

8. Discuss & Act on Formal Proposal and Scheduling a Hearing on HB 722 Rule Amendments Regarding Brackish Groundwater Production Permits

Mary Sahs and Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that they were not ready to schedule a hearing on HB 722 rule amendments regarding brackish groundwater production permits.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to table this item until further notice.

9. Discuss & Act on Mary Sahs' Proposal to Fund Her Services in 2021

Andy Garza and Leo Villarreal reviewed with the Directors a proposal from Mary Sahs to fund her services which would include both rulemaking and legislative coverage in 2021.

Dave Delaney moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to allocate \$9,000.00 in budget year 2021 to cover legislative services provided by Mary Sahs at a rate of \$1,500.00 per month during the months of January-June, 2021.

10. Conduct Preliminary 2021 Budget Workshop

Andy Garza and Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that the preliminary estimated taxable values will generate \$199,660.00 to fund the 2021 budget. They reported that this will be \$20,636.00 less than the amount budgeted for 2020. Dave Delaney stated that at least \$25,00.00 should be budgeted to cover legal expenses in 2021. Leo Villarreal reminded the Directors that the certified values for 2020 have to be reported by July 25, 2020 and that they could be higher than the preliminary values.

No action was needed and none was taken.

11. Discuss & Act on 2020 2nd Quarter Investment Report

Leo Villarreal reported to the Directors that as of June 30, 2020, the District's checking account balance was \$269,206.75 and the investment with Texas Class had a balance of \$531,626.26. Both accounts earned a total of \$1,090.37 in interest during the 2nd quarter of 2020.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the 2020 2nd quarter investment report as presented.

12. Receive Update on Applications for Election of Directors of Precincts 3 & 4 of The Kenedy County GCD

Leo Villarreal reported that candidates could submit applications no earlier than July 18, 2020 and no later than August 17, 2020. Villarreal stated that if only one application for each slot is received, then the election will be cancelled at the August, 2020 GCD meeting.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

13. 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.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular board meeting on August 19, 2020 in Sarita, TX.

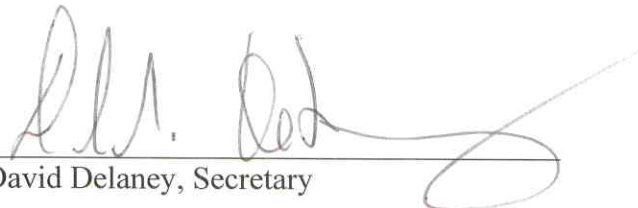
14. Discuss & Act on Payment Bills for July, 2020

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

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to officially approve the July, 2020 bills as presented.


15. 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 12:10 PM.



David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Chuck Burns, President