

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

On the 17th day of June, 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
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
Monica Jacobs, La Paloma Ranch

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of May 20, 2020 Regular Meeting

President Chuck Burns presented to the Directors the minutes of the April 22, 2020 regular meeting.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the May 20, 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 virtual meeting; May 27, 2020**
- f. TAGD brackish GW subcommittee teleconference**
- g. Region N meeting; June 2, 2020**
- h. GMA-16 meeting; June 23, 2020**

- i. Quarterly drought report**
- j. Cybersecurity training**
- k. Letters from auditor**
- l. Proposed 2021 budget for Appraisal District**
- m. Request for updated estimates of exempt groundwater use**
- n. Annual leave request**
- o. News articles**
- p. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's meeting in May, 2020, he had communicated with Luke Womack, accountant, regarding updating the survey that all directors and employees must complete before the GCD audit can be done; George Gonzalez, Duval County GCD general manager, regarding the operation of the Kenedy County GCD and Bud Payne, Kenedy County landowner, regarding a general overview of the operation of the Kenedy County GCD.

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 held a videoconference/teleconference on May 26, 2020, and that he had attended the meeting in person. Garza reviewed the meeting agenda with the Directors.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza informed the Directors that the Duval County GCD had held a meeting on May 27, 2020, and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

e. TAGD quarterly virtual meeting; May 27, 2020: Garza reviewed the highlights of a virtual meeting that TAGD held on May 27, 2020. Garza stated that 61 attendees had participated and considering that it was a virtual event, the meeting had gone very well.

f. TAGD brackish GW subcommittee teleconference: Garza reported that the TAGD brackish water subcommittee had held a teleconference on May 20, 2020 and that the subcommittee is very interested on how the Kenedy County GCD will develop its rules for brackish groundwater production.

g. Region N meeting; June 2, 2020: Garza reviewed with the Directors the highlights of the Region N virtual meeting that was held on June 2, 2020. Garza's report was based on notes taken by Louie Pena from the Brush Country GCD.

h. GMA-16 meeting; June 23, 2020: Garza informed the Directors that the next meeting of GMA-16 will be held in Falfurrias, TX on June 23, 2020.

i. Quarterly drought report: Garza provided the Directors with the drought report from the U.S. Drought Monitor for the 2nd quarter of 2020

j. Cybersecurity training: Garza reported that he submitted the compliance report on behalf of the GCD to the Texas Department of Information Resources

k. Letters from auditor: Garza reminded the Directors that the survey letters from Luke Womack needed to be completed and returned.

l. Proposed 2021 budget for Appraisal District: Garza and Leo Villarreal provided the Directors with a copy of the proposed 2021 budget for the Kenedy County Appraisal District.

m. Request for updated estimates of exempt groundwater use: Garza reported that the TWDB had requested updated estimates on exempt groundwater use in the Kenedy County GCD. Garza stated that Dr. Uddameri will be revising the estimates on exempt groundwater use in the GCD.

n. Annual leave request: Garza informed the Directors that he would taking annual leave on July 1-2, 2020 and asked for approval.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve Andy Garza's request for annual leave for July 1-2, 2020.

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

p. Other: There was nothing to report.

5. Executive Session: Pursuant to TX Gov't Code, Sec. 551-071, Consultation with Attorney Regarding Brackish Water Issues, Including House Bill 722

At 10:05 AM, Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously for the board of directors to go into executive session pursuant to TX Gov't Code, Sec. 551-071, consultation with attorney, regarding brackish water issues, including House Bill 722.

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

At 11:30 AM, Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to return to open session.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to use the production limit of 0.75 acre-inches per acre for the GCML1 brackish zone.

7. Discuss & Act on Renewing Depository Contract with Kleberg Bank

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that the Kenedy County GCD needed to renew its depository contract with the Kleberg Bank.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to renew the Kenedy County GCD's depository with the Kleberg Bank.

8. Conduct 2021 Preliminary Budget Workshop

Andy Garza and Leo Villarreal reviewed with the Directors the current budget and stated that as of now, the 2020 preliminary taxable values would generate about \$60,000.00 less than last year's taxable values. Garza and Villarreal stated that the Kleberg County values need to be adjusted before a preliminary budget can be formulated.

This item was for information only and no vote was needed.

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 a time to be determined on July 15, 2020 in Sarita, TX.

10. Discuss & Act on Payment Bills for June, 2020


Chuck Burns presented the bills from May, 2020 to the Directors for consideration and payment. Leo Villarreal recommended to the Directors that his office be allowed to pay the credit card online to avoid late charges.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to officially approve the June, 2020 bills as presented.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to allow Villarreal's office to pay the credit card bill online.

11. 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 11:55 AM.



David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Chuck Burns, President