

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

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, at 9:00 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held via a teleconference; phone number was 877-568-4106 and access code was 242515213#.

**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

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM, conducted roll call, established a quorum and stated for the record that the teleconference was being held in compliance with guidelines set forth by the offices of the Governor and the Attorney General of Texas as a result of the disaster declaration.

**2. Public Comments**

No public comments were offered.

**3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of April 22, 2020 Regular Meeting**

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

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the April 22, 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 update**

- f. TAGD executive committee teleconference**
- g. TAGD brackish groundwater subcommittee teleconference**
- h. USDA irrigation survey**
- i. Cybersecurity training as per HB 3834; sponsorship for training video**
- j. Pandemic response in Kenedy County**
- k. News articles**
- l. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's meeting in April, 2020, he had communicated with Chris Russell, computer technician, regarding updating the District's laptop computer for use on video conference meetings; George Gonzalez, Duval County GCD General Manager, regarding the permitting process used in the Kenedy County GCD and Joe Stiles, liaison for the Kenedy Charitable Trust, regarding a follow-up water level measurement of a well on Trust property.

b. Well registrations: Garza reported that King Ranch had submitted some paperwork on replacement wells.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Brush Country GCD had held a videoconference/teleconference on April 28, 2020, but was not able to participate because the access code was incorrect.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza informed the Directors that the Duval County GCD had held a videoconference/teleconference on April 28, 2020, and was able to participate for a short period because the audio was very poor.

e. TAGD update: Garza gave the Directors the latest weekly update from TAGD and pointed out that the Kenedy County GCD was listed as one of the sponsors of the cybersecurity training video compiled by TAGD.

f. TAGD executive committee teleconference: Garza reported that he had participated in a teleconference meeting of the TAGD executive committee whereby the Executive Director, Leah Martinsson, was given a job performance evaluation. Garza stated that he had given Ms. Martinsson high marks for her performance for the past year.

g. TAGD brackish groundwater subcommittee teleconference: Garza informed the Directors that this particular subcommittee will meet today and is looking forward to see what brackish groundwater production rules the Kenedy County GCD develops in response to HB 722.

h. USDA irrigation survey: Garza reported that he received input from some directors and the input was incorporated into the irrigation survey before it was submitted to USDA.

i. Cybersecurity training as per HB 3834; sponsorship for training video: Garza informed the Directors that he had completed the cybersecurity training and that TAGD had accepted the \$250 sponsorship for the cybersecurity training video.

j. Pandemic response in Kenedy County: Garza stated that he was tested for the coronavirus on May 10, 2020 in Sarita, TX and the test results were negative.

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

l. Other: There was nothing to report.

#### **5. Receive update on Development of Brackish Groundwater Production Rules**

Andy Garza informed the Directors that Mary Sahs was working on a revision of the original version of proposed brackish groundwater production rules and was looking forward to attending the June, 2020 GCD meeting in person. At that time, both Mary Sahs and Dr. Uddameri will review the proposed rules.

This item was for information only.

#### **6. Discuss & Act on GCD Website Postings Required by Texas Gov't Code, Sec. 2051 and Senate Bill 2**

Leo Villarreal reported to the Directors that as a result of passage of Senate Bill 2 during the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature, all GCDs are required to post on the GCD website items such as budgets, audits, agendas, minutes, bios on Directors, etc. Villarreal stated that he had been working with Robert Williams to ensure that the Kenedy County GCD complies with the requirements outlined in Senate Bill 2.

Homero Vera moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to confirm that the Kenedy County GCD will comply with all website postings required by Senate Bill 2.

#### **7. Discuss & Act on Authorizing Chuck Burns to Sign 2019 Audit Confirmation Letters**

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that Chuck Burns needed authorization to sign the 2019 audit confirmation letters that will be mailed out by the Womack Accounting Firm.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to authorize Chuck Burns to sign the 2019 audit confirmation letters.

**8. Receive Report on Appraisal Districts' Preliminary Taxable Values for 2020**

Andy Garza and Leo Villarreal reviewed with the Directors the preliminary taxable values for the each of the counties included in the Kenedy County GCD. Currently, the preliminary taxable values are about 25% less than the 2019 final taxable values. Garza and Villarreal stated the final 2020 taxable values should increase between now and July 25, 2020, the deadline for reporting final 2020 taxable values.

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

**9. Discuss & Act on 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2020 Investment Report**

Leo Villarreal reported that the investments with Texas CLASS had earned \$2,233.85 in interest during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020 and had a value of \$530,550.24 as of March 31, 2020. Villarreal also reported that the GCD's checking account had a balance of \$300,514.00 as of March 31, 2020.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 2020 investment as presented.

**10. 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 June 17, 2020 in Sarita, TX.

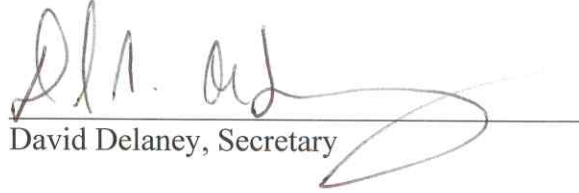
**11. Discuss & Act on Payment Bills for May, 2020.**

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

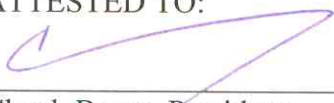
Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to officially approve the May, 2020 bills as presented.

**12. 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 9:40 AM.

  
David Delaney, Secretary

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Chuck Burns, President