

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

On the 18th day of August, 2021, at 1:30 PM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Punta Del Monte Lodge in Southern Kenedy County.

**Directors present:**

Homero Vera, President  
Edward Bordovsky, Vice-President  
Verl Cash, Secretary  
Danny Butler, Member  
Sonny Burns, Member

**Also present:**

Andy Garza, General Manager  
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant  
George Gonzalez, Duval County GCD manager  
Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Homero Vera, President, called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM with a quorum being present.

**2. Public Comments**

Chuck Burns thanked Danny Butler for hosting the meeting and providing a delicious meal.

**3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of July 16, 2021 Regular Meeting**

President Homero Vera presented to the Directors the minutes of the July 16, 2021 regular meeting.

Edward Bordovsky moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the July 16, 2021 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. Starr County GCD meeting**
- f. GMA-16 update**
- g. Texas Groundwater Summit; August 31-Sept. 2, 2021**
- h. Summer, 2021 water level measurements**
- i. Summer, 2021 water chemistry report**
- j. Joint meeting with water well drillers, etc.**
- k. Drought report**
- l. News articles**
- m. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's July, 2021 meeting, he had communicated with Pablo Iuvone, crew leader for Lucainia, regarding the acquisition of water from Kenedy County for repair of the Sarita, TX highway overpass; Pablo Garcia, Lebh Shomea Compound employee, regarding the analysis of a water sample obtained from the compound; Norma Zavala, Kenedy County Tax Office clerk, regarding information on certified taxable values and Allen Law Firm regarding taxing information needed for a house sale in Kingsville, TX.

b. Well registrations: Garza informed the Directors that no water wells had been registered since the last meeting.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza informed the Directors that the Brush Country GCD had met on July 20, 2021 and reported the highlights of the meeting.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Duval County GCD had met on August 11, 2021 and reported the highlights of the meeting.

e. Starr County GCD meeting: Garza informed the Directors that he had attended his first ever meeting of the Starr County GCD on July 29, 2021 and had provided information to the GCD on how the Kenedy County GCD conducts its day to day activities.

f. GMA-16 update: Garza reported to the Directors that the Bee GCD had received negative comments from a particular entity on its proposed Desired Future Condition. Garza stated that the comments will be addressed at the next meeting of GMA-16 in September, 2021.

g. Texas Groundwater Summit; August 31-Sept. 2, 2021: Garza informed the Directors that he would be attending the annual Texas Groundwater Summit on August 31-September 2 in San Antonio, TX.

h. Summer, 2021 water level measurements: Garza reviewed the water level measurements for Summer, 2021 with the Directors. Garza noted that the GCD has collected water level measurements twice per year for 10 years.

i. Summer, 2021 water chemistry report: Garza reviewed water chemistry results from water samples collected in Summer, 2021. Garza noted that these analyses were done in-house.

j. GCD joint meeting with water well drillers, etc.: Garza reported to the Directors that the GCD joint meeting with water well drillers and others held in Falfurrias, TX on July 30, 2021 had been a huge success and gave credit Louie Pena and his assistant.

k. Drought report: Garza provided the Directors with the latest drought report from the U.S. Monitor.

l. News articles: Garza handed out to the Directors news articles relevant to groundwater issues.

m. Other: Garza shared with the Directors some thank you cards that were received from participants in the 4-H Water Ambassadors program. Garza reminded the Directors that the Kenedy County GCD provides financial support to this program.

Sonny Burns moved and Edward Bordovsky seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report.

#### **5. Discuss & Act to Approve Tax Credit Refunds from Kenedy County GCD**

Andy Garza reported to the Directors that the Kenedy County Tax Office has requested that it be reimbursed in the amount of \$400.66 for tax credit refunds paid to property owners for tax years 2019 and 2020. Apparently, certain properties incorrectly were shown as being within the boundaries of the Kenedy County GCD and taxes had been paid to the GCD in 2019 and 2020.

Danny Butler moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to reimburse the Kenedy County Tax Office in the amount of \$400.66 for tax credit refunds paid to certain property owners for tax years 2019 and 2020.

#### **6. Discuss & Act to Designate Kenedy County Tax Office to Calculate No New Revenue Tax Rate and Voter Approval Tax Rate and Any Appropriate Action**

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that the Kenedy County Tax Office had requested that it be designated as the entity to officially calculate the No New Revenue and Voter-Approval tax rates and other appropriate action for the Kenedy County GCD.

Danny Butler moved and Edward Bordovsky seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to designate the Kenedy County Tax Office as the entity to calculate the No New Revenue and Voter-Approval tax rates and other appropriate action for the Kenedy County GCD.

**7. Conduct 2022 Budget and 2021 Tax Rate Workshop**

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza reviewed with the Directors the proposed 2022 budget in the amount of \$219,200.00. Garza stated that the proposed 2022 budget reflected changes to the line items pertaining to appraisal district allocations and contingency.

Villarreal and Garza proceeded to discuss the No-New Revenue and Voter-Approval tax rates as calculated by the Kenedy County Tax Office. Villarreal and Garza emphasized that the proposed 2022 budget was based on the current tax rate of \$0.0128/\$100 of valuation which is lower than the calculated Voter-Approval tax rate of \$0.014331/\$100 of valuation.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

**8. Discuss & Act on Proposed 2022 Budget and Publish Hearing as Required by Law**

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza recommended that the Directors approve the proposed 2022 budget in the amount of \$219,200.00.

Sonny Burns moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the proposed 2022 budget in the amount of \$219,200.00.

**9. Discuss & Act on Proposed 2021 Tax Rate and Publish Hearing as Required by Law**

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza recommended that the Directors approve the proposed 2021 tax rate at \$0.0128/\$100 of valuation which would be the same rate used in 2020.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the proposed 2021 tax rate at \$0.0128/\$100 of valuation.

**10. Discuss & Act on Swearing in Verl Cash as Precinct 5 Director**

Andy Garza conducted the swearing in ceremony of Verl Cash as Director of Precinct 5.

No vote was taken and none was needed.

**11. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular and Special Board Meetings**

Homero Vera informed the Directors that dates were needed to be set for the next regular and special meetings.

Edward Bordovsky moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular at 9:00 AM on September 17, 2021 and the special meeting at 9:00 AM on September 28, 2021 in Sarita, TX.

**12. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for August, 2021**

Homero Vera presented the bills from August, 2021 to the Directors for consideration and payment.

Danny Butler moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills for August, 2021 as presented.

**13. Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Danny Butler moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 2:45 PM.

  
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Verl Cash, Secretary

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Homero S. Vera, President