

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

On the 16th day of July, 2021, 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, 874368429, were provided for those who desired to participate in the meeting via telephone.

Directors present:

Homero Vera, President
Edward Bordovsky, Vice-President
Danny Butler, Member
Charles Burns II, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Monica Jacobs, La Paloma Ranch (via telephone)
Diana Nichols, Kelly Hall Hartman
Louie Pena, Brush Country GCD (via telephone)
Adalberto Garza, Starr County GCD
Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge

Absent:

Verl Cash, Secretary

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Public Comments

No comments were received from the public.

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

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

Edward Bordovsky moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the June 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. AGWT seminar; July 1, 2021**
- f. TCEQ Form 20867**
- g. Schedule orientation for new directors**
- h. Visit from Starr County GCD**
- i. Joint meeting with water well drillers and TDLR**
- j. Premont Chamber of Commerce meeting**
- k. Visit to desalination plant in Brownsville, TX/GCD meeting**
- l. Open Meetings Act suspension update**
- m. News articles**
- n. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's June, 2021 meeting, he had communicated with Phillip Vallalodid, TWDB field technician, regarding sampling of wells on the King Ranch; Antonio Delgado, TWDB program specialist, regarding the 2019 Irrigation Survey that had been lost in the mail; Robert Williams, Kenedy County GCD website coordinator, regarding the posting of the revised District rules on the website; Adalberto Garza, Starr County GCD interim manager, regarding his visit with Homero Vera and Andy Garza to discuss district day to day operations; Guero Dieterle, KMF assistant manager, regarding the collection of a water sample for water chemistry analysis and Raul Montalvo, Kenedy County landowner, regarding procedure for registering water wells with the District.

b. Well registrations: Garza informed the Directors that the District members of the Montalvo/Garcia family will soon be registering both new and existing wells with the District.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza informed the Directors that the Brush Country GCD had met on June 22, 2021 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Duval County GCD had met on June 24, 2021 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

e. AGWT seminar; July 1, 2021: Garza informed the Directors that he had attended a seminar sponsored by the American Ground Water Trust in Austin, TX on July 1, 2021 and reviewed the highlights of the seminar.

f. TCEQ Form 20867: Garza reviewed with the new directors Form 20867 that must be filed with the TCEQ anytime there is a change in Directors or officers.

g. Schedule orientation for new directors: Garza reported that he and Leo Villarreal will be providing orientation to the 3 new directors sometime in August, 2021.

h. Visit from Starr County GCD: Garza stated that he and Homero Vera had visited with the interim manager of the Starr County GCD, Adalberto Garza, and discussed the operation of the Kenedy County GCD.

i. Joint meeting with water well drillers and TDLR: Garza reported that the Kenedy County, Brush Country and Duval County GCDs will host a meeting with water well drillers and TDLR on July 30, 2021 in Falfurrias, TX.

j. Premont Chamber of Commerce meeting; August 19, 2021: Garza informed the Directors that the general managers of the Kenedy County, Brush Country and Duval County GCDs will participate in a panel discussion at a meeting sponsored by the Premont Chamber of Commerce on August 19, 2021 in Premont, TX.

k. Visit to desalination plant in Brownsville, TX/GCD meeting: Garza recommended that the District plan a visit to the Brownsville Desalination Plant and then hold their August, 2021 meeting at the Punta del Monte Camp afterwards.

l. Open Meetings Act suspension: Garza informed the Directors that as of September 1, 2021, all provisions of the Open Meetings Act will be effective and all Texas governmental bodies subject to the Open Meetings Act must conduct their meetings in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act as written in statute.

m. News articles: Various news articles pertinent to groundwater issues were provided to the Directors.

n. Other: There was nothing to report.

Danny Butler moved and Charles Burns II seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report.

5. Discuss & Act to Establish Threshold for Tax Bill Mailouts from Tax Office

Andy Garza and Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that the Kenedy County Tax Office had requested that the Kenedy County GCD establish a threshold on the mailout of tax bills.

Edward Bordovsky moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to establish a threshold of \$5.00 on mailout of tax bills.

6. Review Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2022

Garza reviewed a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2022 based on estimated taxable values. Garza stated that there may not be a need to use carryover funds from 2021 to balance the 2022 budget.

Being a report only, no vote was needed and none was taken.

7. Discuss & Act to Accept Investment Report for 2nd Quarter, 2021

Leo Villarreal presented to the Directors the Investment Report for the 2nd Quarter of 2021. Villarreal reported that the ending balance for the checking account as of June 30, 2021 was \$266,272.21 and the ending balance for the New York Life investment, with a negative change in value of \$7,928.74, was \$205,909.34.

Edward Bordovsky moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the Investment Report for the 2nd Quarter, 2021 as presented.

8. Discuss & Act on Amending Banking Resolution

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that the banking resolution with the Kleberg Bank needed to be amended to reflect the new directors appointed by the District.

Charles Burns II moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to amend the banking resolution with the Kleberg Bank to reflect the new directors appointed by the District,

9. Discuss & Act on Extension of Depository Services Contract with Kleberg Bank

Leo Villarreal reported that the depository services contract with the Kleberg Bank needs to be extended for another 2 years.

Charles Burns II moved and Edward Bordovsky seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to extend the depository services contract with the Kleberg Bank for another 2 years.

10. Discuss & Act on Renewing Investment Policy

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that the district's Investment Policy must be renewed annually as required by law. Leo Villarreal recommended that the current Investment Policy be renewed with the understanding that the policy will be revised in the near future.

Danny Butler moved and Edward Bordovsky seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to renew the current Investment Policy as required by law.

11. Discuss & Act on Swearing in Charles Burns, Jr. as Precinct 3 Director

Homero Vera stated that Charles Burns, Jr. needed to be sworn in as director of Precinct 3. Chuck Burns, former GCD director, conducted the swearing in ceremony.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

12. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Board Meeting

Homero Vera informed the Directors that a date needed to be set for the next regular meeting.

Charles Burns II moved and Edward Bordovsky seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular at 1:30 PM on August 18, 2021 at the Punta Del Monte Camp.

13. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for July, 2021

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

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

14. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Danny Butler moved and Edward Borsdovsky seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 AM.



Verl Cash, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Homero S. Vera, President