

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

On the 19th day of January, 2022, at 10:30 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held in the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom in Sarita, TX.

**Directors present:**

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

**Also present:**

Andy Garza, General Manager  
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant  
Louie Pena, Brush Country GCD manager  
Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge  
Diana Nichols, La Paloma Ranch legal counsel

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Homero Vera, President, called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM with a quorum being present.

**2. Public Comments**

Louie Pena, Brush Country GCD general manager, wished the Directors a happy new year and looked forward to working with them in 2022.

**3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of December 17, 2021 Regular Meeting**

President Homero Vera presented to the Directors the minutes of the December 17, 2021 regular meeting.

Sonny Burns moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the minutes of the December 17, 2021 regular meeting be approved 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. Region N meeting**
- f. Region M meeting**
- g. TAGD quarterly meeting; February 8-9, 2022**
- h. Update 2021 water use reports**
- i. GCD Management Plan revision update**
- j. Kleberg County Appraisal District election results**
- k. News articles**
- l. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's December, 2021 meeting, he had communicated with Heather Dodson, TWDB program specialist, regarding the scheduling of water level measurements on the Encino and Norias divisions of King Ranch; Debby Morales, Region M liaison, regarding the next meeting of Region in Weslaco, TX; Dr. Uddameri, hydrology consultant, regarding the review and revision of the District's management plan and Reyna Guerra, Starr County GCD president, regarding GMA-16 information that her GCD needed.

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

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza informed the Directors that the Brush Country GCD will meet on January 25, 2022.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Duval County GCD will meet on January 26, 2022.

e. Region N meeting: Garza informed the Directors that Region N has rescheduled its January, 2022 meeting to March 3, 2022.

f. Region M meeting: Garza reported that he had been unable to attend the Region M in Weslaco, TX because of a personal conflict, but, was able to obtain meeting notes from Louie Pena.

g. TAGD Quarterly meeting; February 8-9, 2022: Garza informed the Directors that he will be attending the TAGD Quarterly meeting on February 8-9, 2022 in Bee Cave, TX.

h. Update 2021 water use reports: Garza reported that permittees have until January 31, 2022 to submit their 2021 water use reports. Garza indicated that quite a few have been received.

i. GCD Management Plan revision update: Garza stated that he and Dr. Uddameri will initiate work on the plan revision within the next week or so.

j. Kleberg County Appraisal District election results: Garza shared with the Directors the results of the election held by the Kleberg County Appraisal District to elect directors for the current fiscal year.

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

l. Other: None

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

#### **5. Discuss & Act to Approve Kenedy County GCD 2021 Annual Report**

Garza reviewed the highlights of the Kenedy County GCD 2021 Annual Report that is due on January 31 of each year.

Danny Butler moved and Edward Bordovsky seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the Kenedy County GCD 2021 Annual Report as presented by Garza.

#### **6. Discuss & Act to Approve Authorization to Acquire Not to Exceed Costs from Mary Sahs And Dr. Uddameri for Work on Permit and Management Plan**

Andy Garza reported that the Kenedy County GCD will be needing services in 2022 from Mary Sahs for the development of a permit for a wind farm and from Dr. Uddameri for the revision of the GCD management plan. Garza recommended that the District acquire not-to-exceed costs for services from both Mary Sahs and Dr. Uddameri.

Edward Bordovsky moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to authorize Leo Villarreal to acquire not-to-exceed costs from Mary Sahs and Dr. Uddameri for permit development and management plan revision, respectively.

#### **7. Discuss & Act to Approve 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2021 Investment Report**

Leo Villarreal presented to the Directors the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, 2021 investment report. Villarreal reported on the following: 1) balance for the checking account was \$241,543.49 as of December 31, 2021, 2) balance for the New York Life corporate bonds account was \$208,499.95 with an increase of \$766.47 as of January 10, 2022 and 3) balance for the New York Life fixed annuity bonds account was \$322,601.22 with an increase of \$1,199.31 as of January 10, 2022.

Danny Butler indicated that he would like to take a closer look at the corporate bonds account and possibly consider other options. There was consensus from the other Directors. Leo Villarreal stated that he would provide a thorough report on this matter in the next quarterly Investment Report.

Edward Bordovsky moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion: the motion passed unanimously to accept the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, 2021 investment report as presented.

**8. 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.

Danny Butler moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on February 16, 2022 in Sarita, TX.


**9. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for January, 2022**

Homero Vera presented to the Directors the bills for January, 2022 for consideration and payment. Andy Garza stated that Sylvia Villarreal had requested that the credit card payment be made via auto-deduct each month.

Edward Bordovsky moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills for January, 2022 as presented and authorize Sylvia Villarreal to set up credit card payment through auto-deduct.

**10. 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 11:20 AM.

  
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Verl Cash, Secretary

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Homero S. Vera, President