#### THE STATE OF TEXAS

\* GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### COUNTY OF KENEDY

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On the 20th day of July, 2022, at 9:00 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom in Sarita, TX.

### **Directors present:**

Edward Bordovsky, President Verl Cash, Vice-President Esteban Lopez, Secretary Danny Butler, Member

### Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant Louie Pena, Brush Country GCD manager Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge

### **Absent:**

Sonny Burns, Member

## 1. Call Meeting to Order

Edward Bordovsly, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with a quorum being present.

## 2. Public Comments

No comments were received.

## 3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of June 15, 2022 Regular Meeting

President Edward Bordovsly presented to the Directors the minutes of the June 15, 2022 regular meeting.

Danny Butler moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the minutes of the June 15, 2022 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 M meeting
- f. GMA-16 meeting; June 28, 2022
- g. Management Plan update
- h. Attorney search update
- i. Wind farm permit update
- j. Summer, 2022 water level measurements
- k. Thank you letters
- l. 4-H Water Ambassadors program
- m. GCD Directory
- n. News articles
- o. Other

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

- a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's June, 2022 meeting, he had communicated with Drew Satterwhite, GCD general manager, regarding contact information for Kristen Fancher; Jennifer Cuellar, Kenedy County treasurer's office clerk, regarding a lost check issued by Kenedy County GCD; Mark Olden, TWDB field technician, regarding information on the Texas Mesonet program and Daniel Garcia, Brooks County chief appraiser, regarding information on a public hearing pertinent to their budget.
- <u>b. Well registrations</u>: Garza informed the Directors that an application for a well to be drilled on the Kenedy Memorial Foundation had been submitted.
- c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD held its meeting on June 28, 2022 and covered the highlights of the meeting.
- d. <u>Duval County GCD meeting:</u> Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on June 29, 2022 and covered the highlights of the meeting.
- <u>e. Region M meeting</u>; July 6, 2022: Garza reported that he had attended a Region M meeting on July 6, 2022 in Weslaco, TX and covered the highlights of the meeting.
- <u>f. GMA-16 meeting</u>; June 28, 2022: Garza informed the Directors that the GMA-16 joint planning committee had met on June 28, 2022 and readopted the 2022 DFCs through resolution because of some discrepancies noted in the Explanatory Report.
- g. Management Plan update: Garza reported that TWDB had found 5 deficiencies in the Management Plan that was submitted on May 19, 2022. Each of the deficiencies were thoroughly reviewed. Garza stated that he and Dr. Uddameri will correct the deficiencies and submit the Management Plan on a pre-review basis. It was noted the current Management Plan was extended until January, 2023.

- <u>h. Attorney search update:</u> Garza informed the Directors that attorneys Kristen Fancher and Peter Gregg will be interviewed on August 2, 2022.
- <u>i. Wind farm permit update:</u> Garza provided the Directors with draft copy of a permit for the wind farm operated by RWE Renewables on the Kenedy Memorial Foundation. Permit will be finalized at a later date.
- j. Summer, 2022 water level measurements: Garza stated that he would begin the summer, 2022 measurements on July 21, 2022.
- <u>k. Thank you letters:</u> Garza reviewed the thank you letters for Mary Sahs and Homero Vera. Letters were signed by all Directors present.
- <u>1. 4-H Water Ambassadors program:</u> Garza shared with the Directors a thank you letter from an Hidalgo County student who had participated in the 4-H Water Ambassadors program.
  - m. GCD Directory: Garza provided the Directors a revised version of the district directory.
- <u>n. News articles:</u> Garza shared with the Directors news articles pertinent to groundwater issues.
  - o. Other: There was nothing to report.

Verl Cash moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report as presented.

# 5. <u>Discuss & Act to Designate Kenedy County Tax Office, Tax Assessor/Collector Or Chief</u> <u>Deputy to Calculate and Publish the No-New Revenue and Voter Approval Tax Rates</u> <u>For 2022 Until Further Notice and Take Any Appropriate Action</u>

Leo Villarreal discussed the need for the Kenedy County GCD to designate the Kenedy County Tax Office or its designee from the office to calculate and publish the no-new revenue and voter approval tax rates for 2022.

Danny Butler moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to designate the Kenedy County Tax Office or its designee to calculate and publish the no-new revenue and voter approval tax rates for 2022.

## 6. Review Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2023

Andy Garza briefly reviewed the current 2022 budget and stated that a proposed budget for 2023 will be presented at the August, 2022 meeting.

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

# 7. Discuss & Act to Accept Investment Report for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2022

Leo Villarreal provided to the Directors the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2022 investment report which showed the following balances as of June 30, 2022: Checking Account-\$341,245.28; New York Life Annuity-\$324,763.62 and New York Mainstay Investments-\$185,533.20.

Villarreal informed the Directors that the GCD will meet with investment officials at a special meeting on August 2, 2022

Verl Cash moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2022 investment report as presented.

### 8. Receive Update on Election of Directors

Leo Villarreal instructed the Directors of Precincts 1, 2 and 5 to submit their applications for candidacy using July 23, 2022 as the official date of filing. All paperwork was notarized as required.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

## 9. Discuss & Act on Swearing in Esteban Lopez as Precinct 1 Director

Andy Garza administered the Oath of Office to Esteban Lopez who was sworn in as Precinct 1 Director. All required paperwork was signed and notarized.

Verl Cash moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the swearing in of Esteban Lopez as Precinct 1 director.

### 10. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Board Meeting

Edward Bordovsky 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 10:30 AM on August 17, 2022 at the Kenedy County Courthouse in Sarita, TX.

## 11. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for July, 2022

Edward Bordovksy presented to the Directors the bills for July, 2022 for consideration and payment.

Danny Butler moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills for July, 2022 as presented.

## 12. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Danny Butler moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:

Edward Bordovsky, President