

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

On the 16th day of March, 2022, at 9:00 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
Danny Butler, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
George Gonzales, Duval County GCD manager
Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge
Diana Nichols, La Paloma Ranch legal counsel (via telephone)

Absent:

Sonny Burns, Member

1. Call Meeting to Order

Homero Vera, President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM with a quorum being present.

2. Public Comments

Andy Garza informed the Directors and others present that Maggie Castillo, former Administrative Clerk for the Brush Country GCD, had passed away on March 14, 2022. Danny Butler suggested that flowers be sent on behalf of the Kenedy County GCD.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of February 16, 2022 Regular Meeting

President Homero Vera presented to the Directors the minutes of the February 16, 2022 regular meeting.

Edward Bordovsky moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the minutes of the February 16, 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 N meeting**
- f. TAGD Executive Committee Retreat; Feb. 28-March 2, 2022**
- g. Eminent Domain Report**
- h. Texas House interim charges**
- i. Winter 2022 water level measurements**
- j. April, 2022 board meeting location and other details**
- k. Update on 2021 water use report**
- l. Leave request**
- m. News articles**
- n. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's February, 2022 meeting, he had communicated with Justin Cantu, Hacienda Alegre Ranch manager, regarding the scheduling of water level measurements; Bill Lothrop, licensed surveyor, regarding information needed to revise the precinct boundaries for the Kenedy County GCD; Norma Martinez, King Ranch archives clerk, regarding information on water well registered with District; Dr. David Ramirez, TAMUK environmental engineering professor, regarding a letter of support needed for a grant application and Dr. Uddameri, hydrology consultant, regarding the review and revision of the District Management Plan.

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 had met on February 22, 2022 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Duval County GCD had met on February 23, 2022 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

e. Region N meeting: Garza informed the Directors that he had attended the Region N meeting in Robstown, TX and reviewed the highlights of the meeting. Garza added that he had volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to review demand projections for livestock and irrigation.

f. TAGD Executive Committee Retreat; Feb. 28-March 2, 2022: Garza reported that he had attended the annual TAGD Executive Committee retreat at the Fox Hollow Resort in Graham, TX on February 28-March 2, 2022. Garza reviewed the highlights of the retreat with the Directors.

g. Eminent domain report: Garza informed the Directors that he had filed the annual Eminent Domain report with the Texas Comptroller's office.

h. Texas House interim charges: Garza informed the Directors that the Texas House of Representatives had released its interim charges for 2022. Garza stated that one of the charges does pertain to groundwater.

i. Winter, 2022 water level measurements: Garza reviewed with the Directors the winter, 2022 water level measurements. Garza stated that the District has been collecting data on water level measurements for the last 10 years.

j. April, 2022 board meeting location and other details: Garza informed the Directors that a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed amended Management Plan needs to be scheduled as part of the regular meeting to be held in April, 2022.

k. Update on 2021 water use report: Garza reported that he had visited with Willis Tinsley and Verl Cash regarding the water use amounts that were reported by King Ranch for 2021. Garza stated that he will be visiting with Tinsley and Cash again for a follow-up.

l. Leave request: Garza stated that he would not be requesting leave at this time.

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

n. Other: Garza reviewed with the Directors correspondence that he had with Dr. Uddameri and also informed them about the current membership of the Kenedy County Appraisal District.

Danny Butler moved and Edward Bordovsky seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report including the scheduling of a public hearing in April, 2022 to receive comments on the proposed amended Management Plan.

5. 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 10:30 AM on April 19, 2022 in Sarita, TX.

6. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for March, 2022

Homero Vera presented to the Directors the bills for March, 2022 for consideration and payment.

Danny Butler moved and Edward Bordovsky seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills for March, 2022 as presented.

7. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Verl Cash moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 9:52AM.



Verl Cash, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Homero S. Vera, President