

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

On the 17th day of November, 2022, at 10:30 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at Kenedy Memorial Foundation Carriage House in Sarita, TX.

Directors present:

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

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Louie Pena, Brush Country GCD manager
George Gonzalez, Duval County GCD manager
Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge

1. Call Meeting to Order

Edward Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

No comments were received.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of October 19, 2022 Regular Meeting

President Edward Bordovsky presented to the Directors the minutes of the October 19, 2022 regular meeting.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the minutes of the October 19, 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. GMA-16 update**
- f. Drought report**
- g. Region N newsletter**
- h. Desal plant visit for January, 2023**
- i. GCD maps**
- j. Need for records storage space**
- k. GCD board photo**
- l. Thanksgiving dinner for needy family in Sarita, TX**
- m. Halloween activity for Sarita School students**
- n. News articles**
- o. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's October, 2022 meeting, he had communicated with Kristen Fancher, Kenedy County GCD legal counsel, regarding the possibility of attending our GCD meeting in December, 2022; Stan Floyd, Kenedy County landowner, regarding the availability of cost-share assistance for a new water well; Robert Schmidt, Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD clerk, regarding cost-share assistance for water wells; Ricardo Chapa, TSSWCB regional manager, regarding cost-share assistance for water wells; Adalberto Garza, Starr County GCD assistant, regarding an Agrilife Extension meeting being held in San Isidro, TX; Sean Sahs, database specialist, regarding downloading data in GCD database and Cale Applegate, Big Horn Ranch manager, regarding the registration of a new water well.

b. Well registrations: Garza informed the Directors that he will be working with Cale Applegate to register a new water well on the Big Horn Ranch.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD had met on October 25, 2022 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on October 26, 2022 and covered the highlights of the meeting.

e. GMA-16 Update: Garza reported that GMA-16 had posted a Request for Qualifications for hydrology specialists.

f. Drought report: Garza shared with the Directors the latest drought report from the U.S. Drought Monitor.

g. Region N newsletter: Garza handed out to the Directors the latest Region N newsletter.

h. Desal plant visit for January, 2023: Garza reported that he will try to schedule the visit to the Brownsville, TX desal plant on the second Tuesday of January, 2023.

i. GCD maps: Garza provided the Directors with Google-based maps showing the Kenedy County GCD precinct boundaries.

j. Need for records storage space: Garza reported that the Kenedy County GCD will be needing additional records storage space in the near future. Danny Butler suggested that this item be considered at the December, 2022 meeting.

k. GCD board photo: Garza took a photo of the Directors needed for the GCD's website.

l. Halloween activity for Sarita School students: Garza informed the Directors that he handed out about 90 bags of chips to the students.

m. Thanksgiving dinner for needy family in Sarita, TX: Garza recommended that the Kenedy County GCD provide a needy family in Sarita, TX with the items needed to prepare a Thanksgiving meal at a cost not to exceed \$100.00.

n. News articles: Garza handed out news article pertinent to groundwater issues.

o. Other: There was nothing to report.

Danny Butler moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report and approve the Thanksgiving dinner to a needy family at a cost not to exceed \$100.00.

5. Discuss & Act on Approving 2022 Budget Amendments

Andy Garza recommended the following budget amendments: transfer \$3,000.00 from "Well Monitoring" to "Audit", transfer \$200.00 from "Public Education Brochure" to "Bank Charges", transfer \$400.00 from "Public Education Brochure" to "Dues and Subscriptions" and transfer \$200.00 from "Public Education Brochure" to "Office Telephone".

Esteban Lopez moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the 2022 budget amendments as recommended by Andy Garza.

6. Discuss & Act on Adopting Records Management Policy for Kenedy County GCD

Andy Garza presented to the Directors a Records Management Policy based on a template provided by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and asked for its approval along with Forms SLR 504 and SLR 508. Garza stated that the General Manager will serve as the Records Management Officer for the GCD.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the Records Management Policy as presented.

7. Discuss & Act on Authorizing Kristen Fancher to Review RWE Permit Application

Andy Garza reported that in the past Mary Sahs had written all the permits for the Kenedy County GCD and suggested that Kristen Fancher be authorize to review the permit currently being written for the RWE wind farm. Garza stated that this would give Mrs. Fancher the opportunity to familiarize herself with district rules and permits.

Verl Cash moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to authorize Kristen Fancher to review the permit being written for the RWE wind farm.

8. Discuss & Act on Authorizing Edward Bordovsky and Andy Garza to Sign the John Womack & Co., P.C. 2021 Audit Engagement Letter

As per Leo Villarreal, Andy Garza informed the Directors that the John Womack & Co., P.C. needed for Edward Bordovsly and Andy Garza to sign the 2021 audit engagement letter.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to authorize Edward Bordovsky and Andy Garza to sign the 2021 audit engagement letter as requested by the John Womack & Co., P.C.

9. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky informed the Directors that a date needed to be set for the next regular meeting.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 10:30 AM on December 21, 2022 at the Kenedy County Appraisal District's Hearings Room in Sarita, TX.

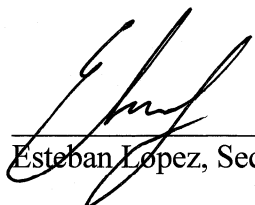
10. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for November, 2022

Edward Bordovsky presented to the Directors the bills for November, 2022 for consideration and payment.

Esteban Lopez moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills for November, 2022 as presented.


11. 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 11:30 AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Edward Bordovsky, President