

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

On the 16th day of September, 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 Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

No comments were received.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of August 17, 2022 Regular Meeting

President Edward Bordovsky presented to the Directors the minutes of the August 17, 2022 regular meeting.

Danny Butler moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the minutes of the August 17, 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. Texas Groundwater Summit; San Antonio, TX**
- f. Annual letter to water well drillers and installers**
- g. Mesonet weather station**
- h. Board photo**
- i. News articles**
- j. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's August, 2022 meeting, he had communicated with Peter Gregg, legal counsel, regarding his interview with the District; Diana Munguia, Nueces County elections clerk, regarding the posting of an election order; Richard Guerra, Jim Wells County elections administrator, regarding the posting of an election order; Dr. Uddameri, hydrology consultant, regarding an update on our management plan and his new position at Lamar University; Belle Gonzalez, TWDB specialist, regarding the 2020 irrigation survey and Marco Castillo, Kenedy Memorial Foundation representative, regarding the reporting of water usage for a temporary rig supply well.

b. Well registrations: Garza informed the Directors that no well registrations had been submitted since the last meeting.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD had met on August 23, 2022 and review the highlights of the meeting.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on August 25, 2022 and covered the highlights of the meeting.

e. Texas Groundwater Summit; San Antonio, TX: Garza reported that he and Esteban Lopez had attended the Texas Groundwater Summit on August 30-September 1, 2022 in San Antonio, TX. The highlights of the summit were shared with the Directors.

f. Annual letter to water well drillers and installers: Garza shared with the Directors an educational letter that is sent annually to water well drillers and pump installers as per the District's Management Plan.

g. Mesonet weather station: Garza reported that he and Esteban Lopez had been able to schedule a visit from the TWDB to Kenedy County to discuss the mesonet weather station program with County Judge Chuck Burns. Garza informed the Directors that a weather station will be installed in Kenedy County in the near future.

h. Board photo: Garza stated that a photo of the Directors is needed for the website.

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

j. Other: Garza reported that he had virtually attended an interim meeting of the House Natural Resources Committee on August 24, 2022.

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

5. Discuss & Act on Providing Drinks for Sarita Block Party on October 4, 2022

Andy Garza recommended that the District provide bottled water and soft drinks for the annual National Night Out party that will be held in Sarita, TX on October 4, 2022.

Verl Cash moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to have the District provide bottled water and soft drinks for the National Night Out party.

6. Discuss & Act on Engagement Letter from Kristen Fancher

Edward Bordovsky informed the Directors that a Letter of Engagement from Kristen Fancher needed approval. Verl Cash wanted to be reassured that Leo Villarreal was satisfied with the letter.

Verl Cash moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the Letter of Engagement from attorney Kristen Fancher.

7. Discuss & Act on Signing Banking Resolution and Bank Signature Card to Add Esteban Lopez as Signatory on Kenedy County GCD Bank Account

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors of the need to sign and approve a Banking Resolution and a bank Signature Card to add Esteban Lopez as a signatory on the District's checking account with Kleberg Bank

Danny Butler moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to sign and approve a Banking Resolution and the Signature Card to add Esteban Lopez as a signatory on the District's checking account with Kleberg Bank.

8. Hold Public Hearing on Proposed 2023 Budget

Edward Bordovsky, at 9:12 AM, opened the public hearing and asked for comments on the proposed 2023 budget from the public. No comments were offered. The public hearing closed at 9:14 AM.

9. Discuss & Act on Adoption of 2023 Budget

Edward Bordovsky informed the Directors that the proposed 2023 budget had been reduced by \$1,110.00 to \$233,835.00 because of a correction in the taxable values that Willacy County had submitted to the Kenedy County Tax Office.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to adopt the 2023 budget in the amount of \$233,835.00.

10. Hold Public Hearing on Proposed 2022 Tax Rate

Edward Bordovsky, at 9:15 AM, opened the public hearing and asked for comments from the public on the 2022 proposed tax rate of \$0.011865 per \$100.00 valuation. No comments were offered. The public hearing closed at 9:16 AM.

11. Discuss & Act on Adoption of 2022 Tax Rate

Edward Bordovsky reviewed with the Directors the proposed 2022 tax rate and recommended a tax rate of \$0.011865 per \$100.00 valuation.

Verl Cash moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to adopt a tax rate of \$0.011865 per \$100.00 valuation for 2022.

12. Discuss & Act to Confirm Date for Special Meeting to Certify 2022 Tax Roll

President Bordovsky informed the Directors that a date and time for special meeting to certify 2022 tax roll needed to be set.

Esteban Lopez moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold a special meeting to certify the 2022 tax roll at 9:00 AM on September 28, 2022 in Sarita, TX.

13. 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.

Danny Butler moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on October 19, 2022 at the Kenedy County Courthouse in Sarita, TX.

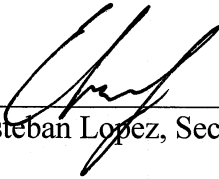
14. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for September, 2022

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

Danny Butler moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills for September, 2022 as presented.

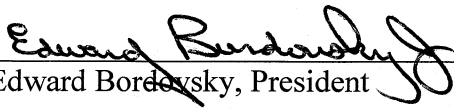
15. Adjournment

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 9:55 AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Edward Boretsky, President