

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

COUNTY OF KENEDY

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OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 20th day of April, 2023, at 10:30 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Punta Del Monte Lodge in southern Kenedy County.

Directors present:

Edward Bordovsky, President

Verl Cash, Vice-President

Esteban Lopez, Secretary

Sonny Burns, Member

Danny Butler, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

George Gonzalez, Duval County GCD manager

Kristen Fancher, GCD legal counsel

Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge

Sylvia Villarreal, Administrative Clerk

1. Call Meeting to Order

Edward Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 10:40 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

Andy Garza welcomed Kristen Fancher to the meeting.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of March 15, 2023 Regular Meeting

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2023 regular meeting 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. Starr County GCD meeting

f. GMA-16 meeting

g. Legislative report

h. 4-H Water Ambassadors Program

i. Walk Across Texas program

- j. Leave request**
- k. News articles**
- l. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's March, 2023 meeting, he had communicated with Joe Stiles, Kenedy Charitable Trust liaison, regarding the purchase of a flowmeter; Annick Maddox, TAGD program specialist, regarding information needed from the Starr County GCD and Benjamin King, TXDOT representative, regarding the availability of water for landscaping project on Highway 77 north of Raymondville, TX.

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

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD had met on March 28, 2023 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on March 29, 2023 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

e. Starr County GCD meeting: Garza informed the Directors that the Starr County GCD had met on March 23, 2023 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

f. GMA-16 meeting: Garza reported that GMA-16 had met on March 28, 2023 and took action to hire Intera as the consultant for the next DFC cycle once the bank balance reaches \$30,000.00

g. Legislative report: Garza gave an overview of the current legislative session and reviewed bills pertinent to groundwater that have been filed.

h. 4-H Water Ambassadors program: Garza shared with the Directors a thank you letter received from the 4-H Water Ambassadors program for the donation made by the GCD.

i. Walk Across Texas program: Garza reviewed his participation in the Walk Across Texas program whereby several teams from Sarita, TX competed for miles logged.

j. Leave request: Garza requested annual leave for April 24-25, 2023.

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

l. Other: There was nothing to report.

Danny Butler moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report including Garza's request for annual leave on April 23-25, 2023.

5. Discuss & Act on Approving Cost-Sharing Interlocal Participation Agreement With GMA-16

Andy Garza reported the need for the Kenedy County GCD to approve a Cost-sharing Interlocal Participation Agreement that calls for a \$5000.00 contribution to GMA-16 to cover the cost for hiring a consultant for the next DFC cycle. Garza explained that this contribution is made every 5 years.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the Cost-sharing Interlocal Participation Agreement and make a \$5000.00 contribution to GMA-16 for the purpose of hiring a consultant for the next DFC cycle.

6. Discuss & Act on Approving Revised 2021 GCD Audit Report

Leo Villarreal recommended that the revised 2021 GCD audit report be approved as presented. Villarreal stated that all cash deposits and investments of the Kenedy County GCD are fully collateralized.

Verl Cash moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the revised 2021 GCD audit report.

7. Discuss & Act on 1st Quarter, 2023 Investment Report

Leo Villarreal provided a report on the GCD's public funds investments with the following balances as of March 31, 2023: Checking account-\$378,863.20, Corporate bonds-\$198,401.29 and Annuity fund-\$329,250.08.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the 1st Quarter, 2023 investment report.

8. Discuss & Act on Designating GCD Director as Contact for New York Life

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that former director Homero Vera's name is still appearing on correspondence from New York Life. Villarreal stated that in the past the board president has been designated as the GCD contact with New York Life.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to designate Edward Bordovsky as the GCD contact with New York Life.

9. Receive Report from Kristen Fancher

Kristen Fancher thanked the Directors for the invitation to attend the meeting and proceeded to report on various groundwater-related bills that have been introduced this legislative session and how they may impact GCDs if they become law.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

10. Receive Report Regarding Consolidation of Polling Places for Precincts 3 & 4 At Sheriff's Substation in Norias, TX

Leo Villarreal and County Judge Chuck Burns reported that all eligible voters from precincts 3 and 4 who previously voted at the Armstrong Post Office or the Norias King Ranch colony will now vote at the Kenedy County Sheriff's substation located in Norias, TX. Both explained that half of the substation will be in precinct 3 and the other half will be in precinct 4.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

11. Receive Report on Availability of Property for Proposed GCD Building in Sarita, TX

Leo Villarreal reported to the Directors that he has not been able to make contact with the CEO of the Kenedy Memorial Foundation to check on the availability of Foundation property for the proposed GCD building.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

12. 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 9:00 AM on May 17, 2023 at the Kenedy County Courthouse in Sarita, TX.

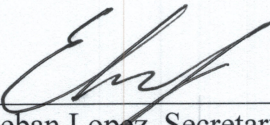
13. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for April, 2023

Edward Bordovsky presented to the Directors the bills for April, 2023 for consideration and payment. Leo Villarreal recommended that another check be issued to bring the total amount paid to GMA-16 to \$5000.00.

Esteban Lopez moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills for April, 2023 as presented and issuing another check to make the amount paid to GMA-16 equal \$5000.00.

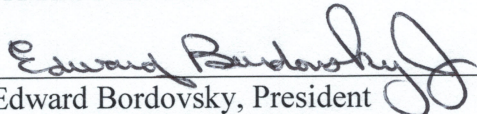
14. Adjournment

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 11:45 AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:


Edward Bordovsky, President