

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

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023, at 9:00 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom in Sarita, TX.

**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  
Louie Pena, Brush Country GCD manager  
Sylvia Villarreal, Administrative Clerk

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Edward Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

**2. Public Comments**

Louie Pena, General Manager of the Brush Country GCD, thanked the Directors for co-sponsoring the meal served at the seminar for water well drillers, pump installers and apprentices held on June 8, 2023 in Falfurrias, TX.

**3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the May 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 17, 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 update**
- f. Region N meeting; May 18, 2023**



- g. TAGD quarterly meeting; June 6-7, 2023**
- h. Legislative report**
- i. Permit update**
- j. Training seminar for water well drillers, installers, apprentices, etc.**
- k. Texas Well Owner Network schedule for Kenedy and Kleberg counties**
- l. Auditor's letter sent to directors and staff**
- m. Annual leave request**
- n. News articles**
- o. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's May, 2023 meeting, he had communicated with Jacob Hart, representative for Occidental, regarding a presentation to the GCD board on proposed DAC project on King Ranch; Frank Escobedo, Kleberg-Kenedy county agent, regarding the schedule for the TWON program; Lonnie Stewart, GMA-16 Vice-President, regarding information needed for the next GMA-16 meeting and Adalberto Garza, Starr County GCD liaison, regarding the future of the Starr GCD.

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 May 23, 2023 in Falfurrias, TX and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on June 2, 2023 in Benavides, TX and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

e. Starr County GCD update: Garza informed the Directors that the Starr County GCD has not met since April, 2023 and reminded the Directors that the GCD's request for taxing authority had been rejected by the voters.

f. Region N meeting; May 18, 2023: Garza reported that the Region N committee had met on May 18, 2023 in Robstown, TX and reviewed the population and per capita usage data for the years 2030 through 2080.

g. TAGD quarterly meeting; June 6-7, 2023: Garza reviewed the agenda for the TAGD quarterly meeting that was held on June 6-7, 2023 in Pflugerville, TX.

h. Legislative report: Garza reviewed some of the groundwater legislation that was passed in the last legislative session.

i. Permit update: Garza stated that he would have the finalized version of the permit for the Stella Marie wind farm ready for the August, 2023 meeting.

j. Training seminar for drillers, installers, apprentices, etcetera: Garza reported that this training seminar had gone well with a good attendance.



k. TWON schedule for Kenedy and Kleberg counties: Garza informed the Directors that the well water screenings done by the TWON program had been a success.

l. Auditor's letter sent to directors and staff: Garza reminded the Directors to complete and submit the questionnaire as required for the District's audit.

m. Annual leave request: Garza requested annual leave for July 5-6, 2023.

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

o. Other: Garza reported that the Kenedy County GCD will be participating in the election of directors for the Kleberg County Appraisal District in November, 2023.

Sonny Burns moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report and approve Garza's request for annual leave on July 5-6, 2023.

#### **5. Discuss & Act on Preliminary Taxable Values and Set Date for 2024 Budget Workshop**

Andy Garza reviewed with the Directors a revised version of the preliminary taxable values for 2023 and indicated that a 2024 budget workshop will be held at the July, 2023 meeting.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

#### **6. Receive Report on Investment Conference and Act, If Necessary**

Leo Villarreal provided the Directors with an overview of the investment conference that he attended on June 12-14, 2023 in Georgetown, TX. Villarreal stated that from an investment perspective, the GCD is on firm ground. The GCD's investment policy may need some minor modifications according to Villarreal.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

#### **7. Discuss & Act on Revisions to the Boundaries for Precincts 3 and 4**

Leo Villarreal advised the Directors not to act on this item until final approval is received from the Texas Secretary of State's office.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

#### **8. Receive Report on Polling Places-Norias Substation, Armstrong Post Office and New JP Building**

Leo Villarreal reported the polling places for Kenedy County will be reduced from 6 to 2, those being the new JP building in Sarita, TX and the sheriff's substation at Norias, TX.



**9. Receive Update on the Availability of Kenedy Memorial Foundation Land for the Proposed GCD Building**

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that he had communicated with the CEO of the Kenedy Memorial Foundation on the availability of land for the proposed GCD building. Villarreal added that the GCD may be able to swap land with John Meyer whose property is located across the street from the Sarita School.

No vote was required on this agenda item.

**10. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Meeting**

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

Esteban Lopez moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next meeting at 10:30 AM on July 19, 2023 at the Kenedy County Courthouse in Sarita, TX.

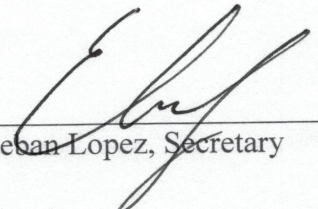
**11. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for June, 2023**

Edward Bordovsky presented to the Directors the bills for June, 2023 for consideration and payment.

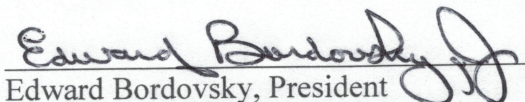
Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills for June, 2023 as presented.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Danny Butler moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 10:40 AM.

  
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Esteban Lopez, Secretary

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Edward Bordovsky, President