

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

On the 13th day of September, 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

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
James Clement, Kenedy County rancher
Louie Pena, Brush Country GCD general manager
George Gonzalez, Duval County GCD general manager

Absent:

Danny Butler

1. Call Meeting to Order

Edward Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

None were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of August 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the August 16, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 16, 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. Texas Groundwater Summit; San Antonio, TX**

- f. Annual letter to water well drillers and installers**
- g. Summer, 2023 water level measurements report**
- h. Summer, 2023 water chemistry report**
- i. Rules update as per Kristen Fancher**
- j. 4-H Water Ambassadors Program**
- k. School vision screenings as per Lions Club**
- l. News articles**
- m. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's August, 2023 meeting, he had communicated with San Perlita ISD regarding distribution of educational booklets on water; Vern Crocker, Kenedy County property owner, regarding the drilling of a new well and Kristen Fancher, Kenedy County GCD legal counsel, regarding the timeline for amending District rules.

b. Well registrations: Garza informed the Directors that Vern Crocker will be submitting paperwork for a new well.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD had met on August 22, 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 August 23, 2023 in Benavides, TX and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

e. Texas Groundwater Summit; San Antonio, TX: Garza informed the Directors that he attended the Texas Groundwater Summit on August 29-31, 2023 in San Antonio, TX and reviewed the highlights of the summit.

f. Annual letter to water well drillers and installers: Garza shared with the Directors a copy of the letter that is sent annually to water well drillers and installers that do business in the District.

g. Summer, 2023 water level measurements report: Garza reviewed the water level measurements for summer, 2023. Garza stated that data has been collected for the last 12 years.

h. Summer, 2023 water chemistry report: Garza provided the Directors with a copy of the water chemistry report for summer, 2023.

i. Rules update as per Kristen Fancher: Garza informed the Directors that he had met with Kristen Fancher at the Texas Groundwater Summit to establish a timeline for district rule amendments. Rule amendments will be done in two phases with the first phase being completed before the end of 2023.

j. 4-H Water Ambassadors Program: Garza shared with the Directors a thank you letter from a program participant from Nueces County.

k. School vision screenings as per Lions Club: Garza informed the Directors that he and Robert Schmidt who are members of the Premont Lions Club will be doing vision screenings at various schools during the months of September, October and November, 2023.

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

m. Other: Garza informed the Directors on the following: 1. the U.S. Department of Energy will be holding a community briefing in Kingsville, TX to discuss the Direct Air Capture project that will be located in Kleberg County and 2. the District will continue to use Williams Website Solutions to maintain the District website.

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that a dialogue with Mr. Meyer continues regarding the property that will be selected to relocate his mobile home. Villarreal also requested that he be authorized to initiate work on blueprints for the proposed GCD building.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report as presented and authorize Leo Villarreal to initiate work on blueprints for the GCD building.

5. Hold Public Hearing on Proposed 2024 Budget

Edward Bordovsky closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 9:46 AM and asked for comments from the public on the proposed 2024 budget. No comments were offered. The public hearing was closed at 9:47 AM.

6. Discuss & Act on Adoption of 2024 Budget

Edward Bordovsky opened the regular meeting and reviewed with the Directors the proposed 2024 budget and recommended a budget in the amount of \$251,686.00.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to adopt a budget for 2024 in the amount of \$251,686.00.

7. Hold Public Hearing on Proposed 2023 Tax Rate

Edward Bordovsky closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 9:49 AM and asked for comments from the public on the proposed 2023 tax rate. No comments were offered. The public hearing was closed at 9:50 AM.

8. Discuss & Act on Adoption of 2023 Tax Rate

Edward Bordovsky opened the regular meeting and reviewed with the Directors the proposed 2023 tax rate and recommended a tax rate of \$0.013065 per \$100.00 valuation for 2023.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to adopt a tax rate of \$0.013065 per \$100.00 valuation for 2023.

9. Discuss & Act on Providing Drinks for Sarita Block Party on October 3, 2023

Andy Garza recommended that, like in previous years, the Kenedy County GCD provide drinks for the National Night Out block party which will be held on October 3, 2023 in Sarita, TX.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously for the Kenedy County GCD to provide the drinks for National Night Out block party to be held on October 3, 2023 in Sarita, TX.

10. Discuss & Act on Confirming Date for Special Meeting to Certify 2023 Tax Roll

Andy Garza asked the Directors to confirm a date for the special meeting that is needed to certify the 2023 tax roll.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the special meeting at 10:30 AM on September 28, 2023 in Sarita, TX.

11. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Board 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 October 18, 2023 in Sarita, TX.

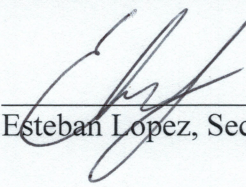
12. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for September, 2023

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

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

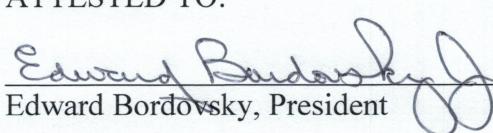
13. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Edward Bordovsky, President