

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

On the 15th day of November, 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
Louie Pena, Brush Country GCD general manager
George Gonzalez, Duval County GCD general manager

Absent:

Danny Butler, Member

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 October 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the October 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2023 regular meeting.

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. Region M meeting**
- f. Drought report**
- g. Water chemistry report**
- h. TAGD Executive Director**
- i. ADA compliance**
- j. Sarita School trick or treat event**
- k. News articles**
- l. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's October, 2023 meeting, he had communicated with Tyler Spoede, Oxy representative, regarding well depths in the southeastern portion of the Laureles Division; Mrs. J.A. Garcia, Kenedy County landowner, regarding the public hearing on a proposed rule amendment/addition scheduled for November 15, 2023 ; Sean Sahs, database specialist, regarding database downloading; Michael Krueger, Kleberg County landowner, regarding transfer of well information to new owner and Guero Dieterle, Kenedy Memorial Foundation assets manager, regarding the need to have a licensed water well driller present when a P-13 well is perforated.

b. Well registrations: Garza informed the Directors that King Ranch has registered a new well on the Encino Division.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD had met on October 24, 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 October 24, 2023 in Benavides, TX and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

e. Region M meeting: Garza informed the Directors that he attended the Region M meeting in Weslaco, TX on November 1, 2023 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

f. Drought report: Garza shared with the Directors the U.S. Drought Monitor Texas map for November 7, 2023.

g. Water chemistry report: Garza reviewed the results of a water chemistry report for 2 water wells located in the extreme southeast corner of Kenedy County.

h. TAGD Executive Director: Garza informed the Directors that Leah Martinsson, TAGD Executive Director, had submitted her resignation effective January 19, 2024. A search for a replacement will begin immediately.

i. ADA compliance: Garza provided the Directors with a guidance on web accessibility as per ADA.

j. Sarita School trick or treat event: Garza reported that Danny Butler had made a monetary contribution that was used to serve pizza to the student body and faculty and staff on Halloween Day.

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

l. Other: There was nothing to report.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report as presented by Garza.

5. Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Amendment/Addition

Edward Bordovsky called the Public Hearing to order at 9:02 AM and asked for comments from the public on the proposed rule amendment/addition. No comments were offered. Leo Villarreal and Garza reported that all postings regarding the public hearing had been done. The public hearing was closed at 9:04 AM.

6. Discuss & Act on Adopting Proposed Rule Amendment/Addition

Edward Bordovsky informed the Board of Directors of the need to consider adopting the proposed rule amendment/addition and presented the contents of the proposed amendment.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to adopt the proposed rule amendment/addition which is in compliance with HB 2443.

7. Discuss & Act on Approving RWE Renewables Permit

Garza reviewed with the Directors the contents of the permit for RWE Renewables which is a windfarm located on the Kenedy Memorial Foundation land in Kenedy County.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the permit for RWE Renewables as presented.

8. Discuss and Act on Voting in the Election of Directors for the Kleberg County Appraisal District for the 2024-2024 Term

Garza reported that the Kleberg County Appraisal District had allocated five votes to the Kenedy County GCD regarding the election of the Kleberg County Appraisal District directors for the 2024-2025 term.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to cast the five votes for Daniel Morales for director of the Kleberg County Appraisal District.

9. Discuss & Act on 3rd Quarter, 2023 Investment Report

Leo Villarreal presented to the Directors the Third Quarter 2023 investment report.

Esteban Lopez moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the Third Quarter 2023 investment report as presented.

10. Discuss & Act on Approving Revised Investment Policy for the Kenedy County GCD

Leo Villarreal presented the 2023 revised Kenedy County GCD Investment Policy which is in compliance with all applicable state requirements. Villarreal stated that he will review the revised policy with Luke Womack, the Auditor, before declaring it complete.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the revised 2023 Kenedy County GCD Investment Policy as presented by Villarreal.

11. Discuss & Act on 2023 Budget Amendments

Garza informed the Directors that the amendments to the 2023 budget were not ready to be presented.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to table this item until the December, 2023 meeting.

12. Receive Report from Leo Villarreal on Redistricting Plan and Polling Places for the Kenedy County GCD in Kenedy County

Leo Villarreal reported the following on the redistricting plan and polling places for the Kenedy County GCD in Kenedy County: 1) the legal descriptions for precincts 3 and 4 at the Sheriff's Substation have been finalized and 2) of the polling places in Sarita which are to vote at the new Justice of the Peace Building in Kenedy County which have been approved by the Texas Secretary of State.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

13. Receive Update on Proposed GCD Building

Esteban Lopez reported that Mr. Meyer had visited with the Kenedy Memorial Foundation regarding the lots that are available for his mobile home and making his present lot available for construction of the GCD building.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

14. 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.

Esteban Lopez moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 10:30 AM on December 20, 2023 in Sarita, TX.

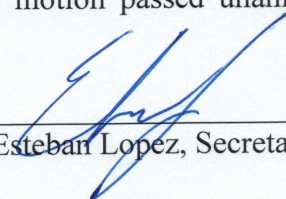
15. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for November, 2023

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

Esteban Lopez moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills for November, 2023 as presented.

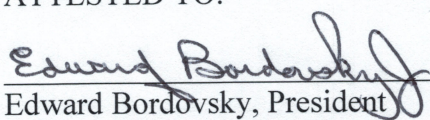
16. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Edward Bordovsky, President