

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

On the 20th day of December, 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 general manager
Royce Carrera, Brush Country GCD Administrative Assistant
Randy Maltby, Maltby Construction Co. owner
Steve Zamora, Maltby Construction Co. supervisor
Chuck Burns, County Judge
Sylvia Villarreal, Villarreal Law Firm Office Manager

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 November 15, 2023 Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the November 15, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023 regular meeting with one correction.

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. Request for 2023 water use reports**
- f. Leave request**
- g. News articles**
- h. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's November, 2023 meeting, he had communicated with Bill Selman, Kenedy County landowner, regarding the registration of his water wells; Irasema Salinas, Maral Drilling Co. office manager, regarding the registration of 3 new water wells in southwestern Kenedy County; Kristen Fancher, Kenedy County GCD legal counsel, regarding the addition of rule adopted at the November, 2023 meeting; and Kenneth Walker, hydrologist with GSI, regarding clarification of a particular rule.

b. Well registrations: Garza informed the Directors that 3 new water wells in the southwestern part of Kenedy County had been registered.

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

e. Request for 2023 water use reports: Garza informed the Directors that he mailed out requests for 2023 water use reports that are due on January 31, 2024.

f. Leave request: Garza requested leave for December 27-29, 2023.

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

h. Other: Andy Garza informed the Directors that TAGD has extended the timeframe for receiving applications to fill the position of Executive Director until January 15, 2024.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report and approve Garza's leave request for December 27-29, 2023.

5. Discuss & Act to Approve TAGD Newsletter Sponsorship

Garza recommended that the Kenedy County GCD sponsor TAGD's monthly newsletter at the Bronze level in the amount of \$250.00 and being paid out of the 2024 budget.

Danny Butler moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously for the Kenedy County GCD sponsor TAGD's monthly newsletter at the Bronze level in the amount of \$250.00 and being paid out of the 2024 budget.

6. Discuss & Act on 2023 Budget Amendments

Andy Garza recommended the following amendments to the 2023 budget:

1. \$4400.00 from Legal to General Manager, 2. \$2200.00 from Legal to Audit and 3. \$400.00 from Legal to Liability Insurance.

Esteban Lopez moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the amendments to the 2023 budget as recommended by Garza.

7. Receive Investments Report From New York Life Agent Phil Esquivel

Leo Villarreal provided an overview of the Annuity Investment Fund to the Directors. Villarreal stated that the interest earned in the amount of \$33,299.83 is available for withdrawal at the present time without penalty whereas the full investment fund will be available for withdrawal without penalty on June 8, 2024.

Being a report only, no vote was needed and none was taken.

8. Discuss and Act on Investment Funds

Leo Villarreal reported that based on anticipated expenses and revenues, the GCD possibly could move \$349,186.00 into an investment fund such as TEXAS Class.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to table this item until firm data on interest yields is provided.

9. Receive Report on Directors' Election Scheduled for November, 2024

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that an election for the directors from precincts 3 and 4 will be held in November, 2024.

Being only a report, no vote was needed and none was taken.

10. Receive Report on Construction Designs and Costs of Proposed GCD Building From Randy Maltby

Randy Maltby, owner of Maltby Construction Co., provided the Directors with cost estimates based on use of different construction materials for the proposed GCD building. According to Maltby, the cost per square foot could vary from \$210.00 to \$360.00 depending on the materials used for construction.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

11. Receive Update on Availability of Kenedy Memorial Foundation Lots for Land Swap With John Meyer

Judge Chuck Burns and Esteban Lopez stated that they will meet with Mr. Meyer today at 2 PM.

No vote was need and none was taken.

12. 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 January 17, 2024 in Sarita, TX.

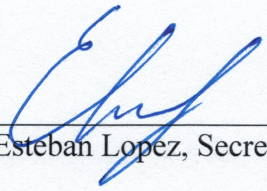
13. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for December, 2023

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

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

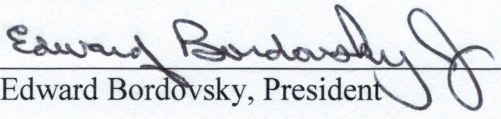
14. Adjournment

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.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Edward Bordovsky, President