

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

On the 20th day of March, 2024, 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
George Gonzalez, Duval County GCD General Manager
Sylvia Villarreal, Villarreal Law Firm Office Manager

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

Andy Garza stated that he had attended Esteban Lopez's wedding on March 9, 2024 in Edinburg, TX.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of February 23, 2024 Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the February 23, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2024 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. Winter 2024 water levels report**
- f. Region N water plan data**
- g. City of Corpus Christi desal plant info**
- h. GMA-16 meeting; March 26, 2024**
- i. News articles**
- j. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's February 23, 2024 meeting, he had communicated with Heather Dodson, TWDB groundwater specialist, regarding water level measurements on the Encino and Norias divisions of King Ranch; Richard Gonzales, environmental education specialist, and Dr. Ron Green, Southwest Research Institute researcher, regarding a letter of support sought from the Kenedy County GCD for a EPA grant application; Kristi Shaw, regional water plan consultant, regarding a tour of the desal plant in Brownsville, TX; Sean Grall, J & S Water Wells field supervisor, regarding the registration of a water well that will be used for the Direct Air Capture project on the Laureles division; Justin Cantu, Hacienda Campo Alegre manager, regarding water level measurements and water chemistry reports for well located on the ranch and Ariana Solis, intern with Congressman Vicente Gonzalez's office, regarding contact information for the Kenedy County GCD.

b. Well registrations: Garza informed the Directors that one water well had been registered by Oxy USA since the last meeting of February 23, 2024.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reviewed with the Directors the highlights of the Brush Country GCD meeting that was held on February 27, 2024 in Falfurrias, TX.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on February 27, 2024 in Benavides, TX and reviewed the highlights of the meeting with the Directors.

e. Winter 2024 water levels report: Garza reviewed with the Directors the winter 2024 water levels report and compared water levels for certain wells between summer 2011 and winter 2024.

f. Region N water plan data: Garza shared with the Directors information from the 2021 water plan applicable to Kenedy and Kleberg counties. Overall, there are no water user groups in both Kenedy and Kleberg counties that are projected to have unmet water needs in the 2021 Regional Water Plan.

g. City of Corpus Christi desal plant info: Garza reported that the city of Corpus Christi has applied for a discharge permit from TCEQ for the proposed seawater desalination plant. The Directors were shown the location of the proposed desalination plant.

h. GMA-16 meeting; March 26, 2024: Garza stated that GMA-16 will hold a meeting on March 26, 2024 in Falfurrias, TX.

i. News articles: Garza provided the Directors with news articles pertinent to groundwater issues.

j. Other: Leo Villarreal reported that as of February 9, 2024, the Kenedy County Tax Office had collected \$251,383.19 in ad valorem taxes for the Kenedy County GCD. Villarreal stated this amount represents a 98.68% collection rate.

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

5. Discuss & Act to Proceed With Amendments to District Rules

Garza and Edward Bordovsky stated that the District rules were in need of some minor amendments and further stated that Monica Jacobs, legal counselor for La Paloma Ranch, has provided some recommendations on this matter to Kristen Fancher, legal counselor for the Kenedy County GCD.

Danny Butler moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to proceed with minor amendments to the district rules.

6. Update on Proposed GCD Building

Leo Villarreal reported that Mr. Meyer is willing to exchange his property with the county for contiguous properties owned by Pedro Salinas family, the Kenedy Memorial Foundation and the Kenedy Charitable Trust. Villarreal stated that the five heirs of the Salinas property need to establish ownership of the property before it can be sold to the county.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

7. 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 10:00 AM on April 17, 2024 at the Punta de Monte Hunting Lodge in southern Kenedy County.

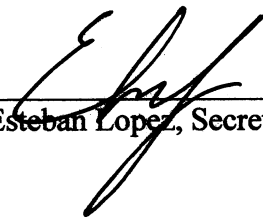
8. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for March, 2024

Edward Bordovsky presented to the Directors the bills for March, 2024 for consideration and payment.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills for March, 2024 as presented.

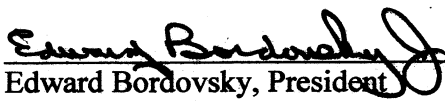
9. Adjournment

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 9:55 AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Edward Bordovsky, President