

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

On the 17th day of April, 2024, at 10:30 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Punta del Monte hunting lodge in southern Kenedy County.

Directors present:

Edward Bordovsky, 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
Dr. Venki Uddameri, Hydrology consultant
Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge

Absent:

Verl Cash, Vice-President

1. Call Meeting to Order

Edward Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

Edward Bordovsky thanked Danny Butler for hosting the meeting at his hunting lodge.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of March 20, 2024 Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the March 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 20, 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. Starr County GCD meeting**
- f. GMA-16 meeting**
- g. 2024 Senate Interim Legislative Charges**
- h. Need for permits in foreseeable future**
- i. Texas Water Weekly**
- j. Letter of support for EPA grant**
- k. Need for copier/printer**
- l. News articles**
- m. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's March 20, 2024 meeting, he had communicated with Justin Cantu, Hacienda Campo Alegre manager, regarding water chemistry results from water samples collected at the Campo Alegre ranch; Mauricio Flores, Southwest Research Institute hydrologist, sought a letter of support sought from the Kenedy County GCD for a EPA grant application and Kristen Fancher, legal counsel for Kenedy County GCD, regarding her attendance at April, 2024 GCD meeting.

b. Well registrations: Garza informed the Directors that no water wells had been registered since the last meeting of March 20, 2024.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reviewed with the Directors the highlights of the Brush Country GCD meeting that was held on March 26, 2024 in Falfurrias, TX.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on March 21, 2024 in Benavides, TX and reviewed the highlights of the meeting with the Directors.

e. Starr County GCD meeting: Garza reported that he, Louie Pena and George Gonzalez had attended the Starr County GCD meeting held on March 28, 2024 and reviewed the meeting agenda with the Directors.

f. GMA-16 meeting: Garza reviewed with the Directors the highlights of the GMA-16 meeting that was held on March 26, 2024 in Falfurrias, TX.

g. 2024 Senate Interim Legislative Charges: Garza reviewed with the Directors the Senate Interim Legislative Charges that were recently released. Garza stated that there are no groundwater-related charges assigned to the Natural Resources or Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs committees.

h. Need for permits in foreseeable future: Garza reminded the Directors that there will be a need for at least 3 permits issued by the Kenedy County GCD in the next 2 years.

i. Texas Water Weekly: Garza provided the Directors with a copy of the TWDB's Water Weekly report that shows drought conditions for Texas as of April 15, 2024.

j. Letter of support for EPA grant: A copy of the Letter of Support from the Kenedy County GCD for an EPA grant that various research entities are applying for was shared with the Directors.

k. Need for copier/printer: Garza informed the Directors that he will start searching for a new copier/printer because the current copier/printer is showing signs of wear and tear.

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

m. Other: Garza reported on the following: 1) the Kenedy County GCD will be participating in the Texas Well Owners Network (TWON) program that will be offered in South Texas on May 20-23, 2024 and 2) the need for at least 3 days of annual leave during the month of May, 2024.

Esteban Lopez moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report and approve Garza's request for annual leave during the month of May, 2024.

5. Discuss & Act t on Paying TWCA Dues for 2024

Garza recommended that the Kenedy County GCD pay the Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA) dues in the amount of \$454.00 for fiscal year 2024.

Esteban Lopez moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the TWCA dues for fiscal year 2024 in the amount of \$454.00.

6. Review Proposed Rule Amendments

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to table this item because Kristen Fancher was not present.

7. Receive Report from Dr. Uddameri on Proposed GAM for GMA-16

Dr. Uddameri provided the Directors with a historical review of the Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) that has been used by GMA-16 since the joint planning process began in the late 2000's. Uddameri stated the latest GAM has been tested and its developers have determined the need for adjusted inputs and a recalibration because the desired future condition results were extremely low compared to the existing GAM.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

8. Receive Report on Texas Class Investment

Leo Villarreal reported that \$349,186.00 had been transferred to the Texas Class Fund on April 2, 2024 and had already earned \$622.45 in interest.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

9. Receive Report on Tax Abatement Agreement Between Kenedy County and Ocelot Solar, LLC

Kenedy County Judge Chuck Burns reported that the Kenedy County Reinvestment Zone #5 has been created and a tax abatement agreement has been negotiated with Ocelot Solar, LLC which will build a solar farm on property located in southern portion of Kenedy County. The solar farm, in lieu of taxes, will make annual payments based on power generation to Kenedy County.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

10. Discuss & Act on First Quarter, 2024 Investments Report

Leo Villarreal presented to the Directors the 2024 first quarter investments report which showed that the three investment funds and the checking account collectively earned a total of \$5,769.23 in interest during the first quarter of 2024.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the 2024 first quarter investments reports as presented.

11. Update on Proposed GCD Building

Leo Villarreal reported that he will be assisting the Pedro Salinas family heirs establish ownership of property through the legal process of adverse possession. This is required before the heirs can sell property to county.

No vote was needed 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 Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on May 15, 2024 at the Kenedy County Courthouse in Sarita, TX.

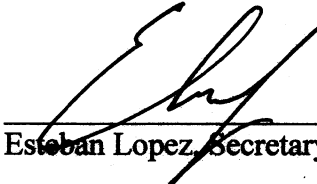
13. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for April, 2024

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

Danny Butler moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills for April, 2024 as presented.


14. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Sonny Burns moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 11:37 AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Edward Bordovsky, President