

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

On the 17th day of July, 2024, at 9:00 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Appraisal District Office.

**Directors present:**

Edward Bordovsky, President  
Verl Cash, Vice-President  
Esteban Lopez, Secretary  
Sonny Burns, Member  
Justin Cantu, Member

**Also present:**

Andy Garza, General Manager  
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant  
Kristen Fancher, GCD legal counsel  
Dr. Venki Uddameri, Hydrology consultant  
Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge  
George Gonzalez, General Manager, Duval County GCD  
Adam Hinojosa, State Senatorial candidate  
Royce Albrecht, Senatorial campaign manager  
Tom Denny, Kenedy County Chief Appraiser  
Anita Garza, Kenedy County Assistant Appraiser

**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**

Adam Hinojosa, state senatorial candidate, addressed the Directors about his campaign and what concerns he plans to address if elected in November, 2024.

**3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of June 19, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the June 19, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the June 19, 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. GMA-16 meeting; June 26, 2024**
- f. Panel discussion with RGISC hosted by Duval County GCD**
- g. 4-H Water Ambassador program**
- h. Drought report**
- i. Annual leave request**
- j. News articles**
- k. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

**a. Communications:** Garza reported that since the District's June 19, 2024 meeting, he had communicated with Norma Martinez, King Ranch Archives, regarding information on water wells; Kristen Fancher, legal counsel, and Dr. Uddameri, hydrologist, regarding rule amendments and Anna Garza, secretary for Ford Sasser, regarding registration of new water well.

**b. Well registrations:** Garza informed the Directors that no water wells had been registered since the meeting of June 19, 2024.

**c. Brush Country GCD meeting:** Garza reviewed with the Directors the highlights of the Brush Country GCD meeting that was held on June 25, 2024 in Falfurrias, TX.

**d. Duval County GCD meeting:** Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on June 25, 2024 in Benavides, TX and reviewed the highlights of the meeting with the Directors.

**e. GMA-16 meeting; June 26, 2024:** Garza reported that GMA-16 joint committee had met on June 25, 2024 in Falfurrias, TX to discuss whether to wait for calibration of new GAM or proceed with the old GAM. Garza stated that no conclusion was reached at meeting.

**f. Panel discussion with RGISC hosted by Duval County GCD:** Garza informed the Directors that he had participated in a panel discussion with the Rio Grande International Study Center (RGISC). Garza stated that the RGISC is exploring ways in which the city of Laredo, TX can acquire water security for the future.

**g. 4-H Water Ambassadors program:** Garza handed out thank you letters received by the GCD from students who have participated in the 4-H Water Ambassadors Program.

**h. Drought report:** Garza provided the Directors with the latest drought map from the U.S. Drought Monitor.

i. Annual leave request: Garza informed the Directors that he will be take annual leave on July 24-26, 2024.

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

k. Other: Nothing to report.

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

**5. Receive Report From Kristen Fancher and Dr. Uddameri on Proposed Rule Amendments**

Kristen Fancher along with Dr. Uddameri led the discussion on the substantive rule amendments being proposed for adoption at the August, 2024 GCD meeting. Dr. Uddameri stated that the production limit should remain the same and Andy Garza commented on the "guardrails" that are currently in place when it comes to permits involving brackish groundwater production.

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

**6. Discuss & Act on Publication of Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Rule Amendments**

Leo Villarreal reported that a Notice of Public Hearing needed to be published in regards to the proposed rule amendments at least 20 days prior the public hearing.

Esteban Lopez moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to publish the Notice of Public Hearing on a timely basis.

**7. Discuss & Act on Possibly Accepting Funds from Oxy for Aquifer Study Relative to the DAC Project**

Dr. Uddameri reported that Steven Scannipieco, Oxy representative, had expressed an interest in funding a study to compile existing aquifer information relative to the DAC project on the King Ranch and would prefer that the funding be channeled through the Kenedy County GCD.

Esteban Lopoez moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to allow Andy Garza to further pursue this concept with Oxy.

**8. Review Filing Deadlines for November 5, 2024 Election**

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that the period to file for a place on the General Election ballot will be from July 20, 2024 through August 19, 2024.

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

**9. Discuss & Act on Order Calling the November 5, 2024 Election Regarding the Directors Of Precincts 3 and 4**

Leo Villarreal reported to the Directors the need for an order calling the November 5, 2024 election regarding the directors of precincts 3 and 4.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed for the GCD to order calling the November 5, 2024 election for directors from precincts 3 and 4.

**10. Discuss & Act to Designate Kenedy County Tax Office, Tax Assessor/Collector or Chief Deputy to Calculate and Publish the No-New Revenue and Voter Approval Tax Rates for 2024**

Leo Villarreal recommended that the GCD designate the Kenedy County Tax Office, Tax Assessor/Collector or Chief Deputy to calculate and publish the no-new revenue and voter-approval tax rates for 2024.

Sonny Burns moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to designate the Kenedy County Tax Office, Tax Assessor/Collector or Chief Deputy to calculate and publish the no-new revenue and vote-approval tax rates for 2024.

**11. Discuss & Act on Adding Justin Cantu as Signatory on the District's Bank Account With Kleberg Bank**

Leo Villarreal reported the need to add Justin Cantu as signatory on the District's bank account with Kleberg Bank.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to add Justin Cantu as signatory on the District's bank account with Kleberg Bank.

**13. Discuss & Act on Approving 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2024 Investment Report**

Leo Villarreal presented to the Directors the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 2024 investment report and stated that a total of \$7,321.43 of interest had been earned across all accounts. Because of low yields, Villarreal recommended that the Annuity account funds be transferred to the Texas Class account.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 2024 investment report and transfer the funds from the Annuity account to the Texas Class account.

**14. Discuss & Act on Amending Banking Resolution**

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that the banking resolution with Kleberg Bank needed to be amended to include the signatures of all current GCD directors. Copy of resolution will be attached to minutes.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to amend banking resolution with Kleberg Bank.

**15. Discuss & Act on Renewing Depository Contract With Kleberg Bank**

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors of the need for renewal of the depository contract with Kleberg Bank.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to renew the depository contract with Kleberg Bank.

**16. Conduct Workshop on Preliminary 2025 Budget**

Garza reviewed with the Directors the current budget and asked them to review and make suggestions at the next meeting. Garza reported that the calculated no-new revenue tax rate will likely be used for the 2024 tax year.

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

**17. Receive Update on GCD Building**

Leo Villarreal reported that the only lot available is owned by the Kenedy Charitable Trust and located right next to and east of the Meyer property. Villarreal stated that the lot where the old JP building is located will in all likelihood be used for a building to house the Tax Office, Appraisal District and a community center.

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

**18. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Meeting**

Edward Bordovsky informed the Directors that a date needed to be set for the next regular meeting.

Sonny Burns moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on August 16, 2024.



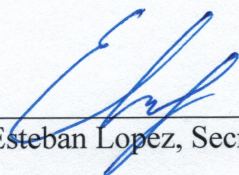
**19. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for July, 2024**

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

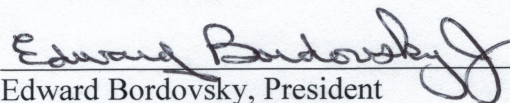
Justin Cantu moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to pay the bills for July, 2024 as presented.

**20. Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Esteban Lopez moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 11:20 AM.

  
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Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:

  
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Edward Bordovsky, President



**KENEDY COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BANKING RESOLUTION**

On the 17th day of June, 2024 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., KENEDY COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT's Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Kenedy County Central Appraisal District office located at \_\_\_\_ La Parra St., Sarita, Texas.

I, Edward Bordovsky, certify that I am Secretary of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District whose Federal I.D. Number is 51-0610368; that said District is engaged as a governmental public entity under the name of Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District; and that the following is a correct copy of Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District duly and properly held on July 17, 2024. This Resolution appears in the minutes of this meeting and has not been rescinded or modified.

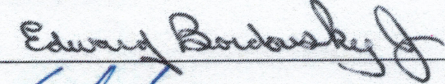
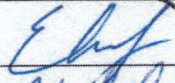
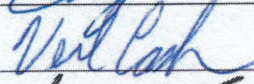

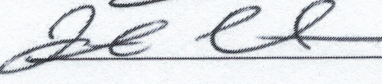
**BE IT RESOLVED, that:**

1. Kleberg First National Bank, is designated as a depository for the funds of this District; and
2. This resolution shall continue to have effect until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been received and recorded by Kleberg First National Bank; and
3. All transactions, if any, with respect to any deposits, withdrawals, rediscounts and borrowings by or on behalf of this District with Kleberg First National Bank prior to the adoption of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed; and
4. Any two of the persons named below, so long as they act in a representative capacity as agents of this District, are authorized to make any and all other contracts, agreements, stipulations and orders which they may deem advisable for the effective exercise of the powers indicated below, from time to time with Kleberg First National Bank; and
5. Concerning funds deposited in Kleberg First National Bank, moneys borrowed from Kleberg First National Bank or any other business transacted by and between this District and Kleberg First National Bank subject to any restrictions stated below; and
6. Any and all prior resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of this District and certified to Kleberg First National Bank as governing the operation of this District's accounts are in full force and effect, unless supplemented or modified by this authorization; and
7. This District agrees to the terms and conditions of any account agreement, properly opened by any authorized representatives of this District, and authorizes Kleberg First National Bank at any time, to charge this District for all checks, drafts, or other orders, for the payment of money, that are drawn on Kleberg First National Bank regardless of by whom or by what means the facsimile signatures may have been affixed so long as they resemble the facsimile signature specimens in section C (or the facsimile signature specimens that this District files with Kleberg First National Bank from time to time) and contain the required number of signatures for this purpose.



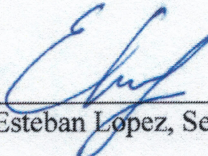
If indicated, any of two persons listed below (subject to any expressed restrictions) is authorized to exercise all of the following powers:

1. Open any deposit or checking accounts in the name of the District;
2. Endorse checks and orders for the payment of money and withdraw funds on deposit with Kleberg First National Bank (number of authorized signatures required for this purpose is 2);
3. Enter into written lease for the purpose of renting and maintaining a Safe Deposit Box in Kleberg First National Bank (number of authorized signatures required for this purpose is 2); and
4. Apply for and obtain a credit card by and through Kleberg First National Bank (General Manager, Andres Garza, is authorized to apply for and process the application and use the credit card for the District's benefit).

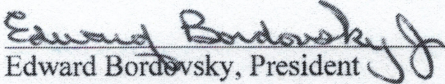
<u>Name and Title</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Edward Bordovsky, President	
Esteban Lopez, Secretary	
Verl Cash, Vice-President	
Charles Burns, Jr., Director	
Justin Cantu, Director	

I further certify that the Board of Directors of the District has, and at the time of adoption of this Resolution had, full power and lawful authority to adopt the foregoing Resolution and to confer the powers granted to the persons named who have full power and lawful authority to exercise the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the District on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

  
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Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:

  
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Edward Bordovsky, President