

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

On the 18th day of December, 2024, at 9:00 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom.

Directors present:

Edward Bordovsky, President
Esteban Lopez, Secretary
Sonny Burns, Member
Justin Cantu, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Louie Pena, General Manager, Brush Country GCD
Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge
Dr. Dorina Murgulet, Professor, TAMUCC
Sean Grell, J & S Water Wells
Willis Tinsley, King Ranch Infrastructure Manager
Homero Vera, Retired GCD director
Danny Butler, Retired GCD director

Absent:

Verl Cash, Vice-President

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

Andy Garza introduced those in the audience who normally do not attend GCD meetings.

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

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

Justin Cantu moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024 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 N meeting**
- f. Eminent domain report**
- g. Request for 2024 water use report**
- h. Annual leave request**
- i. News articles**
- j. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's November 20, 2024 meeting, he had communicated with Joe Stiles, Kenedy Charitable Trust liaison, regarding registration of P-13 water well; Joe Strack, J4 Water Wells rep, regarding the registration of water well on behalf of Posillico Co.; Dr. Dorina Murgulet, TAMCC professor, regarding a presentation to be made at the GCD December, 2024 meeting; Antonio Delgado, TWDB data manager, regarding completion of 2022 irrigation survey and Dave Delaney, ranch consultant, regarding the Alluvium Aquifer as per the Hacienda Alegre Ranch in southern Kenedy County.

b. Well registrations: Garza informed the Directors that J & S Water Wells had registered a water well for the Posillico Co.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD had met on November 26, 2024 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 26, 2024 in Benavides, TX and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

e. Region N meeting: Garza reported that Region N had met on December 12, 2024 in Robstown, TX and covered the highlights of the meeting.

f. Eminent domain report: Garza informed the Directors that the Kenedy County GCD had filed its annual eminent report with the Texas Comptroller's office.

g. Request for 2024 water use reports: Garza reported that letters requesting the 2024 water use reports had been mailed to all permittees and are due on January 31, 2025.

h. Annual leave request: Garza requested annual leave for December 30, 2024.

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

j. Other: Nothing to report.

Sonny Burns moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report and approve annual leave request.

5. Receive Presentation from Dr. Dorina Murgulet

Dr. Dorina Murgulet, Texas A&M-CC hydrogeology professor, reviewed with the Directors several studies that she and her graduate students are doing or have done along the Gulf of Mexico coast in Texas and the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico.

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

6. Receive Legislative Update

Andy Garza informed the Directors that the next Texas Legislative Session will start on January 14, 2025 and provided an overview of how legislation is handled by the Texas House and Senate. Garza reviewed HB 1050 pertaining to attorneys' fees and HB 1400 pertaining to the creation of the Texas Groundwater Science, Research and Innovation Fund.

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

7. Discuss & Act on 2024 Travel Reimbursements for Sonny Burns, Justin Cantu, Danny Butler and Leo Villarreal

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that 2024 travel reimbursements needed to be approved for Sonny Burns, Justin Cantu, Danny Butler and Leo Villarreal.

Esteban Lopez and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve 2024 travel reimbursements for Sonny Burns (\$739.68), Justin Cantu (\$369.84), Danny Butler (\$214.40) and Leo Villarreal (\$383.24).

8. Discuss & Act on Accepting Donation from the East Foundation and Provide Letter of Appreciation

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that this matter had been completed since the last meeting.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

9. Receive Update on GCD Building/Addition

Andy Garza reported that he had not received a bid from G & S Contractors as of today.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

10. 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 Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the next regular meeting be held on at 9:00 a.m. on January 22, 2025

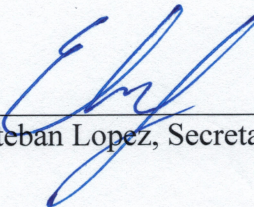
11. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for December, 2024

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

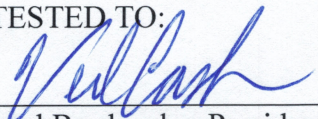
Sonny Burns moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to pay the bills for December, 2024 as presented.

12. 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 11:50 AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:


Edward Bordovsky, President