

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

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2025, at 10:30 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom.

**Directors present:**

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

**Also present:**

Andy Garza, General Manager  
Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge  
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:**

Edward Bordovsky, President

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Verl Cash, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 10:37 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

**2. Public Comments**

Kenedy County Judge Chuck Burns stated that Kenedy County had coped well during the extreme cold spell.

**3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of December 18, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Verl Cash presented the Directors with the December 18, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Justin Cantu moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the December 18, 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. TAGD quarterly meeting; January 15-16, 2025; Pflugerville, TX

- f. Region N meeting**
- g. Bylaws update**
- h. IRS mileage rates for 2025**
- i. News articles**
- j. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

**a. Communications:** Garza reported that since the District's December 18, 2024 meeting, he had communicated with Cindy Parma, Pecan Valley GCD general manager, regarding completion of TAGD's science and research survey; Adam Foster, TAGD executive director, regarding completion of TAGD's science and research survey; Steven Scannapieco, Oxy engineer, regarding the temporary rig supply report for 2024; Stacey Steinbach, TWA executive director, regarding potential legislation that could impact brackish groundwater production and Steve Young, Intera hydrologist, regarding an invoice submitted to GMA-16.

**b. Well registrations:** Garza informed the Directors that no water wells were registered since the last meeting in December, 2024.

**c. Brush Country GCD meeting:** Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD will meet on January 28, 2025 in Falfurrias, TX.

**d. Duval County GCD meeting:** Garza stated that the Duval County GCD will meet on January 29, 2025 in Benavides, TX.

**e. TAGD quarterly meeting; January 15-16, 2025; Pflugerville, TX:** Garza reported that he had attended the TAGD quarterly meeting on January 15-16, 2025 in Pflugerville, TX and covered the highlights of the meeting.

**f. Region N meeting:** Garza informed the Directors that the next Region N meeting will be held on January 30, 2025 in Robstown, TX.

**g. Bylaws update:** Garza reported that he and Leo Villarreal will review the District's bylaws and recommend amendments where needed.

**h. IRS mileage rates for 2025:** Garza reviewed with the Directors the IRS mileage rates for 2025.

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

**j. Other:** Garza reviewed with the Directors the 2024 Kenedy County GCD Annual Report as per the Management Plan.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report and approve the Kenedy County GCD Annual Report as presented.

**5. Discuss & Act on Sponsorship for TAGD Monthly Newsletter**

Garza recommended that the Kenedy County GCD sponsor the TAGD Monthly Newsletter at the Bronze level in the amount of \$250.00. Justin Cantu suggested that in the future the GCD may want to sponsor at a higher level.

Esteban Lopez moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to sponsor the TAGD Monthly Newsletter at the Bronze level in the amount of \$250.00.

**6. Discuss & Act on Permit Amendments Requested by King Ranch**

Andy Garza reviewed the request for permit amendments submitted by King Ranch. Garza explained that King Ranch is requesting that 5 million gallons be transferred from Permit #2009-004 to Permit #2009-001 and 5 million gallons be transferred from Permit #2009-005 to Permit #2009-001. Since this is the first time this type of action on a permit(s) has been requested, Garza recommended that the rules be revised to accommodate future requests. Verl Cash, King Ranch employee, recused himself from discussion and action on this agenda item.

Justin Cantu moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the permit amendments as requested by King Ranch. See letter that is attached.

**7. Receive Legislative Update**

Andy Garza reviewed with the Directors the committee assignments in the Texas Senate and reported that former State Representative Tracy King and former State Senator Robert Duncan will be assisting the new speaker of the House, Dustin Burrows. Several filed bills were reviewed by Garza.

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

**8. Administer Oath of Office to Directors Sonny Burns and Justin Cantu**

Andy Garza administered the oath of office to Directors Sonny Burns and Justin Cantu who were reelected in November, 2024.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

**9. Discuss & Act on Election of Officers for 2025 and 2026**

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that officers for 2025-2026 needed to be elected following the election held in November, 2024. Verl Cash suggested that the current slate of officers be kept in place.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to elect the following officers: Edward Bordovsky-President, Verl Cash-Vice-President and Esteban Lopez-Secretary.

**10. Discuss & Act on 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2024 Investment Report**

Leo Villarreal reported that the checking, Corp. Bonds and Texas Class accounts had collectively earned \$3,498.51 in interest during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024.

Sonny Burns moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to accept the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, 2024 investment report.

**11. Discuss & Act on Signing 2024 Audit Engagement Letter for John Womack & Co.**

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that the engagement letter for the 2024 GCD audit needed to be signed and submitted to the John Womack & Co.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to submit the engagement letter for the 2024 GCD audit to the John Womack & Co.

**12. Receive Update on GCD Building/Addition**

Andy Garza reported the GCD had received a bid for the room addition in the amount of \$43,400.00 from G&S Property Services. Garza recommended that the board consider the bid when all members are present. Justin Cantu stated that he would visit with other contractors to compare costs.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

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

Verl Cash 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 that the next regular meeting be held on at 9:00 a.m. on February 19, 2025.

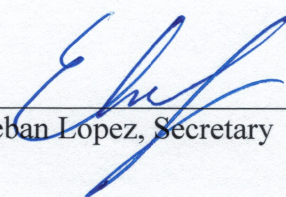
**14. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for January, 2025**

Verl Cash presented to the Directors the January, 2025 bills for consideration and payment.

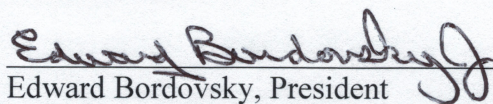
Justin Cantu moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to pay the bills for January, 2025 as presented.

**15. Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Sonny Burns moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 11:55 AM.

  
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Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:

  
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Edward Bordovsky, President

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# KING RANCH®

January 9, 2025

Kenedy County GCD  
C/O Andy Garza  
P.O. Box 212  
Sarita, TX 78385

Dear Andy Garza,

The purpose of this letter is to request that amendments to water production permits assigned to King Ranch, Inc. be made as follows:

1. Transfer 5,000,000 gallons from Permit #2009-004 to Permit #2009-001.
2. Transfer 5,000,000 gallons from Permit #2009-005 to Permit #2009-001.

If amendments are approved, the revised annual production amounts will be 26,065,500 gallons for Permit #2009-001, 93,806,250 gallons for Permit #2009-004 and 93,896,750 gallons for Permit #2009-005.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Willis Tinsley  
Support Services Area Manager

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