

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

On the 19th day of March, 2025, at 9:20 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom.

Directors present:

Edward Bordovsky, President
Verl Cash, Vice-President
Justin Cantu, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Sonny Burns, Member
Esteban Lopez, Secretary

1. Call Meeting to Order

Edward Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of February 19, 2025 Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the February 19, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Verl Cash moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025 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. Desal plant tour**

- g. 2024 water use report**
- h. Winter, 2025 water level measurements**
- i. 2024 tax collection update**
- j. Cataract surgery**
- k. News articles**
- l. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's February 19, 2025 meeting, he had communicated with David Rosse, Kleberg County commissioner, regarding work performed by G & S Construction in Kleberg County; Jose Armando Garza, water treatment manager for Brownsville desal plant, regarding desal plant tour held on March 11, 2025; Jaime Vaclavik, TWDB information specialist, regarding the purchase of education booklets from TWDB; Robert Sherman, municipal financial specialist with Government Capital, regarding financial assistance to local government units and Sarita Hixon, Kenedy County landowner, regarding GCD rules for temporary rig supply water wells.

b. Well registrations: Garza informed the Directors that no water wells had been registered since the last meeting.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD had met on February 25, 2025 in Falfurrias, TX and covered the highlights of the meeting. Garza stated that Dick Jones, Brush Country GCD director, had passed away.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on February 26, 2025 in Benavides, TX and covered the highlights of the meeting.

e. Region N meeting: Garza informed the directors that Region N had met on February 27, 2025 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

f. Desal plant tour: Garza stated that the tour of the desal plant on March 11, 2025 in Brownsville, TX had gone well.

g. 2024 water use report: Garza reviewed with the Directors the 2024 water use report which showed that 17.4% of the permitted water amount was pumped in 2024.

h. Winter, 2025 water level measurements: Garza reviewed with the Directors the winter, 2025 water level measurements and discussed some of the obstacles that are encountered when doing the measurements.

i. 2024 tax collection update: Garza provided the Directors with the current 2024 tax collection rate as provided by the Kenedy County tax office.

j. Cataract surgery: Garza informed the Directors that he will be undergoing cataract surgery most likely in late April, 2025.

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

l. Other: Garza reported that activity on proposed DAC and green hydrogen projects has slowed down considerably over the last few months. Leo Villarreal reported that he had reviewed the district bylaws and recommended that the board president be designated as the financial officer for the GCD.

Justin Cantu moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report as presented.

5. Receive Legislative Update

Garza reviewed pertinent groundwater-related bills that have been filed in both the Texas House and Senate.

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

6. Receive Update on Kenedy County Commissioners' Court Action on Request From Kenedy County GCD for Building Addition

Leo Villarreal reported that the Kenedy County Commissioners' Court had granted approval to the Kenedy County GCD for construction of a room addition to the Appraisal District building.

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

7. Receive Update on Kenedy County's Efforts to Address Security Risks As Per Alliance For Community Solutions

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that Kenedy County is considering a security system proposal from Alliance for Community Solutions (ACS). The ACS system has features like emergency push buttons, exterior and interior cameras, doors with exit push bars and smoke detectors.

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

8. Receive Update on Building Additions

Andy Garza informed the Directors that G & S Construction will be submitting a revised bid and RB Construction will be submitting a bid for the first time. Leo Villarreal recommended that the GCD prepared an itemized construction description.

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

9. 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.

Justin Cantu moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the next regular meeting be held on at 9:00 a.m. on April 17, 2025.

10. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for March, 2025

Edward Bordovsky presented to the Directors the March, 2025 bills for consideration and payment.

Verl Cash moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to pay the bills for March, 2025 as presented.

11. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 10:50AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Edward Bordovsky, President