THE STATE OF TEXAS

* GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

COUNTY OF KENEDY

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On the 16th day of July, 2025, at 10:30 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom, Sarita, TX.

Directors present:

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

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge Sylvia Villarreal, Villarreal Law Office assistant Kristen Fancher, GCD legal counsel

1. Call Meeting to Order

Edward Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 10:40 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

No comments were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of June 18, 2025 Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the June 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2025 regular meeting with one correction.

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. TX Groundwater Summit; August 19-21, 2025; San Antonio, TX
- f. Region N meeting; June 19, 2025
- g. Area desal plants
- h. Water well drillers continuing education workshop
- i. News articles
- j. Other

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

- a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's June 18, 2025 meeting, he had communicated with Katie Bryce, TCEQ information specialist, regarding obtaining the 2024 groundwater contamination report; Robert Schmidt, Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD assistant, regarding the aquifer test that the USDA is proposing for producers who request cost-share assistance for a water well and Emily Fort, TWDB specialist, regarding the 2023 agricultural irrigation survey.
- <u>b. Well registrations</u>: 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 June 24, 2025 in Falfurrias, TX and covered the highlights of the meeting.
- d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on June 25, 2025 in Benavides, TX and covered the highlights of the meeting.
- e. TX Groundwater Summit; August 19-21, 2025; San Antonio, TX: Garza reported that he along with Sonny Burns will be attending the Texas Groundwater Summit on August 19-21, 2025 in San Antonio, TX.
- f. Region N meeting; June 19, 2025: Garza reviewed with the Directors the two of three projects that the City of Corpus Christi wants to include in the 2026 water plan.
- g. Area desal plants: Garza reviewed TWDB data on desal plants located in Alice and Brownsville, TX.
- h. Water well drillers continuing education workshop: Garza informed the Directors that a training seminar for water well drillers will be held in Falfurrias, TX on July 17, 2025. The meal will be sponsored jointly by the Brush Country and Kenedy County GCDs.
 - <u>i. News articles:</u> Garza provided the Directors with news articles pertinent to groundwater issues.
 - j. Other: There was nothing to report.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report as present

5. Discuss & Act on Approving the Designation of Irma Longoria and Norma Zavala as the Officer and Employee Per Tax Code 26.04 to Calculate the No-New Revenue Tax Rate And the Voter-Approval Tax Rate for the Kenedy County GCD

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that this action was needed to comply with section 26.04 of the Texas Tax Code.

Esteban Lopez moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to designate Irma Longoria and Norma Zavala of the Kenedy County Tax Office to calculate the 2025 no-new revenue and voter-approval tax rates for the Kenedy County GCD.

6. <u>Discuss & Act on Development of Construction Plans for New Office and Document Storage Addition</u>

Leo Villarreal recommended that he and Andy Garza meet with Ron Brown to prepare a contract that will spell out all the details needed to complete the 20 feet by 20 feet. addition to the current office.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to authorize Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza to meet with Ron Brown and prepare a contract for the construction of a 20 feet by 20 feet addition to the current office.

7. Receive Report from Kristen Fancher Regarding Possible Impacts of Legislation on District Rules

Kristen Fancher reviewed with the Directors various bills that were passed during the 89th Texas Legislative Session that may or may not affect the GCD rules. Fancher recommended that the District wait until the Special Session ends before any action is taken.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

8. Receive Preliminary Review of 2026 Budget

Andy Garza informed the Directors that once the 2025 taxable values are certified, the current tax rate could be used to formulate the 2026 budget which could be around \$237,000.

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.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the next regular meeting be held on at 10:30 AM on August 26, 2025.

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

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

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to pay the bills for July, 2025 as presented.

11. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Esteban Lopez moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:

Edward Bordovsky, President