THE STATE OF TEXAS

* GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

COUNTY OF KENEDY

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On the 17th day of September, 2025 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 Verl Cash, Vice-President Esteban Lopez, Secretary Justin Cantu, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge Margaret Kelly, John Womack & Co., CPA Louie Longoria, John Womack & Co. CPA Lica Pinkston, Kenedy County landowner John Pinkston, Kenedy County landowner

Absent:

Sonny Burns, Member

1. Call Meeting to Order

Edward Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of August 26, 2025 Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the August 26, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Esteban Lopez moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2025 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. Annual letter to water well drillers and installers
- f. Region N meeting
- g. News articles
- h. Other

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

- a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's August 26, 2025 meeting, he had communicated with Heather Dodson, TWDB water data specialist, regarding the water well level measurements on wells that the TWDB monitors in the Kenedy County GCD; J4 Water Wells regarding location of recently drilled well; Stephanie Keith, TAGD Director of Programs, regarding the minutes taken for TAGD business meeting at the Texas Groundwater Summit and Stacie Nail and Edward Jungman, Nueces Soil and Water Conservation District clerk and director, respectively, regarding a request for information on how groundwater conservation districts operate in Texas.
- <u>b. Well registrations</u>: Garza informed the Directors that no water wells had been registered since the meeting of August 26, 2025.
- c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD will be meeting on September 23, 2025.
- d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on August 27, 2025 in Benavides, TX and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.
- e. Annual letter to water well drillers and installers: Garza reviewed with the Directors a letter required as per district management plan that was mailed to water well drillers and pump installers who do business in the GCD.
- <u>f. Region N meeting:</u> Garza reported that he had attended a Region N meeting in Robstown, TX on September 11, 2025 and covered the highlights of the meeting. Garza stated that 2026 regional water plan will be approved at the October, 2025 meeting of the TWDB.
- g. News articles: Garza provided the Directors with news articles pertinent to groundwater issues.
- h. Other: Garza reviewed with the Directors a letter received from an entity that recently purchased the Riviera water supply system which does not extend into Kenedy County.

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

5. Hold Public Hearing on Proposed 2026 Budget

Edward Bordovsky opened to order at 9:17 AM the Public Hearing regarding the 2026 Proposed Budget and asked for comments from the public on the proposed 2026 budget. Andy Garza stated that the proposed 2026 budget is in the amount of \$248,658.00. Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza reported that all postings regarding the public hearing had been done.

No public comments were made.

The public hearing was closed at 9:20 AM.

6. Discuss & Act on Adoption of 2026 Budget

Edward Bordovsky informed the Directors of the need to consider adoption of the proposed 2026 budget in the amount of \$248,658.00.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to adopt the 2026 budget in the amount of \$248,658.00.

7. Hold Public on Proposed 2025 Tax Rate

Edward Bordovsky opened to order at 9:21 AM the Public Hearing regarding the 2025 Proposed Tax Rate and asked for comments from the public on the proposed 2025 tax rate. Andy Garza stated that the proposed 2025 tax rate is \$0.017138 per \$100.00 valuation which is the No New Revenue tax rate as calculated by the Kenedy County Tax Office. Leo Villarreal stated that all postings regarding the public hearing had been done.

No public comments were made.

The public hearing was closed at 9:22 AM.

8. Discuss & Act on Adoption of 2025 Tax Rate

Edward Bordovsky informed the Directors of the need to consider adoption of the proposed 2025 tax rate at \$0.017138 per \$100.00 valuation.

Verl Cash moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to adopt the 2025 tax rate at \$0.017138 per \$100.00 valuation.

9. Discuss & Act on 2024 GCD Audit

Margaret Kelly, John Womack & Co. CPA, reviewed the basic financial statements of the 2024 audit of the Kenedy County GCD and concluded that the District is financially sound.

Justin Cantu moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to accept the 2024 audit of the Kenedy County GCD as presented by John Womack & Co.

10. <u>Discuss & Act on Accepting Justin Cantu's Resignation from Kenedy County GCD</u> Board of Directors

Justin Cantu provided the Directors with a letter of resignation effective September 30, 2025 and thanked the members for the opportunity to represent Precinct 4 on the board.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to accept Justin Cantu's letter of resignation effective September 30, 2025.

11. Discuss & Act on Terminating Room Addition Project

Andy Garza recommended that the room addition project be terminated and utilize to the fullest extent the additional space provided by the Kenedy County Appraisal District.

Esteban Lopez moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to terminate the room addition project.

12. Discuss & Act on Providing Drinks for Annual Sarita National Night Out Party

Garza recommended that the Kenedy County GCD provide drinks, as in previous years, for the Sheriff's National Night Out Party that will be held in Sarita, TX on October 7, 2025.

Justin Cantu moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to allow the Kenedy County GCD to provide drinks for the annual National Night Out Party on October 7, 2025.

13. Discuss & Act on Confirming Date for Special Meeting to Certify 2025 Tax Roll

Garza informed the Directors that a special meeting was needed to certify the 2024 tax roll.

Justin Cantu moved and Esteban Cantu seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that a special meeting be held at 11:00 AM on September 30, 2025 to certify the 2024 tax roll.

14. 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 Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 1:30 PM on October 14, 2025.

15. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for September, 2025

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

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

16. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Verl Cash moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO: