

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

On the 21st day of February, 2018, at 10:30 AM , a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom in Sarita, Texas.

Directors present:

Chuck Burns, President
Homero Vera, Vice-President
Dave Delaney, Secretary
Danny Butler, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Louie Pena, Duval County GCD
Felix Saenz, Brush Country GCD

Absent:

Craig Weiland, Member

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of January 17, 2018 Regular Meeting

President Chuck Burns presented to the Directors the minutes of the January 17, 2018 regular meeting.

Dave Delaney moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the January 17, 2018 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented.

4. Receive General Manager's Activity Report & Act, If Necessary, Regarding:

a. Communications

b. Well registrations

c. TAGD Quarterly Meeting; Jan. 30-31, 2018; Austin, TX

d. Region N meeting

- e. Brush Country GCD meeting**
- f. Rethinking Texas Water Policy Conference; TAMU; April 5-6, 2018**
- g. Water use reports for 2017**
- h. Water level measurements**
- i. Directors' election in November, 2018**
- j. News articles**
- k. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's meeting in January, 2018, he had communicated with the following individuals and/or entities: Louie Pena, General manager for Duval County GCD, regarding information from GMA-16 needed for state audit; Alejandro Urias, Santa Fe Ranch supervisor, regarding 2017 water use reports; J.D. Hinojosa, Energy Transfer Company, regarding 2017 water use reports; Arlena Porras, Headington Energy Company, regarding water use reports for 2017; Heather Rein, TWDB field technician, regarding water level measurements at Encino and Norias divisions of King Ranch; Justin Cantu, Rancho Alegre manager, regarding drilling and registration of new water well and Rosanna Ryan, Sarita School teacher, regarding a class presentation scheduled for Feb. 22, 2018.

b. Well registrations: Garza reported that Headington Energy Co. and Rancho Alegre had or were in the process of registering wells with the District.

c. TAGD Quarterly Meeting; Jan. 30-31, 2018: Garza reviewed the agenda for the January 30-31, 2018 meeting that TAGD held in Austin, TX. Garza reported that the financial sustainability of TAGD will be addressed at the May, 2018 TAGD meeting. Garza stated that the annual dues for TAGD membership will likely increase by at least \$100 and other costs will be reduced to maintain financial stability beyond 2021. Garza informed the directors that he had communicated to Larry French, water resources division manager for TWDB, the need to study the interaction between the lower portion of the Evangeline layer and the upper portion of the Lagarto layer if brackish is ever produced.

d. Region N meeting: Garza reported that he and Chuck Burns had attended a Region N meeting on February 8, 2018 in Robstown, TX. A copy of the meeting agenda was given to the directors.

e. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza informed the Directors that he had attended a meeting of the Brush Country GCD on January 23, 2018 in Falfurrias, TX. Garza reported that construction of new GCD office building had begun and that their revised management plan had been approved by the TWDB.

f. Rethinking Texas Water Policy Conference; TAMU; April 5-6, 2018: Garza informed the directors that TAMU would be hosting a conference on "Rethinking Texas Water Policy" on April 5-6, 2018 in College Station, TX and that he would be interested in attending.

Danny Butler moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to authorize Andy Garza to attend the conference on Rethinking Texas Water Policy in College Station, TX on April 5-6, 2018.

g. Water use reports for 2017: Andy Garza reviewed the 2017 water use reports for permits and temporary rig supply. Water use by permitted entities increased by 9.7% and temporary rig supply use increased from 11.4 AF in 2016 to 43.9 AF in 2017. Garza stated that the increase in water use coincided with increased activity in oil and gas exploration and production.

h. Water level measurements: Garza informed the Directors that water level measurements will be completed by March 1, 2018.

i. Directors' election in November, 2018: Leo Villarreal informed the Board that directors from precincts 3, 4 and 5, which are Chuck Burns, Danny Butler and Dave Delaney, would be up for reelection in November, 2018.

j. News articles: Various news articles were distributed to the Directors.

k. Other: Andy Garza reviewed a proposal to do water chemistry sampling in Kleberg and Kenedy counties that was compiled by TAMUK and Agrilife Extension. Being that a similar project had been done in 2011 and 2012, the Directors were of the consensus that the Kenedy County GCD should not participate at this time. Garza stated that he would make the District's position known to TAMUK and Agrilife Extension.

5. Discuss & Act to Set Date for Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Amendments

Andy Garza informed the Directors that a new date needed to be set for the public hearing needed to be held before the District can adopt proposed rule amendments. There was a glitch with the newspaper that nullified the last attempt to hold a public hearing.

Homero Vera moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold a public hearing on the proposed rule amendments at 9:00 AM on March 21, 2018.

6. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Board Meeting

Chuck Burns informed the Directors that a date needed to be set for the next regular meeting which will include a public hearing for the proposed rule amendments.

Dave Delaney moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on March 21, 2018 in Sarita, TX.

7. Discuss & Act on Payment Bills

Chuck Burns presented the bills to the Directors for consideration and payment.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills as presented.

8. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 AM.

David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:

Chuck Burns, President