

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

On the 22nd day of August 22, 2018, at 9:00 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
Craig Weiland, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Louie Pena, Duval County GCD

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chuck Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM

2. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of July 18, 2018 Regular Meeting

President Chuck Burns presented to the Directors the minutes of the July 18, 2018 regular meeting.

Danny Butler moved and Homero Vera seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the July 18, 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. Summer 2018 water levels and chemistry reports
- d. GMA-16 meeting on July 24, 2018
- e. Region N meeting on August 9, 2018
- f. Brush Country GCD meeting
- g. Duval County GCD
- h. TAGD groundwater summit
- i. Drought report

- j. Lower Rio Grande Basin Study**
- k. Historical groundwater data for Kenedy County**
- l. News articles**
- m. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

- a. Communications:** Garza reported that since the District's meeting in July, 2018, he had communicated with Louie Longoria, accountant, regarding 2017 audit report to the directors; Daniel Almeida, manager of Sarita water system, regarding water sample from the Sarita public supply well; Monica Jacobs, attorney for La Paloma Ranch, regarding the GMA-15/16 groundwater availability model being developed by TWDB; Texas Railroad Commission, regarding notification of P-13 well registration and TAGD, as per subcommittee, regarding white paper on attorney's fees.
- b. Well registrations:** Garza reported that Headington Energy Co. had registered a temporary rig supply well that was drilled on the Kenedy Memorial Foundation.
- c. Summer 2018 water levels and chemistry reports:** Andy Garza reviewed the water level measurements and water chemistry results with the directors. Garza stated that most wells in the report had been measured 15 times since the summer of 2011.
- d. GMA-16 meeting:** Garza reported that GMA-16 had met on July 24, 2018 in Falfurrias, TX and reviewed the agenda with the directors. Garza stated that Dr. Jerry Shi, groundwater modeler with the TWDB, had given an update on the status of the GAM model being developed for GMA-15 and 16. Garza speculated that more than likely the meeting in June, 2018 with TWDB member, Kathleen Jackson, led to Dr. Shi's visit to the GMA-16 meeting.
- e. Region N meeting:** Garza reviewed the highlights of the Region N meeting that was held on August 9, 2018 in Robstown, TX. Garza stated that a list of potentially feasible water management strategies were approved for consideration and that a Technical Memorandum was due to the TWDB by September 10, 2018.
- f. Brush Country GCD meeting:** Garza reported that he attended meetings of the Brush Country GCD on July 24 and August 21, 2018 in Falfurrias, TX. Garza reviewed the highlights of both meetings.
- g. Duval County GCD meeting:** Garza informed the directors that he would be attending a meeting of the Duval County GCD on August 22, 2018 in Benavides, TX.
- h. TAGD groundwater summit:** Garza reported that he would be attending the Groundwater Summit on August 28-30, 2018 in San Antonio, TX.
- i. Drought report:** A copy of the latest Drought Monitor map was given to the directors.
- j. Lower Rio Grande Basin Study:** Garza reviewed the executive summary of a study that was compiled by the U.S. Department of the Interior in 2013. Garza reported that the report emphasized the need for brackish groundwater desalination to meet the future water needs of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.
- k. Historical groundwater data for Kenedy County:** Garza distributed a report entitled "Kenedy County, Texas; Records of wells, driller's logs and water analyses" that was compiled by the Texas State Board of Water Engineers in 1940.
- l. News articles:** Various news articles were distributed to the Directors.
- m. Other:** Nothing was reported.

5. Discuss & Act to Approve 2017 District Audit Report from Luke Womack, CPA

Luke Womack was unable to attend the meeting.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

6. Discuss & Act on Executing Texas Water Conservation Association Risk Pool Interlocal Agreement

Leo Villarreal informed to the Directors that the District needed to approve an interlocal agreement with the Texas Water Conservation Association for workers compensation coverage.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the interlocal agreement with the Texas Water Conservation Association for workers compensation coverage.

7. Discuss & Act on Proposed Set-fee Contract for Legislative Services from Mary Sahs

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza addressed the proposal for a set-fee contract with Mary Sahs for legislative services during the 2019 Texas legislative session. The pros and cons of the contract were discussed and evaluated.

Dave Delaney moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to contract with Mary Sahs for legislative services as needed at a \$200.00 per hour rate.

8. Discuss & Act, If Necessary, on Cancellation of November 6, 2018, Election Regarding The Board of Directors for Precinct 1, Precinct 2 and Precinct 5

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that only the incumbent directors for precinct 1, precinct 2 and precinct 5 had filed for candidacy in their respective precincts and that a resolution was needed to cancel the November 6, 2018 election.

Craig Weiland moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that it was resolved that the November 6, 2018 election for directors from precinct 1, precinct 2 and precinct 5 is cancelled.

9. Conduct 2019 Budget and 2018 Tax Rate Workshop

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza reviewed the proposed 2019 budget and proposed 2018 tax rate with the Directors. The expected revenue from ad valorem taxes at the rate of \$0.0153 per \$100.00 valuation would be approximately \$194,638.00 and the total expenditures for 2019 would be \$200,650.00. Changes to the line items of legal,

contingency and joint planning are included in the proposed budget. The \$5,912.00 difference could be provided from the 2018 budget surplus funds.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

10. Discuss & Act on Proposed 2019 Budget and Publish Hearing as Required by Law

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza recommended that the proposed 2019 budget of \$200,650.00 be approved as presented and a notice for a public hearing on the proposed 2019 budget needs to be published as required by law.

Craig Weiland moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the proposed 2019 budget of \$200,650.00 and publish notice for public hearing as required by law.

11. Discuss & Act on Proposed 2018 Tax Rate and Publish Hearing as Required by Law

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza informed the directors that the current tax rate is set at \$0.0153 per \$100.00 valuation and with the 2018 total certified taxable values being \$1,272,146,836.00, the same tax rate of \$0.0153 per \$100.00 valuation would generate \$194,638.00 in revenue. A notice for a public hearing on the proposed 2018 tax rate will be published as required by law.

Dave Delaney moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve a proposed tax rate of \$0.0153 per \$100.00 valuation for 2018 and to publish notice for public hearing as required by law.

12. 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.

Craig Weiland moved and Dave Delaney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on September 14, 2018 in Sarita, TX.

13. Discuss & Act on Payment Bills

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

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

14. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Danny Butler moved and Craig Weiland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 AM.

David Delaney, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:

Chuck Burns, President