

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

On the 15th day of March, 2023, at 9:00 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom in Sarita, TX.

Directors present:

Edward Bordovsky, President
Verl Cash, Vice-President
Esteban Lopez, Secretary
Sonny Burns, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
George Gonzalez, Duval County GCD manager
John Marez, Manager, South Texas Water Authority
Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge

Absent:

Danny Butler, Member

1. Call Meeting to Order

Edward Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

None were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of February 17, 2023 Regular Meeting

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2023 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. TAGD quarterly meeting; March 9, 2023**
- f. Region N newsletter**
- g. Legislative report**
- h. GMA-16 meeting**

- i. Winter 2023 water level measurements**
- j. TAGD Boot Camp**
- k. Management Plan approval**
- l. Kristen Fancher's visit to GCD in April, 2023**
- m. Transportation for next GCD meeting**
- n. News articles**
- o. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's January, 2023 meeting, he had communicated with David Olden, TWDB mesonet specialist, regarding the weather station that will be installed west of Sarita, TX; Santa Gertrudis School regarding the distribution of educational booklets for 4th graders; John Marez, director of the South Texas Water Authority, regarding a presentation to the Kenedy County GCD on the operation of the STWA and Julia Stanford, TAGD programs specialist, regarding the purchase of rack reference cards

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

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD had met on February 28, 2023 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD will be meeting on March 29, 2023.

e. TAGD quarterly meeting; March 9, 2023: Garza informed the Directors that he had attended the TAGD quarterly meeting on March 9, 2023 in Pflugerville, TX and covered the highlights of the meeting.

f. Region N newsletter: Garza provided the Directors with a copy of the latest newsletter pertinent to Region N.

g. Legislative report: Garza gave an overview of the current legislative session and reviewed 3 bills pertinent to groundwater that have been filed.

h. GMA-16 meeting: Garza informed the Directors that the next GMA-16 meeting will be held on March 28, 2023 in Falfurrias, TX.

i. Winter, 2023 water level measurements: Garza reviewed the winter, 2023 water level measurements with the Directors. Garza stated that the district now has 12 full years of data.

j. TAGD Boot Camp: Garza informed the Directors that he had participated in a "Boot Camp" that focused on taxation and elections.

k. Management Plan approval: Garza provided the Directors with a copy of the certificate from the TWDB showing the Kenedy County GCD's Management Plan had been approved for another five years.

l. Kristen Fancher's visit to GCD in April, 2023: Garza informed the Directors that Attorney Kristen Fancher will attend the GCD's April, 2023 meeting.

m. Transportation for next GCD meeting: Garza recommended that the district rent a van if the meeting is held at the Punta Del Monte hunting lodge in April, 2023.

n. News articles: Garza handed out news article pertinent to groundwater issues.

o. Other: Esteban Lopez reported that the TWDB had set up a weather station just west of Sarita, TX on Kenedy Memorial Foundation property. Verl Cash informed the Directors that the King Ranch had entered into lease agreement with Occidental to support a direct air capture (DAC) project.

Esteban Lopez moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report including the information provided by Verl Cash regarding the proposed direct air capture project on the King Ranch.

5. Receive presentation from South Texas Water Authority

John Marez provided the Directors with an overview of how the South Texas Water Authority operates in Nueces and Kleberg counties. Marez reported that the South Texas Water Authority buys treated water from Corpus Christi and distributes it to the western portion of Nueces County including the towns of Aqua Dulce, Banquete and Bishop and the towns of Kingsville and Ricardo in Kleberg County.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

6. Discuss & Act on Donation to the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program

Garza recommended that the Kenedy County GCD provide financial support in the amount \$500.00 to the 4-H Water Ambassadors Program.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to provide financial support to the 4-H Water Ambassadors Program in the amount of \$500.00.

7. Discuss & Act on Signing 2022 Audit Engagement Letter for John Womack & Co., P.C.

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that an audit engagement letter for the John Womack & Co., P.C., needed to be signed to commence work on the 2022 GCD audit.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to sign the audit engagement letter for the John Womack & Co., P.C., to commence work on the 2022 GCD audit.

8. Discuss & Act on General Manager's Salary

Verl Cash reported that after discussing the matter with other current and former directors, it was decided to boost the General Manager's salary by 10% effective immediately to cover the effects that high inflation has had on the cost of living. Leo Villarreal stated that it could be done by simultaneously approving a budget amendment to cover the salary increase.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to increase the General Manager's salary by 10% and amend the current budget accordingly at a later date.

9. Receive Report on Building Floor Plans

Randy Maltby, owner of Maltby Construction Company, provided the Directors with a thorough review of a floor plan that was based on modifications made to the original floor plan provided by Edward Bordovsky. Mr. Maltby covered all aspects involved in a building project.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

10. 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.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 10:30 AM at the Punta Del Monte Hunting Lodge.

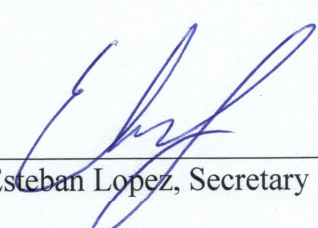
11. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for March, 2023

Edward Bordovsky presented to the Directors the bills for March, 2023 for consideration and payment. Andy Garza recommended that the long distance phone bill from the Kenedy County be added to list.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills for March, 2023 as presented including the long distance phone bill.

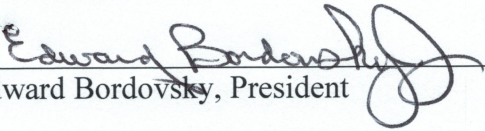
12. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:


Edward Bordovsky, President