

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

On the 19th day of June, 2024, at 10:30 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Appraisal District Office.

Directors present:

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

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge
Justin Cantu, Hacienda Campo Alegre manager
Louie Pena, General Manager, Brush Country GCD
George Gonzalez, General Manager, Duval County GCD
Homero Vera, Former GCD member
Phil Esquivel, New York Life agent

1. Call Meeting to Order

Edward Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 10:26 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

None were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the May 15, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2024 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. Region N meeting; May 16, 2024**
- f. Quarterly TAGD meeting; June 6-7, 2024**
- g. Nueces River Basin Summit; June 19-21, 2024**
- h. GCD audit letter**
- i. Water well drillers' training seminar hosted by Brush Country and Kenedy County GCDs**
- j. News articles**
- k. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's May 15, 2024 meeting, he had communicated with Kristen Fancher, GCD legal counsel, Monica Jacobs, attorney, Diana Nichols, attorney and Edward Bordovsky, board president, regarding proposed rule amendments; Frank Escobedo, Kleberg-Kenedy County agent, regarding water sample submitted for the TWON program; Heath Grigg, King Ranch cattle and wildlife manager, and Verl Cash, GCD board member, regarding the process of obtaining a permit from the GCD and Hector Garza and Rudy Bazan, Kenedy County landowners, regarding water level measurements and water chemistry sampling.

b. Well registrations: Garza informed the Directors that no water wells had been registered since the meeting of May 15, 2024.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reviewed with the Directors the highlights of the Brush Country GCD meeting that was held on May 28, 2024 in Falfurrias, TX and Louie Pena briefly spoke about the hacking incident with one of their bank accounts.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on May 30, 2024 in Benavides, TX and reviewed the highlights of the meeting with the Directors.

e. Region N meeting; May 16, 2024: Garza informed the Directors that he had attended the Region N meeting on May 16, 2024 in Robstown, TX and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

f. Quarterly TAGD meeting; June 6-7, 2024: Garza reported that he had attended the quarterly TAGD meeting on June 6-7, 2024 in Round Rock, TX and covered the highlights of the meeting.

g. Nueces River Basin Summit: Garza informed the Directors that he will be attending the Nueces River Basin Summit in Portland, TX on June 20, 2024.

h. GCD audit: Garza reminded the Directors to return the audit survey letter to the Womack Co. so that work on the 2023 audit can start.

i. Water well drillers' training seminar hosted by Brush Country and Kenedy County GCDs: Garza reported that the drillers' seminar held in Falfurrias, TX on June 13, 2024 had been well attended and well received. Garza stated the Kenedy County GCD had co-sponsored the meal.

j. News articles: Garza provided the Directors with news articles pertinent to groundwater issues.

k. Other: Nothing to report.

Danny Butler moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report.

5. Receive Report on Communications with Oxy Regarding DAC Facility

Garza informed the Directors that he had met with Oxy representatives Steve Scannapieco, Paul Choules and Jacob Hart to discuss the water needs for the proposed DAC (Direct Air Capture) facility to be located on the Laureles Division of King Ranch. According to Garza, Oxy estimates that 6,000 to 7500 acre-feet/year of water will be needed to operate the DAC. Garza stated that a water production permit will be required.

Being a report only, no vote was needed and none was taken.

6. Receive Report on Proposed Amendments to GCD Rules

Andy Garza reviewed the substantive proposed rule amendments with the Directors which will be finalized at the July, 2024 GCD meeting and adopted at the August, 2024 GCD meeting.

Being a report only, no vote was needed and none taken.

7. Discuss & Act to Consider Acquiring High Speed Internet For Office

Judge Chuck Burns reported that the county will be acquiring high speed internet which in turn will be available to the GCD office.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to table this agenda item.

8. Discuss & Act on GCD Investments with NYL and MONY

Phil Esquivel, New York Life agent, informed the Directors that their investment with New York Life has done very well for the last three years. Directors reached consensus that investments should remain the same.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to not make any changes to investments with New York Life.

9. Receive Report On Deadlilne to File to be Placed on Ballot

Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that the period to file an application to be placed on the ballot for the November 12, 2024 election will be from July 20 to August 19, 2024. Villarreal stated that directors from precincts 3 and 4 will be up for election/reelection in 2024.

Being a report only, no vote was needed and none was taken.

10. Update on Proposed GCD Building

Leo Villarreal reported that there was nothing new to report on communications with the Salinas family. Villarreal did report that the lot where the old JP building currently sits could be available once the building is demolished.

Being a report only, no vote was needed and none was taken.

11. Discuss Option to Purchase an Existing Building and Updating to Code as Needed In lieu of New Building to House GCD

Verl Cash led the discussion on the possibility of the GCD acquiring an existing building rather than building a new one. Judge Burns explained that Kenedy County is exploring the possibility of building a structure to house the Tax Office, Appraisal District and a medical office to serve the citizens of Kenedy County which in turn could make the current Appraisal District available to the GCD.

Being a report only, no vote was needed and none was taken.

12. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Meeting

Esteban Lopez moved and Danny Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on July 17, 2024 at the Kenedy County Courthouse in Sarita, TX.

13. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for June, 2024

Edward Bordovsky presented to the Directors the bills for June, 2024 for consideration and payment.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills for June, 2024 as presented.

14. Discuss & Act to Accept Danny Butler's Resignation as Director of Precinct 4

Edward Bordovsky shared with the Directors the letter of resignation submitted by Danny Butler. Bordovsky stated that Danny Butler had served as a director of precinct 4 since 2011.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept Danny Butler's resignation as GCD director of precinct 4.

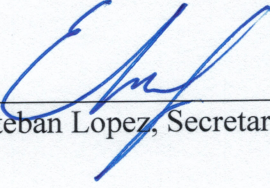
15. Discuss & Act to Appoint New Director for Precinct 4

Danny Butler suggested that the Directors consider Justin Cantu when appointing a new director of precinct 4.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to appoint Justin Cantu as new director of precinct 4.

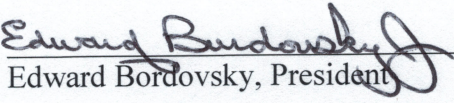
16. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 11:55 AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Edward Bordovsky, President