

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

On the 21st day of May, 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:

Verl Cash, Vice-President
Esteban Lopez, Secretary
Sonny Burns, Member
Justin Cantu, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Louie Pena, Brush Country GCD General Manager
George Gonzalez, Duval County GCD General Manager
Diana Nichols, Attorney (via telephone)
Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge
Dr. Venki Uddameri, Hydrology consultant

Absent:

Edward Bordovsky, President

1. Call Meeting to Order

Verl Cash, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of April 17, 2025 Regular Meeting

Verl Cash presented the Directors with the April 17, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Sonny Burns moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2025 regular meeting.

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. GMA-16 meeting**
- f. Region M meeting**
- g. Region N public hearing**
- h. Kleberg County 's water production aspirations**
- i. DAC project update**
- j. 2025 estimated taxable values**
- k. 2024 audit questionnaire**
- l. Drought report**
- m. News articles**
- n. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's April 17, 2025 meeting, he had communicated with Kristi Shaw, Region N engineering consultant, regarding the Ricardo water well project in the Region N water plan; Dario Guerra, interim general manager for Red Sands GCD, regarding a tour of a geothermal water well project; Brian Christman, TWDB field technician, regarding installation of water level instrumentation, Kristen Fancher, GCD legal counsel, regarding revisions being made to GCD bylaws; Dr. Uddameri, hydrology consultant, regarding comments on the recalibrated GAM for GMA-16; Eva Dwelle, TCEQ technician, regarding the collection of a water sample from the Sarita PWS well and Cody Bjornson, TWDB field technician, regarding the sampling of King Ranch wells on June 2, 2025.

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

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD had met on April 22, 2025 in Falfurrias, TX and covered the highlights of the meeting.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on April 23, 2025 in Benavides, TX and covered the highlights of the meeting.

e. GMA-16 meeting: Garza informed the directors that GMA-16 had met on April 22, 2025 in Falfurrias, TX and reported that 3 of the 9 factors for the Explanatory Report had been discussed.

f. Region M meeting: Garza reported that he had attended the Region M meeting on May 7, 2025 for the purpose of obtaining groundwater pumping amounts for Hidalgo County that are needed for the DFC process in GMA-16.

g. Region N public hearing: Garza stated that he had attended the Region N public hearing on the Initially Prepared Plan on May 15, 2025 in Robstown, TX and covered the highlights of the hearing.

h. Kleberg County's water production aspirations.: Garza informed the Directors that he had done a follow-up on an article that had appeared in Kingsville Record regarding a new groundwater pumping project in Kleberg County. Garza concluded that the project noted in the newspaper is probably the Ricardo well project listed in the draft Region N water plan.

i. DAC project update: Garza shared with the Directors a communication that he had received from Steven Scannapieco, Oxy project manager, regarding the DAC project being developed on the Laureles Division of King Ranch.

j. 2025 estimated taxable values: Garza reported that the 2025 estimated taxable values are showing a drop of about \$220,000,000.00 compared to 2024.

k. 2024 audit questionnaire: Garza reminded the Directors to submit the questionnaire from the Womack Company for the 2024 as soon as possible.

l. Drought report: Garza provided the Directors with the latest drought map from the U.S. Drought Monitor.

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

n. Other: There was nothing to report.

Justin Cantu moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager's report as presented.

5. Receive Legislative Update

Garza reported that the 89th Legislative Session will end on June 2, 2025 and that SB 2568, having to do with brackish groundwater production, will die in the House Natural Resources committee.

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

6. Discuss & Act on Comments Prepared by Dr. Uddameri Regarding GAM for GMA-16

Dr. Venki Uddameri made a powerpoint presentation to show the deficiencies of the recalibrated GAM for GMA-16. Uddameri concluded that the drawdowns calculated by the GAM are at times unrealistic.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to allow Dr. Uddameri to refine the final comments that the Kenedy County GCD will be submitting to the TWDB regarding the recalibrated GAM.

7. Discuss & Act on Bids for Construction of Room Addition for GCD Office

Leo Villarreal reviewed with the Directors the bids that have been submitted for this construction project. Consensus was that a timeline for construction is needed from contractors and additional information on some construction aspects were needed from Ronnie Brown.

Sonny Burns moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to allow Andy Garza to acquire the additional information needed from the contractors.

8. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Meeting

Verl Cash informed the Directors that a date needed to be set for the next regular meeting.

Esteban Lopez moved and Justin seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the next regular meeting be held on at 9:00 a.m. on June 18, 2025.

9. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for May, 2025

Verl Cash presented to the Directors the May, 2025 bills for consideration and payment.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to pay the bills for May, 2025 as presented.

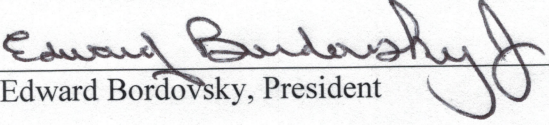
10. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Sonny Burns moved and Justin Cantu seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 11:07 AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Edward Bordovsky, President