# THE STATE OF TEXAS

# GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# COUNTY OF KENEDY

OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 18th day of June, 2025, at 10:30 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Punta del Monte lodge, Kenedy County.

#### Directors present:

Edward Bordovsky, President 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 Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge Sylvia Villarreal, Villarreal Law Office assistant Danny Butler, Landowner/host

#### 1. Call Meeting to Order

Edward Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

#### 2. Public Comments

Andy Garza announced that Esteban Lopez was the proud dad of a baby girl.

#### 3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of May 21, 2025 Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the May 21, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the May 21, 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. TAGD meeting; June 10-11, 2025; Pflugerville, TX
f. Region N meeting
g. PIA request from law firm
h. Kleberg County Appraisal District
i. TWON program
j. Nueces Basin Summit
k. 2024 audit questionnaire
l. Tax collection rate for GCD
m. Annual leave request

n. News articles

o. Other

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

<u>a. Communications:</u> Garza reported that since the District's May 21, 2025 meeting, he had communicated with Fabian Rodriguez, Field Operations Director for city of Elsa, regarding the addition of groundwater to their water supply portfolio and Debra Perrone, hydrologist from University of California, Santa Barbara, regarding the brackish groundwater production rules that the Kenedy County GCD has in place.

<u>b. Well registrations</u>: Garza informed the Directors that King Ranch had registered one water well since the last meeting.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD had met on May 27, 2025 in Falfurrias, TX and covered the highlights of the meeting.

<u>d. Duval County GCD meeting:</u> Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on May 28, 2025 in Benavides, TX and covered the highlights of the meeting.

e. TAGD meeting; June 10-11, 2025; Pflugerville, TX: Garza reported that he attended the quarterly TAGD meeting on June 10-11, 2025 in Pflugerville, TX and covered the highlights of the meeting.

<u>f. Region N meeting:</u> Garza informed the Directors that he would be attending the Region N meeting on June 19, 2025 in Robstown, TX..

g. PIA request from law firm: Garza and Leo Villarreal reviewed and sent the GCD's response to a PIA request for financial information that was received from a law firm in Amarillo, TX. Garza stated that every GCD in Texas had received the same request.

<u>h. Kleberg County Appraisal District.</u>: Garza informed the Directors that the Kenedy County GCD is now eligible to submit nominations and vote in the election of directors of the Kleberg County Appraisal District.

<u>i. TWON program</u>: Garza reported that the Kenedy County GCD will be participating in the Texas Well Owners Network program whereby water samples are submitted and screened for various water chemistry parameters. Garza stated that there will be a \$10 charge per sample.

j. Nueces Basin Summit: Garza provided the Directors with the agenda of the 2025 Nueces Basin Summit that was held in Portland, TX on June 16-18, 2025.

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

<u>l. Tax collection rate GCD:</u> Garza reported that the Kenedy County Tax Office has collected 98.9% of the ad valorem taxes for tax year 2024.

m. Annual leave request: Garza requested annual leave for July 1-3, 2025.

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

o. 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 and approve annual leave request.

## 5. <u>Receive Final Legislative Update</u>

Garza reported that the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session on June 2, 2025 and reviewed some legislation that had made it to the Governor's desk and some that had not.

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

# 6. <u>Discuss & Act on Comments Prepared by Dr. Uddameri Regarding GAM</u> For GMA-16

Garza recommended that the comments prepared by Dr. Uddameri regarding the recalibrated GAM for GMA-16 be approved as presented and submitted to the TWDB.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the comments prepared by Dr. Uddameri regarding the recalibrated GAM for GMA-16 and submit them to the TWDB.

#### 7. Discuss & Act on Approving Amended GCD Bylaws

Andy Garza reported that he, Leo Villarreal and Kristen Fancher had reviewed the amended GCD bylaws and recommended approval by resolution. Garza stated that once the page numbers are corrected that he would get board president to sign them.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the amended the GCD bylaws and have board president sign them once the page numbers are corrected.

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

Andy Garza and Leo Villarreal presented to the Directors all the information pertinent to the bids received from G & S Contractors and Ronnie Brown.

Esteban Lopez moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to cast votes for either G & S Contractors or Ronnie Brown with the outcome being 3 votes for Ronnie Brown and 1 vote for G & S Contractors.

#### 9. 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 Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the next regular meeting be held on at 10:30 AM on July 16, 2025.

#### 10. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for June, 2025

Edward Bordovsky presented to the Directors the June, 2025 bills for consideration and payment.

Esteban Lopez moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to pay the bills for June, 2025 as presented.

#### 11. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Justin Cantu moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:

Edward Bordovsky, President