

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

On the 19th day of February, 2026 at 10:30 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Appraisal District Meetings Room, Sarita, TX.

Directors present:

Edward Bordovsky, President
Verl Cash, Vice-President
Esteban Lopez, Secretary

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Louie Pena, General Manager, Brush Country GCD
George Gonzales, General Manager, Duval County GCD
Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge
Freddy Nieto, El Sauz Ranch
Chad Busse, El Sauz Ranch
Lica Pinkston, Santa Fe Ranch

Absent:

Danny Butler, Member
Sonny Burns, Member

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

Louie Pena stated that the Brush Country GCD was interested in entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with both the Kenedy County GCD and the Duval County GCD to share information and ideas on the management of brackish groundwater in the area.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of January 22, 2026 Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the January 22, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2026 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; February 12, 2026**
- f. GMA-16 meeting; January 27, 2026**
- g. Natural Resources Committee hearing January 10, 2026**
- h. Annual eminent domain report**
- i. Drought report**
- j. Tax collection report for 2025 tax**
- k. Annexation**
- l. Update on office lease with Kenedy County**
- m. News articles**
- n. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's January 22, 2026 meeting, he had communicated with Natalie Garcia, scheduler for Senator Adam Hinojosa, regarding possibility of Senator Hinojosa attending our meeting; Arlena Porras, Headington Oil Co. representative, regarding water use report for 2025 and Brian Zampini, Energy Transfer engineer, regarding the 2025 water use report.

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 January 27, 2026 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on January 22, 2026 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

e. Region N meeting; February 12, 2026: Garza informed the Directors that he had attended the Region N meeting on February 12, 2026 and covered the highlights of the meeting.

f. GMA-16 meeting; January 27, 2026: Garza reported that GMA-16 will adopt proposed DFC's (Desired Future Condition) on March 24, 2026.

g. Natural Resources Committee hearing; February 10, 2026: Garza stated that he had watched the meeting of the House Natural Resources Committee via video conference on February 10, 2026 and covered the takeaways of the meeting.

h. Annual eminent domain report: Garza informed the Directors that he had filed the annual eminent domain report with the Texas Comptroller's office as required by law.

i. Drought report: Garza shared the latest map from the U.S. Drought Monitor.

j. Tax collection report for 2025 tax year: Garza reported that 97.56% of taxes in the amount of \$250,994.19 had been collected as January 31, 2026.

k. Annexation: Edward Bordovsky reported that some landowners in Willacy County had expressed an interest in having their properties annexed into the Kenedy County GCD. Freddy Nieto and Chad Busse from El Sauz Ranch in Willacy County were present at the meeting and asked questions regarding various aspects of the of the Kenedy County GCD. Leo Villarreal explained his role regarding annexations of properties into the Kenedy County GCD.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

l. Update on office lease with Kenedy County: Leo Villarreal informed the Directors that he will be writing new separate lease agreements between Kenedy County and the Kenedy County Appraisal District and the Kenedy County GCD. Villarreal reported that both entities will share the cost of the building insurance and utilities.

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

n. Other: There was nothing to report.

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

5. Discuss & Act on Approving 2025 Water Use Report

Andy Garza reviewed with the Directors the 2025 Water Use Report that showed that 17.5% of the allocated amount of water was used in 2025.

Esteban Lopez moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the 2025 Water Use Report as presented.

6. Discuss & Act on Renewing Membership with the Texas Water Association

Garza informed the Directors that the Kenedy County has been a member of the Texas Water Association for at least 16 years and recommended that membership dues for 2026 in the amount of \$723.00 be paid.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the 2026 Texas Water Association membership dues in the amount of \$723.00.

7. Receive Report on Groundwater Research, Science and Data Collection Grants

Andy Garza provided the Directors with the guidelines for applying for a Groundwater Research, Science and Data Collection grant from the Texas Water Development Board. Garza stated that these grants will be available in 2026 and 2027.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

8. Discuss & Act on Signing 2025 Audit Engagement Letter

Leo Villarreal reported that the Kenedy County GCD needed to sign an engagement letter with the John Womack Co. to initiate work on the 2025 GCD audit.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve and sign the engagement letter with the John Womack Co. to complete the 2025 audit for the Kenedy County GCD.

9. Discuss & Act on Possibly Transferring Additional Funds to the Texas CLASS Investment Fund

Leo Villarreal provided the Directors with various options to transfer additional funds to the Texas CLASS investment fund.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion: the motion passed unanimously to transfer budget surplus funds in the amount of \$153,270.00 to the Texas CLASS investment fund.

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.

Esteban Lopez moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on March 18, 2026 in Sarita, TX.

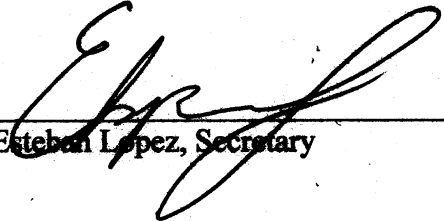
11. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for February, 2026

Edward Bordovsky presented to the Directors the bills for February, 2026 for consideration and payment.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to pay the bills for February, 2026 as presented.

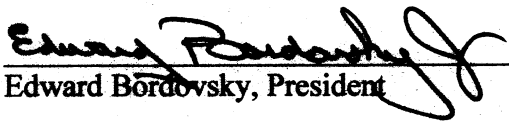
12. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 11:45 AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Edward Bordovsky, President