

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

On the 16th day of April, 2026 at 9:00 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Appraisal District Hearings Room, 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
Louie Pena, General Manager, Brush Country GCD
George Gonzales, General Manager, Duval County GCD
Lica Pinkston, Santa Fe Ranch

Absent:

Danny Butler, Member

1. Call Meeting to Order

Edward Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of March 18, 2026 Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the March 18, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the March 18, 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. GMA-16 meeting; March 24, 2026**
- f. Region N meeting**
- g. Dr. Uddameri memo**
- h. TWON program**
- i. Annexation: Kleberg County**
- j. Rockefeller Ranch hiring update**
- k. News articles**
- l. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's March 18, 2026 meeting, he had communicated with Charlie Sosa, City of Kingsville mayor, regarding the annexation of a portion of Kleberg County not in the Kenedy County GCD; Kristen Fancher, GCD legal counsel, regarding a MOU between our GCD and the Brush Country GCD; Venki Uddameri, hydrology consultant, regarding groundwater science projects that could be submitted for grant funding in 2027; Mike Norell, land manager, regarding salinity in a water sample from a new well; Alyssa Balzen, KT Groundwater hydrologist, regarding brackish groundwater production rules of our GCD and Debra Morin, Nueces County chief appraiser, regarding the name change for the appraisal district in Nueces County.

b. Well registrations: Garza informed the Directors that 2 new wells are being drilled on the Suzie Kimball property in Kenedy County.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD had met on March 24, 2026 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on March 25, 2026 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

e. GMA-16 meeting; March 24, 2026: Garza reported that GMA-16 has adopted proposed DFCs that will be mailed to GMA-16 members as soon as Intera has all documentation in place.

f. Region N meeting: Garza reported that Region N will be meet in Robstown, TX on April 30, 2026.

g. Dr. Uddameri memo: Garza reviewed with the Directors a memo prepared by Dr. Uddameri in which he discussed groundwater science projects that could possibly be submitted for grant funding from the TWDB in 2027.

h. TWON program: Garza informed the Directors the TWON (Texas Well Owners Network) will again be providing free water screenings for well owners in Kleberg and Kenedy counties in June, 2026.

i. Annexation: Kleberg County: Garza informed the Directors that the City Manager and one Kingsville city council member have expressed an interest in having the part of Kleberg County not in the Kenedy County GCD be annexed. Garza explained that the fear of groundwater being transported out of Kleberg County is pushing this interest.

j. Rockefeller Ranch hiring update: Garza reported that the Campo Alegre Ranch has hired Joey Garcia to replace Justin Cantu as Ranch Manager.

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

l. Other: Garza informed the Directors that he had purchased a new Hanna TDS meter.

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

5. Receive Report on Texas House Interim Charges

Andy Garza reviewed with the Directors the Texas House interim charges for 2026. Garza stated that many of the topics covered by the interim charges will end up as legislative bills filed during the 2027 legislative session.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

6. Receive Report on Texas Senate Interim Charges

Garza reviewed with the Directors the Texas Senate interim charges for 2026. Garza stated that compared to the Texas House interim charges, the interim charges from the Texas Senate are light when it comes to groundwater issues.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

7. Discuss & Act on Memorandum of Understanding with Brush Country GCD

Garza informed the Directors that Kristen Fancher had prepared a Memorandum of Understanding to address the request from the Brush Country GCD. Leo Villarreal stated that he saw no issues with it.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to postpone action on this item until the next meeting.

8. Discuss & Act on Building Lease with Kenedy County

Leo Villarreal reported that a Building Lease had been prepared for both the Kenedy County Appraisal District and the Kenedy County GCD. Because the leases will be discussed at the Kenedy County Commissioners Court meeting on April 20, 2026, Leo Villarreal recommended that action on this item be postponed until the next GCD meeting.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to postpone this item until the next GCD Meeting.

9. Review Annexation Process and Election Applications

Leo Villarreal reviewed the annexation process currently being followed by the Kenedy County GCD and provided the Directors from precincts 1, 2 and 5 with candidacy forms that are due no later than August 17, 2026.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

10. Discuss & Act on 1st Quarter, 2026 Investment Report

Leo Villarreal reviewed with the Directors the 2026 1st Quarter investment report. Edward Bordovsky noted that the interest earned by the Texas CLASS fund should have been for the quarter and not the month of March, 2026. The total interest earned in the 2026 1st quarter was \$10,904.62.

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the 2026 1st Quarter investment with the correction relative to interest earned by the Texas CLASS fund.

11. 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.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on May 20, 2026 in Sarita, TX.

12. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for April, 2026

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

Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to pay the bills for April, 2026 as presented.

13. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Esteban Lopez moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:

Edward Bordovsky, President