

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

On the 19th day of August, 2026 at 9:00 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom, Sarita, TX.

Directors present:

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

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Margaret Kelly, CPA, Womack Co.
Louie Longoria, Accountant, Womack Co.
George Gonzalez, Duval County GCD manager

Absent:

Danny Butler, Member
Sonny Burns, Member
Leo Villarreal, Adm. Asst.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Edward Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of July 15, 2026 Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the July 15, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the July 15, 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. TAGD Groundwater Summit; Sept. 1-3, 2026**
- f. Quarterly drought report**

- g. 2026 summer water levels and water chemistry report**
- h. Mike Norrell well**
- i. Cybersecurity training**
- j. Appraisal District meeting with Senator Hinojosa in Sarita, TX**
- k. Status on Leo Villarreal**
- l. Lions Club vision screenings**
- m. Leave request**
- n. News articles**
- o. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's July 15, 2026 meeting, he had communicated with Alison McDonald, hydrologist with Collier Co., regarding a panel discussion that will held at the 2026 Texas Water Summit; Landon McCelvey, licensed drilling apprentice, regarding a water well drilled for Mike Norrell; Tony Garcia, King Ranch employee, regarding water level for the Tio Luis well; Joe Stiles, Kenedy Charitable Trust (KCT) liaison, regarding depth of water well that is scheduled to be plugged and Pecos McDonald, hydrologist with TDLR, regarding follow-up on well drilled for Mike Norrell.

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 July 31, 2026 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on July 29, 2026 and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

e. TAGD Groundwater Summit: Garza informed the Directors that he will be attending the Texas Groundwater Summit on September 1-3, 2026 in San Antonio, TX.

f. Quarterly drought report: Garza shared with the Directors the latest drought map from the U.S. Drought Monitor.

g. 2026 summer water levels and water chemistry report: Garza reviewed with the Directors the 2026 summer water levels and water chemistry reports.

h. Mile Norrell well: Garza reported that one of the wells drilled for Mike Norrell has had high TDS readings possibly because some highly saline water is seeping outside the casing into the fresh water zone. Landon McCelvey, licensed apprentice, has committed to pressure cementing the well casing to resolve the salinity issue.

i. Cybersecurity training: Garza reported that he had completed the cybersecurity training that is required as per Texas Government Code.

j. Appraisal District meeting with Senator Hinojosa in Sarita, TX: Garza stated that the Kenedy County Appraisal District will be hosting a meeting with Senator Hinojosa on October 2, 2026. Garza asked the Directors to let him know if they would be interested in attending the meeting.

k. Status on Leo Villarreal: Garza reported that Leo Villarreal remains hospitalized in Austin, TX and is still experiencing breathing difficulties. Mrs. Villarreal is making plans to have him transferred to a facility in Corpus Christi, TX.

l. Lions Club vision screenings: Garza informed the Directors that he and Robert Schmidt will be doing vision screenings at several area schools between now and December, 2026.

m. Leave request: Garza stated that he did not need to request leave at this time.

n. News articles: Garza provided the Directors with news articles pertinent to groundwater issues. Verl Cash provided information on data centers that he acquired at a meeting of the Texas Wildlife Association.

o. Other: Garza reported that Robert Moncada, Duval County native, is the Chief of Staff for Rep. Cody Harris who is chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee. Garza stated that the Natural Resources Committee will hold an interim meeting in Weslaco, TX on August 24, 2026.

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

5. Discuss & Act on 2025 Kenedy County GCD Audit

Margaret Kelly, CPA with John Womack & Co., P.C. provided an overview of the 2025 audit of the Kenedy County GCD. Kelly reported that the GCD is financially strong.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to accept the 2025 GCD audit as presented.

6. Discuss & Act on Kenedy County Certification of 2026 No New Revenue and Voter Approval Tax Rates

Andy Garza reviewed with the Directors the 2026 No New Revenue and Voter Approval tax rates as calculated by the Kenedy County Tax Office.

Esteban Lopez moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the 2026 No New Revenue and Voter Approval tax rates as calculated by the Kenedy County Tax Rate.

7. Discuss & Act on Kenedy County Certification of 2026 Total Appraised Value, Total Assessed Value, Total Taxable Value and Total New Property Taxable Value

Andy Garza reviewed with the Directors the 2026 Total Appraised (\$1,517,110,499), Total Assessed (\$1,504,007,726), Total Taxable (\$1,408,866,648) and Total New Property (\$1,683,350) values as calculated by the Kenedy County Tax Office.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to accept the 2026 Total Appraised, Total Assessed, Total Taxable and Total New Property values as calculated by the Kenedy County Tax Office.

8. Discuss & Act on Kenedy County Certification of 2026 Anticipated Collection Rate

Andy Garza reviewed the 2026 anticipated collection rate as provided by the Kenedy County Tax Office.

Esteban Lopez moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the 2026 anticipated collection rate as provided by the Kenedy County Tax Office.

9. Conduct 2027 Budget and 2026 Tax Rate Workshop

Andy Garza reviewed with the Directors the proposed 2027 budget and 2026 tax rate for the Kenedy County GCD. Following a review of the proposed budget, the Directors instructed the General Manager to amend the proposed budget to cover a salary increase and a bonus in the amount of \$9,700.00 in the 2027 budget. The proposed 2027 budget will be \$241,451.00.

It was the consensus of the Directors to keep the 2026 tax rate at \$0.017138 per \$100 valuation.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

10. Discuss and Act on Proposed 2027 Budget and Publish Hearing as Required by Law

Garza informed the Directors that a Notice of Public Hearing on the 2027 proposed budget in the amount of \$241,451.00 needed to be published in a local paper as required by law.

Esteban Lopez moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed to propose the 2027 budget in the amount of \$241,451.00 and publish a Notice of Public Hearing in a local paper as required by law.

11. Discuss & Act on Proposed 2026 Tax Rate and Publish Hearing as Required by Law

Garza stated that the proposed 2026 tax rate would be \$0.017138 per \$100 valuation and that a Notice of Public Hearing needed to be published in a local paper as required by law.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to propose a tax rate of \$0.017138 per \$100 valuation for 2026 and publish a Notice of Public Hearing in a local paper as required by law.

12. Discuss & Act on Cancellation of November 3, 2026 Election Regarding Directors of Precincts 1, 2, 4 and 5

Garza informed the Directors that only one candidate had filed in each of the precincts; therefore, a resolution was needed to cancel the November 3, 2026 election.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion unanimously passed that it was resolved that the November 3, 2026 election for directors from precincts 1, 2, 4 and 5 is cancelled and that Edward Bordovsky, Verl Cash and Esteban Lopez are elected for their respective precincts and that Jose A. Garcia is elected to serve an unexpired term for precinct 4.

13. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky informed the Directors that a date needed to be set for the next regular and special meetings.

Esteban Lopez moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 10:30 AM on September 14, 2026 and the special meeting at 8:00 AM on September 25, 2026 in Sarita, TX.

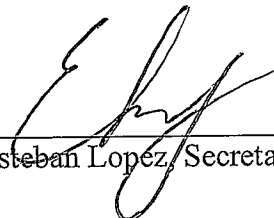
14. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for July, 2026

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

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

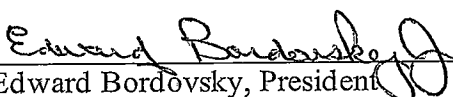
15. Adjournment

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 10:48 AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Edward Bordovsky, President