

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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BRUSH COUNTRY GROUNDWATER §
CONSERVATION DISTRICT §

The Board of Directors of Brush County Groundwater Conservation District (the “District”) met in special session, open to the public, on September 22, 2020 at the Brush Country Groundwater Building 732 W. Rice Falfurrias, Texas, in accordance with the duly posted notice of said meeting.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and the roll was called of the members of the Board of Directors. Eight Board members were present at the meeting:
 - David Kelly in person
 - Bill Botard virtual
 - Mario Martinez virtual
 - Robert Scott virtual
 - William P. Goranson virtual
 - A.C. Jones IV virtual
 - Jesse Howell virtual
 - Mauro Garcia virtual
 - Robert Fulbright absent

This month’s meeting was conducted via Telephone & Videoconference due to Covid-19 pandemic. Eight Board members were present thus constituting a quorum for agenda items where action was taken by the Board, all Directors present voted. BCGCD General Manager Felix Saenz was present as was the legal counsel Bill Dugat virtual, administrative assistant Maggie Castillo, BCGCD General Manager Trainee Luis Pena either in person or by videoconference. Guests in attendance were Kenedy County General Manager Andy Garza, Legislative Consultant Robert Howard and Mr. James Clements property owner, all in person. Mr. Pena ~~will be conducting~~conducted the meeting with supervision from General Manager Felix Saenz.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment:
Mr. Clements spoke during comments session to say he has property in Brush Country GCD district and wishes to annex the property to Kenedy Co. GCD where most of his properties are located. This will be added to October’s agenda for further discussion.

4. Review, discuss, and act on minutes of the August 25, 2020 meeting.
Motion made by Paul Goranson, second by Bill Botard to approve the minutes, motion carried, unanimous vote to approve.

5. Discuss, consider, and act on General Manager's Report:
 - a. Report on KCGCD September 16, 2020 & DCGCD September 22, 2020
 - b. Tuned into the virtual TAGD Summit September 1-3, 2020 (emailed notes).
 - c. Tuned in to TAGD joint planning committee regarding achievement of DFC's, September 11, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M. Committee discussed and voted to go with version 1 and 3 and send both versions to the legislative committee.
 - d. Region N Robstown via teleconference September 3, 2020 @ 1:30 pm.
 - e. Region M Regional Water Planning via teleconference September 16, 2020 @10:00
 - f. General manager and general manager trainee worked on 2020 BCGCD water level monitoring.
 - g. No new tax forms (form 50-883) sent to Alice Journal, Falfurrias Facts, and the Hebronville View for publishing proposed tax rate.
 - h. Well registrations were 2, in September and we have 10 pending, well plugging 1, pending. Total of 3,420 wells registered.
 - i. Report on field visit September 3,2020 to view and photograph Bo Page water well crew remove 7 1/2 hp pump and install 1 ½ hp at Jose Ricardo Gonzalez water well.

Mr. Pena gave an oral report of all activities during the month of September. For information only, no action needed or taken.

6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on paying \$1,500 to Victor's Water well service for plugging well for applicant Raul Garcia pending completion and submission of all paperwork.
~~Tabled till next meeting in~~ The General Manager reported that he will process the application and make payment to Victor Vasquez for the Board to ratify at the October ~~at which time payment to Victor Vasquez will be ratified~~ meeting.

7. Receive Tax collection report for 3rd quarter.
Felix explained and compared the tax collections for the four taxing entities.
For information only. No action needed or taken.

8. Discuss, consider, and review and act on adopting final budget for 2021.
Paul Goranson motioned to adopt the final budget for year 2021 and the motion was seconded by Robert Scott. Unanimous vote to approve.

9. Discuss, consider, and act on adopting tax rate for the tax year 2020 by under the notice and process provided by Texas Tax Code Section 26.052.

Tax rate was approved for \$0.0185/100 for the fiscal year 2020-2021. Mario Martinez made the motion to approve, seconded by Robert Scott. Unanimous vote to approve.

10. Discuss, consider and possibly act on appointing general manager trainee Luis Pena as the new investment officer.
[No action taken the matter will be taken up at the January 2021 Board Meeting. Tabled until January 2021.](#)
11. Discuss, consider and possibly act on payment of bills.
Payment of bills was approved with a motion from Dick Jones & a second by Bill Botard. Unanimous vote to approve.
12. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on signing form 941 form for 3rd quarter.
Form 941 was submitted for review and approval for David Kelly to sign. Paul Goranson made the motion to approve the signing of the form with a second from Robert Scott.
[Unanimous vote to approve.](#)
13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on legislative report from Robert Howard.
Mr. Howard presented a summary of all the activities he has involved in on behalf of BCGCD. No action needed or taken, for information only.
14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on correspondence received:
None
15. Discuss, consider and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting.
GMA 16 Meeting, Mr. Clements annexation, well monitoring and well plugging update are the items of new business for October. Meeting set for October 27, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m.
Dick Jones motioned to approved next meeting date & list of new business with a second motion from Paul Goranson. Unanimous vote to approve.
16. Adjourn.
Motion to adjourn made by Mario Martinez at 10:35 am seconded by Bill Botard. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Passed and approved this 27th, day of October 2020.

President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

Secretary, Board of Directors

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