

**GMA-16 Joint Planning Committee
Brush Country GCD Building
732 W. Rice St.
Falfurrias, TX
October 27, 2020**

Minutes

1. Scotty Bledsoe (Live Oak) declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Attendees attended in person or via virtual conference.

Members present: Kenedy County (Andy Garza), Brush Country (Felix Saenz, Louie Pena), McMullen (Lonnie Stewart), Bee (Lonnie Stewart), San Patricio County (Charles Ring), Starr County (Tom Koeneke), Duval County (George Gonzalez) and Red Sands GCD (Armando Vela).

Guests present: See attached sign-in sheet

2. Lonnie Stewart moved and Andy Garza seconded the motion to approve minutes of the July 28, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

3. Lonnie Stewart presented the Treasurer's report and stated that the current balance is \$32,225.92 and does not include the latest bill from Intera which is \$10,122.30. Stewart recommended that the bill from Intera be paid today.

Lonnie Stewart moved and Felix Saenz seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and pay the bill from Intera in the amount of \$10,122.30. Motion carried.

4. Jean Perez, TWDB representative, reported that Andy Weinberg had replaced Chuck Crawford for the position that maintains well recorders. Perez stated that spring flow measurements will start in early 2021.

Kathleen Jackson, TWDB board member, reported that the TWDB had completed the initial flood plan for Texas and thanked all joint planning committee members for their efforts

5. Consultant Report: Consideration of factors for Explanatory Report

Steve Young, hydrologist with Intera, made a powerpoint presentation on Environmental Impacts which covered interactions between groundwater and streams, springs and oceans. Young also reviewed the water budgets for most of the member districts.

Young then proceeded with a powerpoint presentation on Socioeconomic Impacts that covered the social and economic impacts of not meeting identified water needs in the GMA and the socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur due to DFC adoption.

Young informed the committee that Intera would have a draft copy of the Explanatory Report available at the next meeting.

6. Dr. Venki Uddameri, consultant with the Kenedy County GCD, made a presentation on the conceptual model of the groundwater availability model (GMA) that is being developed by the TWDB. Uddameri discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed GAM and will be providing comments to the TWDB on behalf of the Kenedy County GCD.

7. Tom Koeneke, Starr County GCD director, reported on the quarterly reports that his GCD has been submitting to the TCEQ to comply with the orders issued as a result of the petition of inquiry that was completed in early 2020. Koeneke also stated that the Starr County GCD had entered in an MOU with Starr County that will provide financial assistance through 2021.

8. There was nothing to report.

9. The next meeting was tentatively set for January 26, 2021.

10. Lonnie Stewart moved and Felix Saenz second the motion to adjourn meeting at 3:00 PM. Motion carried.