

**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 at a regular meeting, open to the public, on June 27, 2023 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. Board members’ presence at the meeting or absence is as follows:
 - i. David Kelly present
 - ii. Bill Botard present
 - iii. Mario Martinez absent
 - iv. Robert Scott present
 - v. A.C. Jones IV present
 - vi. Humberto Martinez present
 - vii. Paul Goranson present
 - viii. Jesse Howell present
 - ix. Mauro Garcia absent

Also in attendance were General Manager Luis Pena, Felix Saenz Consultant, Administrative Assistant Royce Carrera, Bill Dugat Legal Counsel, Irma Menchaca from Brooks County, General Manager Andy Garza Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District, General Manager George Gonzalez Duval County Groundwater Conservation District, and Christopher Funk from First National Bank of Falfurrias.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment
 - a. None
4. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 23, 2023. Motion was made by Bill Botard to approve the minutes and seconded by Paul Goranson. The motion carries unanimously.

5. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on General Manager's Report. General Manager Louie Pena attended Kenedy County's GCD, Mr. Pena reported that the district arranged to relocate John Mayer (from Florida) and purchase a property in exchange for the building of the District's new office. Mr. Pena thanked Kenedy County GCD for its sponsorship of paying half of the meals for the training with the TDLR/TWCA, which was well attended. Kenedy County GCD is preparing for tax rate and budget. The GM attended the TAGD quarterly meeting in Pfluggerville. The discussion at the meeting included TAGD increased membership dues, and the TAGD budget. . Mr. Pena spoke about wells to be plugged in Encino. Mr. Pena also reported that he is working on the amendment to the management plan with the TWDB.

These items were presented for information purposes only and no action was taken.

6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on depository contract with First National Bank of Falfurrias Texas. Mr. Christopher Funk discussed the depository contract, mentioned that the rate would be according to the T bills rate currently at 4.71% Paul Goranson made the motion to approve the depository contract, Jessie Howell seconded the motion. Motion carries with a vote of six in favor and Mr. Robert Scott did not participate.
7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Texas Drought Monitor. Mr. Pena reported that the State of Texas is currently not under drought, however; is currently experiencing severe temperatures. Motion was made by Robert Scott to accept the drought report as presented, Bill Botard seconded the motion, motion carries unanimously.
8. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on minor amendment for Burt Bull, change of ownership for production permit #0009-249-2014 Irrigation Permit formerly known as Burt Bull to Los Jaboncillos LTD Partnership. The agenda item was tabled for next month's meeting. No action taken.
9. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on minor amendment for production permit #0031-249-2021 formerly known as Cinch Energy Services Properties Commercial permit to Los Jaboncillos LTD Partnership. The agenda item was tabled for next month's meeting. No action taken.
10. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on payment of bills. Mr. Pena reported an increase on the monthly bills because the District paid for several wells to be plugged and for the director's bond. A.C. Jones made the motion to pay the bills, seconded by Humberto Martinez, motion carries unanimously.
11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on legislative report from Robert Howard. Mr. Robert Howard reported that attorney Greg Ellis mentioned that this was the most active "groundwater" legislative session in the past 25 years. Mr. Howard reported upcoming special sessions to include "property tax reduction, school vouchers, and mitigation on the Vista Ridge Project. Groundwater related legislation that did pass include a Trust Fund for water projects, water for rural areas;. time limits on contested cases, exemption for water supply rig for water supply well, and groundwater availability certification by counties and cities. Rep. Tracy King passed a bill to raise the export fee, which will not affect Brush

Country GCD because the District's enabling legislation has no cap on export fees. Legislation that passed include authorizing TWDB Mezonet weather stations such as the one on Bill Hellens property in Jim Hogg County. This legislation did not receive funding. Senator Perry's "loser pay" provision legislation did not pass. Also, the well plugging bill introduced by Sen. Zaffirini did not pass. Legislation passed requiring GCDs to post agendas and meeting notices on the web page.

This item was presented for information purposes only and no action was taken.

12. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on GMA 16 issues. Mr. Pena reported that the GMA 16 will be meeting later today at 1:00 p.m. Information purposes only, not action taken.
13. Presentation of thank you plaque for 13 years of service to Mr. Robert Fulbright. The agenda item was tabled for next month's meeting. No action taken.
14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting. Members decided on July 26, 2023 Wednesday. Information purposes only no action taken.
15. Adjourn. Motion was made to adjourn at 10:36 by Paul Goranson seconded by Bill Botard, motion carries unanimously.

Passed and approved this 26th day of July 2023.

President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

Secretary, Board of Directors