

**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, March 26,2024 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 absent
 - viii. Jesse Howell present
 - ix. Mauro Garcia present: arrived at 9:35

Also in attendance were General Manager Luis Pena, Bill Dugat Legal Counsel, Royce Carrera administrative assistant Brush Country GCD, Robert Howard Legislative consultant. Mr. George Gonzalez Duval County GCD general manager, and Mr. Andy Garza Kenedy County GCD. Mrs. Irma Menchaca Brooks County resident.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment. Mrs. Irma Menchaca, Brooks County resident mentioned “Terrorists attacks on Americas waterways, we need to be aware and vigilant, she also thanked the board members and mentioned that water is life”, also thanked Robert Howard.
4. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 27, 2024. Motion was made by Humberto Martinez to approve the minutes, seconded by Jesse Howell, motion carries unanimously.

5. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on General Manager's Report: Mr. Pena mentioned that he had attended Kenedy County GCD meeting, mentioned that they are still working on the details of the building and lots for new office and mentioned that Mr. Andy Garza had visited with Heather Dodson with the TWDB on their water level measurements, and also mentioned that He and Royce Carrera had already taken their water level measurements, mentioning that some of the windmills that we check we have to place the brake on, and that the moon phase, tidal surge, barometric pressure all play small roles on the water level but didn't record anything out of the ordinary spoke about the only time that they had variations was when the Falfurrias football fields were irrigated, now they don't because the fields are now artificial surface/turf. Mr. Andy Garza mentioned that sometimes they have wells that have artesian pressure, Mr. Jesse Howell also mentioned that at one of his leases several years ago he had experienced a well with artesian flow, Mr. A. C. Jones also had some similar experiences with one of his wells. Mr. George Gonzalez mentioned that after a 12inch rain in Realitos, their wells came up quiet a bit. Mr. Pena mentioned that the TWDB sent out a report for DFC's, and we have unmet needs in Jim Hogg on the category of mining, we are short 31 acre feet. Mr. Andy Garza mentioned that that amount is minimal. Mr. Pena mentioned he wanted to recognize Mr. Robert Fulbright Jim Hogg County 2024 Rancher of the Year award. Information purposes only.
6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on sponsorship for TAGD Groundwater Summit 2024 August 20-22 at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country San Antonio, Texas. Mr. A.C. Jones made the motion to sponsor the TAGD Summit for \$1,000 sponsorship, motion was seconded by Jesse Howell, motion carries unanimously.
7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on payment of bills March 2024. Mr. Pena mentioned that the tax assessors and appraisal districts had all been paid, therefore, the amount is reflected by this cost. Motion was made by Mr. Humberto Martinez to pay the bills as presented, Mr. Robert Scott seconded the motion, motion carries unanimously.
8. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on monthly financial statement and pledge report. Mr. Pena mentioned that he had not received the financial reports, however, he mentioned the three balances on the three accounts and the interest of 4.64% and that we were over pledged. Informational purposes only.
9. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on US Drought Index report. General manager Louie Pena mentioned that it was rare to see our district at the current time without drought or severe drought, we are thankful for the recent rains, but we are always preparing for the next drought in the state of Texas. A motion was made by Bill Botard to approve the drought report as presented, seconded by Mauro Garcia, motion carries unanimously.
10. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on legislative report from Robert Howard. Mr. Robert Howard mentioned that El Nino was disappointing, and that we are headed back to La

Nina which means that we are heading back to drought, hopefully they are wrong. Mr. Howard mentioned that on the legislators who were targeted because of school finance, he mentioned that of the 17, 9 lost and the other 8 are headed for run offs. Mr. Howard also mentioned that he had met with several members of the TWDB and that they were welcoming and receptive to new ideas but didn't think that it would be anytime soon, priority was set by Perry for new water, ASR, and desal. Information purposes only.

- 11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on GMA 16 issues. General manager Louie Pena mentioned that we will hold our meeting on March 26th,2024 at 1:00 p.m. Information purposes only.
- 12. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting. Next meeting scheduled for April 23rd,2024 at 9:30 a.m.
- 13. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made at 10:38 by Mr. A.C. Jones, seconded by Mr. Mauro Garcia, motion carries unanimously.

Passed and approved this 23rd, day of April, 2024.

President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

Secretary, Board of Directors