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 Country Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") met at a regular meeting, open to the public, September 22nd, 2026 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. Aaron Benny Cantu present
    ii. Bill Botard present
    iii. Mario Martinez present
    iv. Antonio Enede Gonzalez present
    v. Whit Jones III present
    vi. Humberto Martinez present
    vii. Paul Goranson present
    viii. Jesse Howell present
    ix. Mauro Garcia present

    Also in attendance were General Manager Luis Pena, Marco Ramirez administrative assistant Brush Country GCD. Emily Rogers Legal Counsel Bickerstaff, Robert Howard legislative consultant. Andy Garza general manager Kenedy GCD. George Gonzalez general manager Duval County GCD. Chris Cuellar, proposed Nueces County groundwater. Mike Keester KT Groundwater via go to meeting, Irma Menchaca Brooks County citizen. Danny Haigood Jim Wells County citizen, Norma Flores Jim Hogg County Citizen, James Raney PHD candidate with Baylor University, Jake Sheeran Jim Wells County Citizen, Trey Canford Jim Wells County citizen/proposed Nueces County groundwater district, Honorable Pete Trevino Jim Wells County Judge, Charles Payle with Dean Senator Judith Zaffarini's office, Miguel Diaz Brooks County Greater State Bank, Marisol Saenz Jim Hogg County citizen, Toby Flores Jim Wells County Freshwater District, Todd Wright City Administrator City of Orange Grove.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. Pledge of allegiance was recited.

3. Public Comment. Public comment was provided by members of the public.

4. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on re-alignment of the board of directors for the Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District. Mr. Bill Botard made the motion to elect Jesse Howell as president, motion was seconded by Whitt Jones, motion carried unanimously. A motion was then made by Jesse Howell to elect Whitt Jones as vice-president, motion was seconded by Bill Botard motion carried unanimously. Paul Goranson then nominated himself for secretary, motion was seconded by Jesse Howell motion carried unanimously.

5. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 25,2026. A motion was made by Bill Botard to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Paul Goranson, motion carried unanimously.

6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on General Manager's Report:
    A. Report on Kenedy County GCD meeting September14, 2026 @ 10:30 a.m. Mr. Andy Garza, General Manager of Kenedy County GCD, gave a brief summary, mentioned that Danny Butler had resigned and that Joey Garcia was a new director. Mr. Garza also mentioned that they had adopted their new tax rate and budget.
    B. Duval County GCD September 29th, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. Mr. George Gonzalez mentioned that they would have their meeting on September 29th,2026 with the Cielo Vista representatives there.
    C. City of Sandia meeting September 8th,2026 @ 7:00 p.m. General Manager Louie Pena mentioned that he had attended the Sandia ESD meeting and had received permission to install the transducers and equipment on Sandia ESD's water well to monitor subsidence.
    D. Report on TAGD Groundwater Summit September 1-3, 2026. General Manager Louie Pena mentioned that it was the most attended Summit so far and that numerous water topics were discussed, as well as the next legislative session> Mr. Pena also said that that Mike Keester with KT Groundwater was one of the guest speakers as well as Andy. . Informational purposes only. Mr. Pena also had mentioned that he had traveled to Austin to meet at Ryan Guillen's office on a potential data center coming to Jim Hogg County. He also mentioned that he had spoken at the Commissioner's Court in Jim Hogg County to answer questions on potential data center coming to Jim Hogg County.

7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on desired future conditions for relevant aquifers in GMA 16 by resolution. No action taken.

8. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on audit report FY 2025-2026 by Byron Blair CPA. Mr. Blair not available, no action taken.

9. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on adopting FY 2026-2027 budget. The board asked to go into executive session at 10:44 a.m. then came out of executive session at 11:02 a.m. Bill Botard made the motion to approve the budget, seconded by Paul Goranson motion carries unanimously.

10. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on adopting FY 2026-2027 Tax Rate by resolution. Bill Botard made the motion to accept the tax rate of 0.010298 /$100, seconded by Benny Cantu motion carried unanimously by resolution.

11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on approving financial statement and investment/pledge report. Mr. Pena presented the financial report from Burkhart Peterson mentioning that the Tax Collection account has a balance of $344,384.08, the operating account has a balance of $17,765.34 and the Reserve account has a balance of $2,167,784.45 for a total of $2,529,933.87 on all accounts. The interest earned for the end of August was $8,953.00 and for the fiscal year so far $79,715.14. The pledge report from Mrs. Ericelda DeLeon was $2,790,834.11 which is over pledged by $459,165.89. Motion to accept the financials was made by Paul Goranson, seconded by Antonio Gonzalez, motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Texas Drought Monitor. Mr. Pena showed the Texas Drought monitor, Bill Botard made the motion to accept the drought monitor seconded by Mario Martinez, motion carries unanimously.

13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on payment of bills September 2026. Motion to pay bills was made by Bill Botard, seconded by Mario Martinez, motion carries unanimously.

14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on legislative report from Robert Howard. Robert Howard gave his legislative report mentioning that the hottest water topic is data centers. Mr. Howard also mentioned that the City of Corpus Christi continues to see benefit from the summer rain events, and mentioned that it has bought them time. Mr. Howard also said that he also attended the TAGD. Informational purposes only.

15. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on GMA 16 issues. Next GMA 16 meeting October 27, 2026.

16. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2026.

17. Adjourn. Motion was made by Benny Cantu to adjourn at 11:07, seconded by Antonio Gonzalez, motion carries unanimously.

Passed and approved this 27th, day of October 2026.

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President, Board of Directors

Attest_____
Secretary, Board of Directors