



had attended the Kenedy County GCD meeting, they adopted their budget and their tax rate of \$0.0154/\$100 valuation. Their budget was \$252,249.00. Mr. Pena also mentioned that the Duval County meeting would be held on September 28,2024 at 6:00 pm. Informational purposes only.

6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on adoption of 2025 budget. General Manager Louie Pena mentioned that the budget had been reviewed at the August meeting and asked if anyone had any questions. A motion to adopt the 2025 budget was made by Humberto Martinez, seconded by Mauro Garcia, motion carries unanimously.
7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on adoption of 2024 Tax Rate by resolution. General Manager Louie Pena mentioned that the tax rate had been reviewed at the August meeting and added that the resolution wording had been changed by stating that the tax rate would raise more revenue for maintenance and operations more than last years tax rate. A motion to adopt by resolution the tax rate of \$0.010791 per \$100 valuation for 2024 was made by Mario Martinez and seconded by Humberto Martinez, motion carries unanimously.
8. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on approving financial statement and investment/pledge report for fourth quarter 2024. General Manager Louie Pena mentioned that the Tax Collection account has \$421,173.07, the Operating account has \$43,166.99, and the Reserve account has \$2,011.175,16. All three accounts totaled \$2,475,515.22 The interest earned for the month of August was \$9,763.28 with a total interest earned for the year totaled \$104,477.66. Mr. Pena also mentioned that Mrs. Ericelda DeLeon had sent him the pledge report for August was \$2,724,193.03 which is over pledged \$125,806.97 a motion to accept the financials for fourth Qtr. 2024 was made by Mauro Garcia and seconded by Bill Botard, motion carries unanimously.
9. Review, discuss, and possibly act on unauthorized transactions from District's bank account. General Manager Louie Pena mentioned that he had spoken to Mrs. Ericelda DeLeon from The First National Bank of Falfurrias, no attempts, nor any new information from the Texas Rangers investigation. Mr. Pena also mentioned that he had emailed Texas Ranger Ed Groves and mentioned that Mr. Groves didn't have any new updates or new information on the investigation. Informational purposes only.
10. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on approving the following tax sale resolution: Discuss, consider, and possibly act on approving the following tax sale resolution.
  - A. NextLots Property LLC. \$10,400.00 offer to purchase tax sale property Acct.No. 1141705700000; Lot 43, Block 2, El Camino Al Lago, Section 4, an addition to Jim Wells County, Texas, as described in Volume 1090, Page 548, Official Public Records, of Jim Wells County, Texas. A motion was made by Bill Botard to accept the tax sale offer of \$10,400.00 by resolution from NextLots Property LLC, seconded by Jesse Howell, motion carries unanimously.
11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Texas Drought Monitor. General Manager Louie Pena mentioned that even though the drought monitor shows that we are not in drought, it is a little

misleading. The lake levels for Choke Canyon and Lake Corpus Christi are very low with the City of Corpus Christi being in level stage 2. Motion to accept the drought monitor as presented was made by Bill Botard, seconded by Mario Martinez, motion carries unanimously.

12. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on engagement letter between Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP and Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District. Motion was made by Jesse Howell to accept and sign the engagement letter between Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acost LLP and Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District, seconded by AC Jones, motion carries unanimously.
13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on payment of bills September 2024. Motion was made to pay the September bills by Mario Martinez, seconded by Humberto Martinez, motion carries unanimously.
14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on legislative report from Robert Howard. Consultant Robert Howard gave his legislative report, mentioning the general election, early voting begins October 21<sup>st</sup> and ends November 1<sup>st</sup> for the November 5<sup>th</sup> general election. Mr. Howard mentioned that the Senate committee on Water, agriculture and rural affairs held a hearing on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The part of the agenda that pertains to water was Water system reliability, monitoring, Senate bill 28 relating to financial assistance provided and programs administered by the Texas Water Development Board; Senate Bill 1289, relating to the disposal of reclaimed wastewater. Mr. Howard also mentioned that on the Well Plugging that he is continuing to work on re-drafting the bill submitted last session by Sen. Zaffirini that would create a statewide plugging program for abandoned and deteriorated water wells. Mr. Howard mentioned that he had briefed J.M. Lozano and Senator Zaffirini's new staff member for natural resources and another State Senator (from Dallas) and a State representative (from Wharton) about our efforts at the TAGD conference. Mr. Howard also mentioned that he had visited with Adam Foster (TAGD Executive Director) and had strategized about the next moves for TAGD's well plugging subcommittee. Informational purposes only.
15. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on GMA 16 issues. General Manager Louie Pena mentioned that our next GMA 16 meeting would be on October 22, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Informational purposes only.
16. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting. General Manager Louie Pena mentioned that our next meeting would be scheduled for October 22, 2024. Informational purposes only.
17. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn was at 10:28 by A.C. Jones and seconded by Bill Botard, motion carries, unanimously.

Passed and approved this 22nd, day of October, 2024.

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President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

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Secretary, Board of Directors