

**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 August 23, 2022 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:

David Kelly present
Bill Botard Absent
Mario Martinez Absent
Robert Scott present
A.C. Jones IV present
Robert Fulbright present
Paul Goranson present
Jesse Howell present
Mauro Garcia present

General Manager Luis Pena, Felix Saenz Consultant, Administrative Assistant Royce Carrera, Robert Howard Consultant and Bill Dugat Legal Counsel were also present. Duval County GCD General Manager Jorge Gonzales, also present Kenedy County GCD Andy Garza, James Clement with the King Ranch, and Irma Menchaca from Brooks County were also in attendance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Public Comment: No public comment was made.

4. Review, discuss, and act on minutes of the July 26, 2022 meeting, Motion was made to approve the minutes by Paul Goranson and seconded by Mauro Garcia. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carries.

5. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on General Manager's report. The General Manager attended the Region N meeting in Robstown August 4, 2022 and mentioned that Steven Ramos with the city of Corpus Christi, spoke about the two desal facilities. Also mentioned that several property owners on the Nueces river were upset about the lack of water releases, mentioned that there was several fish kills which smelled really bad. General Manager also attended Kenedy County meeting on August 17, 2022 and reported that Kenedy County had hired an attorney named Kristen Fancher. General Manager Louie Pena, also mentioned that he will be attending Duval County's GCD meeting on Thursday August 25, 2022 wanting to learn more on green hydrogen. General Manager mentioned that he had spoken to numerous drillers on the issue of injurious waters, had mentioned that we had training with TDLR and also workshop with TWON. General Manager had mentioned that he turned in TWDB irrigation use estimate. Information only.
6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on proposal for computer monitors. GM had set up several monitors at the dais. The Board requested smaller monitors and one for each director location. Paul Goranson made the motion, seconded by Robert Fulbright. All unanimous, motion carries.
7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of a public officer or employee. General Manager Louie Pena mentioned that Marlana Hinojosa had moved to Laredo leaving a vacancy to be filled. Mr. Pena hired administrative assistant Royce Carrera. No action necessary.
8. Discuss, consider and possibly act on payment rate for insurance stipend. Mr. Pena mentioned that administrative assistant Royce Carrera will fall under insurance coverage by his father. Mr. Pena recommended a \$76.00 stipend for each pay period. Motion by Paul Goranson to pay \$76.00 stipend per pay period, seconded by Jesse Howell, Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carries.
9. Discuss, consider and possibly act on approving the Tax sale resolution on account number 12340-037-000-00. Motion to accept Tax sale was made by Robert Scott, seconded by Paul Goranson. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carries.
10. Discuss, consider and possibly act on adoption of 2023 budget. Mr. Felix Saenz presented the budget which had been previously reviewed. The budget is attached to the minutes. Motion was made by Paul Goranson, seconded by Robert Scott to adopt budget. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carries.
11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on proposing 2022 Tax Rate, for the official adoption after notice at the September board meeting. Consultant Felix Saenz, gave a report and proposed adoption of a tax rate of 0.015263 per \$100 valuation. Paul Goranson made the motion, Jesse Howell seconded. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carries.

12. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Palmer drought index. General Manager Louie Pena showed Palmer drought index map, (mostly in red) mentioned that with the recent rains we are in better shape. Information only.
13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on 3rd quarter investment report for Fiscal year 2022. Mr. Pena presented report for account number 4799 interest earned \$111.99 for account number 4896 \$1010.07 and for account number 5086, \$4,588.01 interest earned. Mentioned that we are well pledged on our securities. Motion to accept the investment report made by Mauro Garcia, seconded by Robert Fulbright. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carries.
14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on the payment of bills. General Manager Louie Pena mentioned that the only difference was AC repairs, and a set of tires purchased for the truck. Motion to pay the bills was made by Paul Goranson, seconded by Jesse Howell. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carries Adjourn.
15. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Robert Howard's Legislative report. Mr. Robert Howard read his legislative report. For information purposes only.
16. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on GMA 16 issues. Mr. Pena mentioned that the explanatory report was now administratively complete according to Jean Perez with the TWDB. Information purposes only.
17. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting. Mr. Pena mentioned that the management plan will expire and therefore to meet the deadline the meeting will be placed on September 20,2022. Information purposes only.
18. Review, discuss, and act on motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by A.C. Jones, seconded by Robert Scott.

Passed and approved this 20th day of September 2022.

President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

Secretary, Board of Directors