

**GMA-16 Joint Planning Committee
Brush Country GCD Building
732 W. Rice St.
Falfurrias, TX
Sept. 21, 2021**

Minutes

1. Scotty Bledsoe (Live Oak) declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Attendees attended in person or via virtual conference.

Members present: Kenedy County (Andy Garza), Brush Country (Louie Pena), McMullen (Lonnie Stewart), Bee (Lonnie Stewart), Starr County (Reyna Guerra, Tom Koeneke) and Duval County (David Towler).

Guests present: See attached sign-in sheet

2. Andy Garza moved and Lonnie Stewart seconded the motion to approve minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting with one correction. Motion carried.

3. Lonnie Stewart presented the Treasurer's report that showed a current balance of \$17,743.62 for GMA-16 with no pending bills.

Tom Koeneke moved and Lonnie Stewart seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

4. Jean Perez, TWDB coordinator, reported on the following: a. explanatory report should be submitted in hard drive format, b. 2022 state water plan has been posted on TWDB's website, c. process to develop rules to amend brackish groundwater production zone boundaries is about to begin and d. Water for Texas conference will be held in January, 2022.

5. Consultant Report/ Explanatory Report

Steve Young, Intera hydrologist, reported that the Explanatory Report was 70% complete and should be fully completed in about 5 weeks. Young stated that if he needed additional information, he would coordinate requests through Lonnie Stewart.

6. Scotty Bledsoe asked for comments on proposed DFCs received from public hearings. Both the Bee and Kenedy County GCDs will submit comments received on proposed DFCs to Steve Young for inclusion in the Explanatory Report.

David Towler, Duval County GCD legal counsel, reported that a uranium mining project, which could increase the need for groundwater, is in the works in northern Duval County. needed to be adopted for inclusion in the Explanatory Report.

Lonnie Stewart moved and Andy Garza seconded the motion for final adoption of the DFCs as presented. Motion carried.

7. Scotty Bledsoe informed the committee that the proposed DFCs Motion carried.

8. Scotty Bledsoe stated that GMA-16 needed to appoint and/or reappoint representatives to Regions M and N.

Louie Pena moved and Reyna Guerra seconded the motion to reappoint Armando Vela to Region M and Andy Garza to Region N.

9. Tom Koeneke and Reyna Guerra reported that the Starr County GCD, in complying with TCEQ orders, has an approved management plan and adopted rules. They further stated that they are currently registering wells and have established committees to address various facets of the GCD's operation. Mr. Koeneke and Mrs. Guerra thanked Andy Garza for his assistance to the Starr County GCD. GMA-16 will no longer be requesting updates from the Starr County GCD at every meeting.

10. John Marez introduced himself as the new administrator of the South Texas Water Authority. Mr. Marez stated that he is looking forward to working with GMA-16 and Region N.

11. The next meeting was tentatively set for November 23, 2021.

12. Scotty Bledsoe reminded members to submit agenda items for the next meeting to Lonnie Stewart or Andy Garza.

13. Lonnie Stewart moved and Reyna Guerra second the motion to adjourn meeting at 1:50 PM. Motion carried.