

**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 in regular session, open to the public, on February 25, 2020 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 of the members of the Board of Directors. Six Board members were present at the meeting:

Mauro Garcia	Mario Martinez
Bill Botard	Jesse Howell
Dick Jones	William P. Goranson

Six Board members were present thus constituting a quorum for agenda items where action was taken by the Board, all Directors present voted. BCGCD General Manager Felix Saenz was present as was the legal counsel Bill Dugat, administrative assistant Maggie Castillo and BCGCD General Manager Trainee Luis Pena. Guests in attendance were Robert Howard Brush Country Consultant.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Review, discuss, and act on minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting.
Motion made by Bill Botard, second by Paul Goranson to approve the minutes, motion carried.
5. Discuss, consider, and act on General Manager’s report.
 - a. Report on neighboring GCD Meetings
Louie Pena attended KCGCD Meeting held on February 19th, and region N meeting in Robstown February 20th, 2020 agendas attached
Mr. Felix Saenz mentioned that he would attend Duval County’s GCD meeting February 26th, at 6:00 pm in Benavides Agenda attached
 - b. Permit pumping report for 2019
Mr. Saenz mentioned that we have 30 permitted wells, took lots of time and work to prepare report, majority of permittees cooperated and responded quickly, a few were difficult.
 - c. TCEQ petition of inquiry hearing Starr County GCD on February 13th, 2020 in Austin, Tx. Final review of review panel’s recommended negotiated agreement. Lonnie Stewart read Scotty Bledsoe’s letter. Tom Koenecke, Reyna Guerra, Mike Gershon

legal counsel “Starr County GCD met several times, agreed to a timeline, have to update management plan, get office personnel, hire an employee independent from county, agreed to sign GMA 16 interlocal agreement and pay \$6,000. Reyna Guerra president, Tom Koenecke vice president, Rose Benavides board member, Raul Villarreal new member, Noe Benavides new member

- d. Mr. Saenz made and collected production permit pumping reports.
 - e. Mr. Saenz attended the TAGD meeting in Austin on January 30-31 2020. New faces, George Gonzalez new Duval County GCD manager, Leah Martinson gave financial report on solid ground, Leah mentioned a 5-year plan to increase funding. Mr. Saenz mentioned that “Larry French with the TWDB spoke about administrative considerations, review the management plans, provide a checklist for the DFC’s. Mr. Saenz mentioned that there was a panel discussion on similar rules pressure from legislators, some instances where the rules cannot be the same, completely impossible, carry on how and why are rules are different. Mr. Saenz mentioned that Steve Wallander USDA will be send out an irrigation survey, 24 states with lots of irrigation. In Texas the Ogallala Aquifer, surface water in the valley. On GMA reports, everybody started the 3 rounds of the DFC. Mr. Saenz mentioned that James Beach our consultant, and James Hutchinson, cover most of the state TAGD members, also Intera.
 - f. Well registry- Mr. Saenz mentioned that we had 9 new wells bringing our total to 3,349. Information only
6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on approving BCGCD Annual Report for 2019.
Mr. Saenz mentioned that each district is assigned the task of providing a report of the goals according to our management plan, Mr. Saenz read his annual report. Annual report attached. Motion to accept the annual report, with cited corrections, made by Paul Goranson, second by Mario Martinez, motion carried.
7. Discuss, consider and possibly act on Approving Financial Statement for December 2019 and Investment quarterly report for 1st quarter FY 2020.
Mr. Saenz presented the financial report and the Investment report. Motion was made by Mario Martinez to accept the reports, Dick Jones seconded the motion, motion carried.
8. Discuss, consider and act on approving abandoned well plugging application by Frank De Leon & assigned payment of \$1,500 to Haner Water well for plugging well.
Motion was made by Mauro Garcia, seconded by Bill Botard, motion carried.
9. Discuss, consider, and act on HB 3834 requirement that local government employees and elected officials to complete a certified cybersecurity awareness training course by June 14,2020.
Mr. Bill Dugat mentioned that employees have to take training, it does not apply to appointed officials, we will wait and see on attorney general’s opinion. We would follow a certified plan from TML. Information only.
10. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on legislative report from Robert Howard.
Mr. Howard gave his report, mentioned that he had gone to TAGD meeting, met with Leah Martinson, would like to bring together STPRA, Farm Bureau to work alongside with TAGD

and GCD's. Also mentioned that we were invited to the Tule Ranch April 16th, 2020.
Information only

11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on GMA 16 issues:
 - a. Mr. Saenz presented a power point slide show that Mrs. Jevon Harding had presented on January 28th, 2020 at our GMA 16 meeting.
 - b. Next GMA 16 meeting will be on April 28th, 2020 at the BCGCD building at 1:00 pm.Information only
12. Discuss, consider and possibly act on payment of bills.
Mr. Saenz presented the bills to be paid, motion was made by Paul Goranson, seconded by Dick Jones, motion carried.
13. Discuss, consider and possibly act on correspondence received:
 - a. TCEQ recycling rules affecting municipalities and special districts.
Mr. Bill Dugat mentioned "we have to have a recycling plan" however; populations less than 5,000 are not required, currently there is not a recycling program for the City of Falfurrias.Information only
- 14.. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting. Robert Howard mentioned that the City Administrator, Melissa Landin showed interest in addressing the board at next board meeting set for March 31st, 2020 @9:30 a.m.
15. Adjourn.
Motion to adjourn at 11:25 by Dick Jones, seconded by Bill Botard, motion carried.

Passed and approved this 28st day of April 2020.

President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

Secretary, Board of Directors

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