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 July 26, 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 present
   Mario Martinez present
   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 Marlena Hinojosa, Robert Howard Consultant and Bill Dugat Legal Counsel were also present. James Clement with the King Ranch, Kenny Guerra from Texas A & M Kingsville, 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 June 28, 2022 meeting,
   Motion was made to approve the minutes by A.C. Jones and seconded by Paul Goranson. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carries.

5. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on General Manager's report. The General Manager attended the Kenedy County meeting on July 20, 2022 and reported that Kenedy County had turned in their Management Plan with help from Consultant, Dr. Udamari.General Manager mentioned that upon turning in their Management Plan, four errors were found, and they were given an additional 6 months to correct the errors. During Kenedy County's meeting, they also spoke about the appointment of a new Director, Esteban Lopez and mentioned there was an issue with their investment with New York Life. General Manager also notified the Board that he is preparing the Management Plan for Brush Country GCD and is getting ready to submit a pre-review to the TWDB. There is no report from Duval County at this time as their meeting won't be held until July 27, 2022. Informational purposes only.

6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on donation to the Ed Rachal Memorial Library for remodeling. The Board discussed a request from the Library for a donation to assist in renovations. The Board considered whether a contribution relates to the purpose of the District. No action taken at this time.

7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Cirro Energy Electricity provider contract. General Manager presented 3 contract options. Option 1 was a 1-year contract at 14.8 cents a kilowatt, option 2 was a 3-year contract at 12.8 cents a kilowatt, and option 3 was a 5-year contract at 11 cents a kilowatt. Motion was made to approve the 5-year contract at 11 cents a kilowatt by Paul Goranson and seconded by Bill Botard. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carries.

8. Discuss, consider and possibly act on preliminary draft of Management Plan for TWDB. General Manager reviewed the changes that had been updated to the Management Plan, informed the Board on the timeline for getting the final draft submitted, and requested to have pre-review submitted. Motion was made to approve submitting pre-review of the Management Plan to the TWDB by Paul Goranson and seconded by Jesse Howell. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carries.

9. Discuss, consider and possibly act on BCGCD 2023 preliminary Budget. Consultant, Felix Saenz discussed changes in the Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Saenz reported that there will be rate increases for janitorial staff, yard maintenance, and legal counsel. Mr. Saenz also stated that BCGCD staff will receive an 8% pay increase starting in October as per discussion in budget committee meeting. Informational purposes only.

10. Discuss, consider and possibly act on payment of bills. General Manager reported that the biggest change for this month was the payment to HALFF for the new database. General Manager reported that aside from the bill from HALFF, most payment amounts had remained the same. Motion was made to approve the payment of bills by Robert Fulbright and seconded by Robert Scott. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carries.

11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on legislative report from Robert Howard. Mr.

Howard reported general election nominees are now actively organizing, raising money and pursuing endorsements. He also reported our state senators and representatives will remain the same with the exception of Rep. Ryan Guillen who represents Jim Hogg County in a newly redrawn District 31. Mr. Howard also reported the House Natural Resources Committee will hold a meeting on August 24th to address groundwater and surface water issues and spoke about the 5 TAGD legislative sub-committees who are presenting their draft position papers that will be finalized at meetings during the first week of August so they can be presented to the full Legislative Committee for final approval on August 10th. Informational purposes only.

12. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on GMA 16 issues. General Manager reported that the GMA 16 had submitted the DFC and the Explanatory Report to the TWDB and are waiting for their recommendation. Informational purposes only.

13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on new business and select date for the next meeting. New business that is to be discussed at the next meeting will be additional video support for Board members and possibly having the drillers come up with a contract regarding the recommended depth when drilling a new well while encountering injurious water. The date selected for next month's meeting is Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Motion was made by Robert Fulbright and seconded by Robert Scott to approve Tuesday, August 23,2022 at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time for next month's meeting and to approve new business topics for next month including video support and dealing with wells drilled to injurious waters. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carries.

14. Adjourn. Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. by A.C. Jones and seconded by Bill Botard. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carries.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of August 2022.

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President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

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Secretary, Board of Directors