

**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 January 25, 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 in person
Bill Botard in person
Mario Martinez in person
Robert Scott absent
A.C. Jones IV absent
Robert Fulbright absent
Paul Goranson absent
Jesse Howell in person
Mauro Garcia in person

General Manager Luis Pena, Administrative Assistant Marlena Hinojosa, Robert Howard Consultant and Bill Dugat Legal Counsel were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Review, discuss, and act on minutes of the November 23rd, 2021 meeting.

With a motion from Mauro Garcia to accept and approve the minutes and a second from Bill Botard minutes were accepted and approved. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carried.

5. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on General Manager's report.

The General Manager discussed meetings attended of the Kenedy County GCD and Region M; the amount of wells registered and pending; and. well plugging registry. Information purposes only.

6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on approving the following tax sale resolutions:

- a. Avery Kibbe Ranches' \$3,850 offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 10-03-14987-B; Jim Wells County and La Gloria Independent School District and vs. Joe Csurilla and Willian T. Csurilla, Et al ACCT. No. 11560-326-000-00; 5.00 acres, more or less, being Lot 31, Section 15, R.P. Haldeman's Subdivision of the Seeligson Ranch as described in deed dated August 20, 1908, from R.P. Haldeman to Joe Csurilla, in Volume 13, Page 491, Jim Wells County, Texas.
- b. NextLots Properties LLC's \$5,600.00 offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 10-03-14986-B; Jim Wells County and La Gloria Independent School District vs. Colleen Joan Croghan and William B. Croghan, Et al Acct. No. 11560-143-000-00; Lots 84 and 93, R.P. Haldeman's Subdivision of the Seeligson Ranch, Section Six, an addition to Jim Wells County, Texas, as described in Volume 14, Page 380, Deed Records of Jim Wells County, Texas.
- c. Avery Kibbe Ranches' \$4,250.00 offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 13-03-15985-B; Jim Wells County, La Gloria Independent School District, and Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District vs. Robert O. Metzner, Avery Kibbe Ranches, Ltd, and O.A. Metzner, Et al Acct. No. 11560-333-000-00; 5.00 acres, more or less, being Lot 55, Section 15, R.P. Haldeman's Subdivision of Seeligson Ranch, a subdivision in Jim Wells County, Texas, as described in deed dated November 27, 1934, from Fred G.B. Metzner etux to Robert O. Metzner, in Volume 52, Page 571, Deed Records of Jim Wells County, Texas.
- d. Jonathan Gutierrez's \$3,300.00 offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 08-12-14598-B; Premont Independent School District, City of Premont, and Jim Wells County vs. Maria Elena Lozano and Magdalena Farrias, Et al Acct. No. 1235034800000; Lots 21, 22, and 23, Block 73, Town of Premont, Jim Wells County Texas, as described in Volume 130, Page 82, Deed Records of Jim Wells County, Texas.
- e. Sylvia O. Castillo's \$14,000.00 offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 09-02-14636-B; Premont Independent School District, Jim Wells County, and City of Premont vs. Daniel Ramirez, Et al Acct. No. 12350-679-001-00; The South 75.00 feet of Lots 1,2,3 and 4, Block 112, Original Townsite Addition, an addition to the Town of Premont, Jim Wells County, Texas, as described in Volume 403, Page 54, Deed Records of Jim Wells County, Texas.

Motion made to approve the tax sale properties by Bill Botard and seconded by Mario Martinez. Motion carries unanimously.

7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District's employee manual/personnel policies.

General Manager Luis Pena reported that the final draft employee policy manual has been reviewed and all changes have been accepted. Final draft will be sent to Board committee for review and formatting will be done by Administrative Assistant, Marlena Hinojosa. Information purposes only

8. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on resolution to designate Marlena Hinojosa as assistant secretary to the Board.

Motion was made to approve the resolution to designate Marlena Hinojosa as assistant secretary to the board by Mario Martinez and seconded by Jesse Howell, motion carries unanimously.

9. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on approving application and well plugging payment for the following wells plugged by Stapleton Water Wells:

- a. Cynthia Villarreal-Garcia

Motion was made by Mauro Garcia to pay Lynn Stapleton for the Villarreal-Garcia well to be plugged, seconded by Jesse Howell, motion carries unanimously.

10. Discuss, consider and possibly act on 2021 Annual Report. General Manager, Louie Pena, presented the 2021 Annual Report and discussed goals, expectations and accomplishments of the District for the year 2021.

Motion was made to approve the Annual Report for 2021 by Bill Botard and was seconded by Jesse Howell. Motion carries unanimously.

11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on travel reimbursement payment for attending monthly meetings for Robert Fulbright and Mario Martinez.

Motion was made by Mauro Garcia to approve the reimbursement payment for Robert Fulbright and Mario Martinez and seconded by Jesse Howell. Motion carries unanimously.

12. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on payment of bills and ratify December's bills.

Motion was made to approve payment of bills and ratify payment of December's bills by Bill Botard and seconded by Mario Martinez, motion carries unanimously.

13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Tax Summary 1st Quarter Report.

General Manager, Louie Pena, presented the Board with the tax summary information for the 1st Quarter. Information purposes only.

14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on 4th Quarter Investment report FY 2021 and 1st Quarter Investment report.

Motion was made to approve the Investment reports for the 4th Quarter in 2021 and 1st Quarter in 2022 by Mauro Garcia and seconded by Bill Botard, motion carries unanimously.

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

Robert Howard informed the Board on upcoming elections and who was seeking office and spoke of the American Rescue Plan and possible ways to gain access to assistance with our well plugging program. Information purposes only

16. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on GMA 16 issues.

General manager, Louie Pena, informed the Board that Steve Young prepared the Explanatory Report and provided access to an electronic copy for the Board to review. General manager also stated the next GMA 16 meeting would possibly be held in March. Information purposes only.

17. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting.

Next meeting was set and agreed upon for February 22, 2022 at 9:30 am. Information purposes only.

18. Adjourn.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jesse Howell and seconded by Bill Botard, motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Passed and approved this 22nd day of February 2022.

President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

Secretary, Board of Directors