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 20, 2021 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. Eight Board members were present at the meeting:
    David Kelly in person
    Jesse Howell in person (arrived at 9:38)
    Bill Botard in person
    Mario Martinez in person
    Robert Scott absent
    A.C. Jones IV in person
    William P. Goranson in person
    Mauro Garcia in person (arrived after the pledge)
    Robert Fulbright in person

    This month's meeting was conducted in person due to Covid restrictions being lifted. Eight Board members were present thus constituting a quorum for agenda items where action was taken by the Board. All Directors present voted. BCGCD Consultant Felix Saenz was present as was the legal counsel Bill Dugat, temporary administrative assistant Marlena Hinojosa, and BCGCD General Manager Luis Pena, all in person. Legislative Consultant Robert Howard attended in person (arrived at 9:50 a.m.). Mr. Pena & Board President David Kelly conducted the meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
    The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Public Comment:
    None

4. Review, discuss, and act on minutes of the June 22, 2021 meeting.
    With a motion from Bill Botard and a second from William P. Goranson, minutes were accepted and approved. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carried.

5. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on General Manager's report.
a. GM introduced new Administrative Assistant, Marlena Hinojosa, and discussed Kenedy County having three new members to its Board. GM also mentioned Duval County will hold their monthly meeting on July 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
b. GM stated he was asked to make a presentation at the Premont Lion's Hall on August 19, 2021.
c. Registered 11 wells, we have 11 pending, and 2 wells were plugged. We currently have a total of 3,509 wells registered.
d. Mr. Pena asked Bill Dugat for an update on termination of suspension of the Open Meetings Act .
e. Mr. Pena spoke of training seminar for Friday, July 30, 2021; information only.

6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Palmer Drought Report for 3rd Quarter. Mr. Pena explained that with the recent rains, a big portion of Texas is no longer in a severe drought. No action taken, for information purposes only.

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7. Discuss, consider, and approve tax collection summary. Report presented by Felix Saenz. No action taken, for informative purposes only.

8. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on adopting Employee Policy Manual. Bill Dugat mentioned that the District needs to adopt an Employee Policy Manual. He suggested that we have a committee to help draft the policy. Paul Goranson, made the motion to authorize General Manager with David Kelly, Paul Goranson, and Mr. Felix Saenz as a committee to discuss Employee Policy manual and bring back information for next meeting. Robert Fulbright seconded the motion; motion carries.

9. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on correspondence received. Mr. Pena spoke about a TCEQ notice of Alta Mesa, LLC applying for Uranium permit renewals. No action, for information purposes only.

10. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee. At 10:00 a.m. with a recommendation from legal counsel, the Board met in executive session under sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. The Board reconvened in open session at 10:44 a.m. No action was taken in executive session. In open session a motion was made by Paul Goranson to extend unpaid leave and carry healthcare coverage for Maggie Castillo until August 31, 2021 and re-visit at next meeting in August. Moreover, the motion included that Ms. Castillo must return to work full time in the office by August 16, 2021 or her employment will be terminated and in such case she may reapply for any open position. Mauro Garcia seconded the motion; motion carries.

11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on approving applications for well plugging payments by Stapleton Water Wells. No action or discussion.

12. Discuss, consider, and act on payment of bills. Motion to pay the bills presented was made by A.C. Jones, IV, seconded by Bill Botard, motion carries.

13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on legislative report from Robert Howard; Mr. Howard provided an oral and written report. No action taken, for information purposes only.

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14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on GMA 16 issues. Mr. Pena gave the possible meeting dates of September 21st or 28th.

15. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting. The , next monthly meeting would be held August 24, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

16. Adjourn
    Motion to adjourn by Robert Fulbright, seconded by Mauro Garcia, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 am

Passed and approved this 20th day of July 2021.

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President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

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Secretary, Board of Directors