

**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 special session, open to the public, on December 1, 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. Eight Board members were present at the meeting:

David Kelly in person
Jesse Howell in person
Bill Botard virtual
Mario Martinez virtual
Robert Scott virtual
A.C. Jones IV virtual
William P. Goranson absent
Mauro Garcia absent
Robert Fulbright absent

This month’s meeting was conducted via Telephone & Videoconference due to Covid-19 pandemic. 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 virtual, administrative assistant Maggie Castillo, BCGCD General Manager Trainee Luis Pena either in person or by videoconference. Guests in attendance were Kenedy County General Manager Andy Garza, Legislative Consultant Robert Howard, and Jorge Gonzalez General Manager from Duval GCD. Mr. Pena conducted the meeting with supervision from General Manager Felix Saenz.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment:
None
4. Review, discuss, and act on minutes of the October 27, 2020 meeting.

Motion made by Jesse Howell, second by Mario Martinez to approve the minutes, motion carried, unanimous vote to approve.

5. Discuss, consider, and act on General Manager's Report:
 - a. Report on KCGCD October 21, 2020 & DCGCD October 28, 2020
 - b. Tuned into the virtual TAGD September 29th, 2020 (Meeting) notes sent by email
 - c. Region N Robstown via teleconference February 4th, 2021 @ 1:30 pm.
 - d. Region M Regional Water Planning via teleconference October 7, 2020 @10:00 notes sent by email
 - e. General manager and general manager trainee completed 2020 BCGCD water level monitoring. Copy to be provide to the Board.
 - f. Well registrations were 12, in October and we have 16 pending, well plugging 1. Total of 3,432 wells registered.
 - g. Sent out adopted tax levy to all tax assessors and appraisal districts within BCGCD district boundaries.
 - h. Reviewed with General Manager Andy Garza concerns from the Kenedy GCD the possibility of brackish groundwater permit within the boundary of Dawson property.
 - i. General Manager Felix Saenz and trainee Luis Pena tuned into TWDB stakeholders meeting 9-29-2020 on the status update on the Gulf Coast Aquifer groundwater availability model project for Groundwater Management Areas 15 & 16. Dr. Shi presented a power point presentation.
 - j. District outreach efforts:
 1. Jorge Alvarez- water well plugging contract procedure, water well installer license information/Starr County GCD mentorship
 2. Rocky Garcia- water well plugging contract procedure, water well installer license information

Mr. Pena gave an oral report of all activities during the month of October. For information only, no action needed or taken.

6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on paying \$1,500 to Victor's Water well service for plugging well for applicant Raul Garcia pending completion and submission of all paperwork.

All paperwork has been submitted and completed and payment was disbursed. Board ratified this item as payment was made after the September meeting. with a motion from Dick Jones and a second from Jesse Howell, vote to approve was unanimous.
7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on James Clements request to transfer his BCGCD property to Kenedy County GCD. Legal counsel explained that it would take legislative action on behalf of the landowner in order for the board to consider. No action was taken.
8. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on;

A. Isabel Ramirez Braune's \$500 offer to purchase 1.74 acres in the Thomas Garcia Survey #8, Abstract 167, Jim Wells County, Texas Acct. NO.1016700300000, as described in deed dated May 8, 1979, from Otto J. Zwernemann, et ux to Grace Petroleum Corporation, in Volume 381, Page 333, Deed Records of Jim Wells County, Texas tax suit #15-03-16623-B, Orange Grove Independent School District, Jim Wells County and Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District vs. Samson Hydrocarbons Company.

B. Jaime Arredondo's \$1,500 offer to purchase lots 7 and 8, Block 141, Original Townsite Addition, Town of Premont, Jim Wells county, Texas Account No. 1235092300000, as described in Volume 6, Page 353, Deed Records of Jim Wells County, Texas tax sale property suit No. 06-11-14164-B; Premont Independent School District and City of Premont and Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District vs. Constancia Garza, Estate and Ysidro Garza, Jr.

Bill Botard motioned to approve the sale of both properties mentioned above. Seconded by Jesse Howell. Unanimous vote to approve.

9. Discuss, consider, and act on Palmer Drought Index 4th qtr.
For information only
10. Discuss, consider and possibly act on September's financial report
On a motion by Dick Jones and a second from Mario Martinez, the board accepted the financial report for September. Unanimous vote to approve
11. Discuss, consider and possibly act on 4th qtr. Investment report
Bill Botard made the motion to accept the investment report and it was seconded by Jesse Howell. Unanimous vote to approve.
12. Discuss, consider and possibly act on payment of bills.
Payment of bills was approved with a motion from Robert Scott & a second by Mario Martinez. Unanimous vote to approve.
14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on tax collection report
For information only
15. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on legislative report from Robert Howard.
Mr. Howard presented a summary of all the activities he has involved in on behalf of BCGCD. No action needed or taken, for information only.
16. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on correspondence received:
 - A. Letter from TCEQ, renewal of Class I Injection Well permits WDW365 and WDW366RN102360039/CN601237654 (attached letter)
 - B. Memorandum from Jeff Archer Executive Director for Texas Legislative Council Preparing Legislation for 87th Legislative Session (letter provided to the Board)For information only. No action needed or taken.

17. Discuss, consider and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting.
Next meeting set for December 1, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m.
Dick Jones motioned to approved next meeting date & list of new business with a second motion from Robert Scott. Unanimous vote to approve.
18. Adjourn.
Motion to adjourn made by Jesse Howell at 11:20 am seconded by Mario Martinez.
Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Passed and approved this 1st day of December, 2020.

President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

Secretary, Board of Directors

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