

**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 Country Groundwater Conservation District (the “District”) met at a regular meeting, open to the public, June 24th, 2025 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:
 - i. David Kelly present
 - ii. Bill Botard present
 - iii. Mario Martinez absent
 - iv. Robert Scott present
 - v. Whit Jones III present
 - vi. Humberto Martinez present
 - vii. Paul Goranson absent
 - viii. Jesse Howell present
 - ix. Mauro Garcia present

Also in attendance were General Manager Luis Pena, Emily Rogers Legal Counsel, Marco Ramirez administrative assistant Brush Country GCD, Robert Howard Legislative consultant. Andy Garza General Manager Kenedy County GCD. George Gonzalez General Manager Duval County GCD. Also, in attendance Christopher Funk President First National Bank of Falfurrias, Mrs. Irma Menchaca Brooks County Resident. Holly Bockholt and Myra Alaniz from Nueces County. Gerald Hill from Jim Wells County, and John Disbro from Jim Wells County.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment. General Manager Andy Garza from Kenedy GCD thanked GM Louie Pena for helping out with credit card, mentioning that he had forgotten his wallet. Mrs. Myra Alaniz from Nueces County mentioned several projects from industry that were going to use huge amounts of water that 7 seas was working closely with STWA project 30 mgd. Mrs. Irma Menchaca mentioned that we needed to stay alert.

4. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 27th, 2025 motion was made by Bill Botard to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jesse Howell, motion carries unanimously.
5. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on General Manager's Report:
 - A. Report on Kenedy County GCD meeting June 18th, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m. Mr. Pena mentioned that he had attended the meeting and Danny Butler's Yturria Ranch, mentioned that they approved the construction bids for the room addition, mentioned the public information act request from Sprouse Shrader Smith. Mr. Pena also reported that Dr. Uddameri had prepared the comments on the GAM for Kenedy County GCD.
 - B. Report on Duval County GCD June 25th, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. George Gonzalez general manager from Duval County mentioned that they were working on any legislative amendments to laws affecting the district.
 - C. Report on Public information request from Sprouse Shrader Smith PLLC. Mr. Pena mentioned that at the TAGD business meeting all gcd's had received the public information request from Sprouse Shrader Smith.
 - D. Report on survey from WSP environmental consulting firm Matt Kelly. Mr. Pena mentioned that he had completed the survey from WSP environmental consulting firm.
 - E. Well to be plugged for David Cantu Sr. Brooks County by Lynn Stapleton
 - F. Well to be plugged for Erasmo Montemayor Jim Hogg County by Lupe Jaimez
 - G. Wells to be plugged for Jesus Aguilar and Michael Galindo Jim Wells County by Victor Vasquez. Mr. Pena mentioned that the above wells had all been plugged, well reports and invoices had been submitted and will be eligible for payment.
6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on approving financial statement, investment/pledge report, and letter on change of interest rate from First National Bank of Falfurrias 6-2025. A motion was made by Mauro Garcia to accept the financial report, investment/pledge report and the change of the interest rate from First National Bank of Falfurrias. Motion was seconded by Humberto Martinez, motion carried unanimously.
7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on updating and adopting the 2025 investment policy and investment officer by resolution. Motion was made by Jesse Howell and seconded by Bill Botard to update and adopt the investment policy and investment officer by resolution. General manager Louie Pena will continue to serve as the investment officer, he read the investment policy highlights.
8. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on updating and adopting the depository contract with First National Bank of Falfurrias which expires June 30,2025. Mr. Robert Scott recused himself, a motion was made by Humberto Martinez, seconded by Mauro Garcia, motion carried.

9. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on letter from Dr. Venki Uddameri to send public comment to the TWDB on their recent groundwater availability model (GAM) for the central and southern portions of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System. Motion was made by Jesse Howell to send the public comment letter prepared by Dr. Venki Uddameri to the Texas Water Development Board for the comment period on the GAM. Motion was seconded by Bill Botard, motion carried unanimously.
10. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on future groundwater projects, including research for water well pumps/submersibles problems from interaction with nearby gas/oilfield pipelines. Mr. Pena mentioned that the newly formed committee met via telephone conference, Mr. Paul Goranson was named the chair of the committee by a motion from Jesse Howell and a second by Mauro Garcia, motion carried unanimously for the future projects committee. The focus group spoke about the possibility of hiring a hydro geologist or a consultant to do a study, other topics mentioned was the electrolysis on water well pumps. Informational purposes only.
11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on TWON water screening program fee of \$10 per sample taken. A motion was made by Jesse Howell and seconded by Bill Botard to pay the TWON for the water well testing program \$10 per sample. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on unauthorized transactions from District's bank account. Mr. Pena showed the email he had received from the Texas Ranger William Ed Groves that showed that unfortunately, they had not found anyone culpable. Informational purposes only.
13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Texas Drought Monitor. Mr. Pena presented the drought monitor for Texas that still showed us in a drought pattern, however; with the recent rains, things were improving. Motion was made by Robert Scott, to accept the drought monitor report as presented, seconded by Humberto Martinez, motion carried unanimously.
14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on payment of bills for June 2025. Mr. Pena presented the bill list, adding that there was additional expense because of the 4 wells that were plugged and the taxing entities being paid. Motion to pay the bills was made by Bill Botard, seconded by Whitt Jones, motion carried unanimously.
15. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on legislative report from Robert Howard. Mr. Robert Howard gave his legislative report and updates on which bills that passed may affect our rules. Informational purposes only.
16. Report from our legal counsel Mrs. Emily Rogers regarding legislative changes that may require changes to the District's rules and processes, or that may be of interest to the District. Our legal counsel Mrs. Emily Rogers gave a report on legislation that may affect our rules. Mrs. Rogers mentioned that one of the new bills will require us to post

our agendas on Wednesdays to meet the 72 hr. requirement. Informational purposes only.

17. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on GMA 16 issues. Mr. Pena mentioned that the GMA 16 will meet on Tuesday July 22nd,2025 at 1:00 pm.

18. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting. The board decided on holding the next monthly meeting on Tuesday July 22nd,2025. Informational purposes only.

19. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn at 11:15 was made by Mauro Garcia, seconded by Jesse Howell. Motion carried unanimously.

Passed and approved this 22nd, day of June, 2025.

President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

Secretary, Board of Directors