

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 October 26, 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 9:26 a.m. and the roll was called of the members of the Board of Directors. All Board members were present at the meeting:
 - David Kelly in person
 - Bill Botard in person
 - Mario Martinez absent
 - Robert Scott absent
 - A.C. Jones IV in person
 - Robert Fulbright absent
 - Paul Goranson absent
 - Jesse Howell in person
 - Mauro Garcia in person

This month's meeting was conducted in person due to Covid restrictions being lifted. General Manager Luis Pena, Consultant Felix Saenz, Andy Garza General Manager of Kenedy, Jorge Gonzalez General Manager of Duval County, Robert Howard Consultant were also present. Bill Dugat Legal Counsel in person. Craig Funke and Blaine Schorp with the South Texas Weather Modification Association.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment:
None
4. Review, discuss, and act on minutes of the October 26, 2021 meeting.
With a motion from Bill Botard to accept and approve the minutes and a second from Mauro Garcia, minutes were accepted and approved. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carried.

5. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on General Manager's report. General Manager went over meetings attended, well registrations, wells plugged. Information purposes only.
6. Discuss, consider and possibly act on approving tax sale resolutions. Motion to approve sale of the tax properties by Jesse, second by Bill Botard, motion carries.
7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District's employee manual/personnel policies. General Manager Louie Pena mentioned that he has been working with Vanessa Gonzalez from Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado and Acosta and will continue working on updating the policy. For information purposes.
8. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on amendment #2 permit application by Nueces Electric Cooperative with a replacement well, production remaining the same. Motion by Bill Botard, to grant amendment #2 permit application by Nueces Electric Cooperative for a replacement well, second by A.C. Jones, motion carries.
9. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Production Permit Renewals for the following:
 - a. City of Alice MUC well
 - b. Zelaya Brothers
 - c. Jim Hogg County WCID#2
 - d. Jorge Lopez, Jlopez Inc.
 - e. City of Falfurrias
 - f. Jorge Lopez Transport Production permitMotion made by A.C. Jones to renew all permits for 5 years, second by Jesse Howell, motion carries.
10. Review, discuss, and possibly act on applications and well plugging payment for the following wells plugged by Stapleton Water Wells.
 - a. Faustino Martinez Jim Wells County
 - b. Rick Money Jim Wells CountyMotion by Mauro Garcia to approve well plugging payments to Faustino Martinez and Rick Money, second by Jesse Howell, motion carries.
11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on August Financial Statement. Motion by Bill Botard to approve August Financial Statement, second by Dick Jones, motion carries.

12. Discuss consider, and possibly act on purchasing a new laptop for office use from ITC corporation Sam May. Motion made by A.C. Jones to purchase new office laptop, second by Jesse Howell, motion carries.
13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on updated Blue Cross Blue Shield statement. Louie explained that while Maggie was employed with the District, the premium was \$2,360.94. Currently, the District is only paying \$1,180.47. The difference is \$1,180.47.
14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on stipend for insurance benefits for Marlena Hinojosa. Motion was made by Mauro Garcia to approve stipend in the amount of \$300.00 for Marlena Hinojosa to be paid contingent upon Mrs. Hinojosa working a 40 hour week, second by A.C. Jones. Motion carries.
15. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Request for Qualifications (RFQ'S) for data management services. RFQ's were scored, HALFF was first, second was Collier Consulting, and Flow West was third. A.C. Jones made a motion to accept the scoring and request a proposal for data management services from HALFF Associates, Inc for data management services, second was made by Mauro Garcia, motion carries.
16. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on payment of bills. Motion by Bill Botard to pay bills described on October bill list, second by Jesse Howell, motion carries.
17. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on legislative report from Robert Howard. Mr. Howard discussed re-districting: J.M. Lozano, Judith Zaffirini, and Chuy Hinojosa's districts were left largely intact and J.M. picked up some additional territory. He also informed us that Lyle Larson officially announced his retirement, Tracy King remained the chair of Natural Resources, and we have a new Congressman in all 3 counties. Mr. Howard also discussed the possibility of using American Rescue Act funds to augment our well plugging program. Mr. Howard also attended the first ever "Waters of Texas Summit" hosted by Reeves Co. GCD in Pecos and believes it would be an excellent idea to have a presentation here with the GMA 16 and believes he can get two of the best speakers to come and present.
18. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on GMA 16 issues. Next meeting on November 23,2021. Adopted DFC's.
19. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on presentation from Craig Funke, General Manager for the South Texas Weather Modification Association. Craig Funke and Blaine Shorp presented on rain cloud seeding and how they use radar and Meteorologists to plan for their cloud seeding program.

20. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting. Meeting on November 23, 2021. Motion by A.C. Jones to hold the next Board meeting on November 23, 2021, second by Jesse Howell, motion carries.
21. Adjourn, motion made by Mauro Garcia to adjourn, second by Jesse Howell, motion carries.

Passed and approved this 26th day of October 2021.

President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

Secretary, Board of Directors